



## Event # 223-1

**Name:** Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Prog

**Description:** The City of Fort Lauderdale, FL (City) is actively seeking a qualified, experienced, and licensed firm to provide professional civil engineering services related to the Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program as further described in Section III - Scope of Services. Those firms which are interested in submitting proposals in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) shall comply with Section IV- Submittal Requirements.

**Buyer:** LEMIRE, MICHELLE

**Status:** Pending Award

**Event Type:** RFQ

**Currency:** USD

**Sealed Bid:** Yes

**Respond To All Lines:** No

**Q & A Allowed:** Yes

**Number Of Amendments:** 1

**Display Bid Tabulation:** Display When Event Closed For Bidding Or Canceled

## Event Dates

**Preview:**

**Q & A Open:** 01/15/2024 10:03:00 AM

**Open:** 01/15/2024 10:00:00 AM

**Q & A Close:** 02/07/2024 05:00:00 PM

**Close:** 02/23/2024 02:00:00 PM

**Dispute Close:**

## Questions

Question	Response Type	Attachment
Did you fill out and attach all required documents?	Yes No	Event 223 - Required Forms.pdf

## Attachments

Name	Description	Attachment
Solicitation Document	Event 223 - Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program Solicitation Document	Event 223 - Critical Stormwater Infrastructure.pdf
Event 223 - Sample Agreement	Event 223 - Sample Agreement	Event 223 - Sample Agreement.pdf
Event 223 - Addendum No. 1	Event 223 - Addendum No. 1	Event 223 - Addendum No. 1.pdf

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Commodity Codes

Commodity Code	Description
906-38	General Construction - Architectural

Line Details

Line 1: P12888 Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessme

**Description:** P12888 Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program, Continuing Services

**Item:** P12888 CRITICAL STORMWATER      P12888 Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessme

**Long Item Description:** Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program

**Commodity Code:** 906-38      General Construction - Architectural

**Quantity:** 1.0000      **Unit of Measure:** EA

**Require Response:** No      **Price Breaks Allowed:** No      **Allow Alternate Responses:** No

**Add On Charges Allowed:** No

# Request for Qualifications

## **RFQ/EVENT# 223**

### **Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program Continuing Services Contract**

Pursuant to Section 287.055  
Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA)

## **City of Fort Lauderdale**



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## SECTION I – INTRODUCTION AND INFORMATION

### 1.1 Purpose

The City of Fort Lauderdale, FL (City) is actively seeking a qualified, experienced, and licensed firm to provide professional civil engineering services related to the Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program as further described in Section III – Scope of Services. Those firms which are interested in submitting proposals in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) shall comply with Section IV– Submittal Requirements.

### 1.2 Submission Deadline

Sealed responses will be received electronically until **2:00 p.m.**, local time, on **Monday, February 19, 2024**, and opened online immediately thereafter for **RFQ/EVENT No. 223**. Responses will not be accepted after the deadline. Firms are responsible for making certain that their proposal is received by the due date and time. The City is not responsible for delays caused by any occurrence or condition.

### 1.3 Online Strategic Sourcing Platform

The City uses an online strategic sourcing platform 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 RFQ from the online strategic sourcing platform . Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the various supplier tutorials available in the City's online strategic sourcing platform well in advance of their intention to submit a response to ensure familiarity with the use of the City's online strategic sourcing platform. The City shall not be responsible for a proposer's inability to submit a response by the end date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of the City's online strategic sourcing platform. There is no charge to proposers to register and participate in the solicitation process, nor will any fees be charged to the awarded proposer.

It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure that its proposal is submitted electronically through the City's online strategic sourcing platform no later than the time and date specified in this solicitation. **PAPER PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA** the City's online strategic sourcing platform.

### 1.4 Electronic Proposal Openings

This solicitation will be opened electronically via the City's online strategic sourcing software at the date and time indicated in the solicitation. Once the Procurement Specialist opens the solicitation, the bid tabulations (where applicable) may be viewed immediately on a computer, laptop, cell phone, or any other device with WiFi access.

Anyone requesting assistance or having further inquiry in this matter must contact the Procurement Specialist indicated on the solicitation, via the Question and Answer (Q&A) forum on the City's online strategic sourcing platform before the Last Day for Questions indicated in the Solicitation.

### 1.5 Pre-Proposal Meeting

There will not be a pre-proposal meeting or site visit for this RFQ.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Consultant to become familiar with the scope of the City's requirements and systems prior to submitting a proposal. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. The submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the Proposer has familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work, equipment, materials, and labor required.

### 1.6 Point of Contact

City of Fort Lauderdale, Procurement Services Division  
Attn: Michelle Lemire, Procurement Administrator  
521 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Telephone: (954) 828-6167  
E-mail: mlemire@fortlauderdale.gov

For all inquiries concerning this RFQ, questions, and requests for additional information, please utilize the Q&A forum provided by the City's online strategic sourcing platform. Questions of a material nature must be received prior to the cut-off date specified in the RFQ. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or proposal procedures will only be transmitted by written addendum. **Consultants please note:** Proposals shall be submitted as stated in PART IV – Submittal Requirements. No part of your proposal can be submitted via FAX. Submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the Consultant has familiarized itself 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 requirements contained in this Solicitation. The questions and answers submitted on the City's strategic sourcing platform shall become part of any contract that is created from this RFQ.

### 1.7 Debarred or Suspended Bidders or Proposers

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

### 1.8 Prohibition Against Contracting with 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, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised. The Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. 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 (2022), 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 (2022), as may be amended or revised, 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 (2022), as may be amended or revised.

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

**END OF SECTION**

## **SECTION II – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **2.1 Addenda, Changes, and Interpretations**

It is the sole responsibility of each firm to notify the point of contact utilizing the Q&A forum provided by the City's online strategic sourcing platform 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 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 Q&A forum provided by the City's online strategic sourcing platform 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 the City's online strategic sourcing platform as a separate addendum to the RFQ. 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.

### **2.2 Changes and Alterations**

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

### **2.3 Consultants' Costs**

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Consultants in responding to this RFQ, including costs incurred in connection with evaluation and award proceedings.

### **2.4 Mistakes**

The Consultant shall examine this RFQ 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 Agreement.

### **2.5 Acceptance of Responses/Minor Irregularities**

**2.5.1** The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses, part of responses, and to waive minor irregularities or variances to specifications contained in responses which do not make the response 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 Qualifications.

**2.5.2** The City reserves the right to disqualify Consultant 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 Consultant.

## **2.6 Responsiveness**

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

## **2.7 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.

## **2.8 Minimum Qualifications**

Firms shall be in the business of Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) and Program Management and must possess sufficient financial support, equipment and organization to ensure that it can satisfactorily perform the services if awarded a contract. Firms must demonstrate that they, and the principals assigned to the project, have successfully provided previous construction engineering inspection and project management services in the State of Florida, including Projects at a City, County, or State level within the last five (5) years with at least one City 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. Firm shall submit proof of experience for a minimum of three (3) projects of similar scope and scale (or larger).

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

**2.8.1** Proposer or principals shall have relevant experience in CEI and Program Management. Project Manager assigned to the work must have at least five (5) years' experience in CEI and Program Management and have served as project manager on similar projects.

**2.8.2** Before awarding a contract, the City reserves the right to require that a firm submit such evidence of its 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.



- 2.8.3** 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.
- 2.8.4** 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.
- 2.8.5** Consultant(s) must be appropriately licensed and registered in the State of Florida in the required field(s) of service.

## **2.9 Lobbying Activities**

**ALL CONSULTANTS PLEASE NOTE:** Any Consultant 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 33301. The Ordinance may also be viewed on the City's website at <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=6036>.

## **2.10 Protest Procedure**

**2.10.1** Any proposer 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: <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/finance/procurement-services/notices-of-intent-to-award>.

**2.10.2** 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\\_S2-182DIREPRAWINAW](https://library.municode.com/fl/fort%20lauderdale/codes/code%20of%20ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTVFI_DIV2PR_S2-182DIREPRAWINAW)

## **2.11. Public Entity Crimes**

In accordance with the Public Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised, a person or affiliate who is a contractor, Consultant or other provider, who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to the City, may not submit a on a contract with the City for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to the City, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or Consultant under a contract with the City, and may not transact any business with the City in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised, for category two purchases for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Violation of this Section by Consultant shall result in cancellation of the City purchase and may result in Consultant debarment.

## **2.12 Sub-Consultants**

**2.12.1** A Sub-Consultant is an individual or firm contracted by the Consultant or Consultant's firm to assist in the performance of services required under this RFQ. A sub-Consultant shall be paid through Consultant or Consultant's firm and not paid directly by the City. Sub-Consultants are permitted by the City in the performance of the services pursuant to the Agreement. Consultant must clearly reflect in its proposal, the major sub-Consultant(s) to be utilized in the performance of required services. The City retains the right to accept or reject any sub-Consultant proposed in the response of Successful Consultant(s) or prior to contract execution. Any and all liabilities regarding the use of a sub-Consultant shall be borne solely by the successful Consultant and insurance for each sub-Consultant must be maintained in good standing and approved by the City throughout the duration of the Contract. Neither Successful Consultant nor any of its sub-Consultants is considered to be employees or agents of the City. Failure to list all sub-Consultants and provide the required information may disqualify any proposed sub-Consultant from performing work under this RFQ.

**2.12.2** Consultants shall include in their responses, the requested sub-Consultant information and include all relevant information required of the Consultant. In addition, within five (5) working days after the identification of the award to the successful Consultant(s), the Consultant shall provide a list confirming the sub-Consultant(s) that the successful Consultant intends to utilize in the Contract, if applicable. The list shall include, at a minimum, the name, and location of the place of business for each sub-Consultant, the services sub-Consultant will provide relative to any contract that may result from this RFQ, sub-Consultants' hourly rates or fees, any applicable licenses, insurance, references, ownership, and other information required of Consultant.

## **2.13 Local Business Preference – Not Applicable to this solicitation.**

## **2.14 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Preference - Not Applicable to this solicitation.**

## **2.15 Insurance Requirements -**

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, Consultant, at its 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 Consultant. Consultant shall provide the City a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies, in respect to the City's interests. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by Consultant shall not be interpreted as limiting Consultant's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers

authorized or eligible to write policies in the State of Florida and possess an A.M. Best rating of A-, VII or better, subject to approval by the City's Risk Manager.

The coverages, limits, and/or endorsements required herein protect the interests of the City, and these coverages, limits, and/or endorsements shall in no way be relied upon by Consultant for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect Consultant against any loss exposures, 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 Consultant under this Agreement.

The following insurance policies and coverages are required:

Professional Liability

Coverage must be afforded for Wrongful Acts in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Consultant must keep the professional liability insurance in force until the third anniversary of expiration or early termination of this Agreement or the third anniversary of acceptance of work by the City, whichever is longer, which obligation shall survive expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

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, a Florida municipality, its officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as an additional insured 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 Consultant. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officials, employees, and volunteers.

Business Automobile Liability

Proof of coverage must be provided for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than the State of Florida required minimums unless a different amount is required by City Ordinance(s).

If Consultant does not own vehicles, Consultant 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.

Consultant waives, and Consultant shall ensure that Consultant's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the City, its officials, 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.

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

#### Insurance Certificate Requirements

- a. Consultant shall provide the City with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than ten (10) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.
- b. Consultant 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 Consultant 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 or any surviving obligation of Consultant following expiration or early termination of the Agreement goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, Consultant 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 covered as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability.
- g. The City shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on Consultant'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  
100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Consultant has the sole responsibility for 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 application 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 Consultant's expense.

If Consultant's primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements as set forth in this Agreement, Consultant may provide evidence of an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.

Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance in respect to the City's interests, a Florida municipality, its officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City shall be non-contributory.

Any exclusion or provision in any insurance policy maintained by Consultant that excludes coverage required in this Agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

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 may be considered breach of contract. In addition, Consultant must provide to the City confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate of insurance 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 Consultant's insurance policies.

Consultant shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement to Consultant's insurance company or companies and the City's Risk Management office as soon as practical.

It is Consultant's responsibility to ensure that any and all of Consultant'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 Consultant. The City reserves the right to adjust insurance limits from time to time at its discretion with notice to Consultant.

**NOTE:** CITY PROJECT NUMBER, PROJECT NAME AND PROPOSALNUMBER MUST APPEAR ON EACH CERTIFICATE, AND THE CITY OF FORTLAUDERDALE MUST BE NAMED ON THE CERTIFICATE AS AN “ADDITIONAL INSURED” ON REQUIRED LIABILITY POLICIES.

A Sample Insurance Certificate shall be included with the proposal to demonstrate the firm’s ability to comply with insurance requirements. Provide a previous certificate or other evidence listing the insurance companies’ names for all required coverage, and the dollar amounts of the coverage.

## **2.16 Insurance – Sub-Consultants**

Consultant shall require all of its sub-Consultants to provide the aforementioned coverage as well as any other coverage that the Consultant may consider necessary, and any deficiency in the coverage or policy limits of said sub-Consultants will be the sole responsibility of the Consultant.

## **2.17 Award of Contract**

A Contract (the “Agreement”) will be awarded in accordance with Florida Statutes, by the City Commission. The City reserves the right to execute or not execute, as applicable, a contract with the Consultant(s) that is determined to be in the City’s best interests. The draft/sample agreement is provided herein as an attachment to this RFQ. The City reserves the right to award a contract to more than one Consultant as is in the City’s best interest.

## **2.18 Modification of Services**

**2.18.1** While this contract is for services provided to the Department referenced in this RFQ, 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.

**2.18.2** 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 RFQ, 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.

**2.18.3** 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.

**2.18.4** 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.

**2.19 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.

**2.20 Unauthorized Work**

The Successful Consultant(s) shall not begin work until a contract has been awarded by the City Commission and a notice to proceed has been issued. Consultant(s) agree and understand that the issuance of a Purchase Order and/or Task Order shall be issued and provided to the Consultant(s) following Commission award.

**2.21 Contract Agreement**

Any subsequent contract will be subject to the Agreement included as an attachment and made a part of this RFQ.

**2.22 Contract Term**

The initial contract term shall commence upon date of final execution by the City and shall expire five (5) years from that date or the day after the current contract expires, whichever is later. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2) additional two (2) year terms 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 Consultant 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 **two hundred and seventy (270) days** beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Consultant shall be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

**2.23 Payment Method**

The City shall make payment to the Consultant through utilization of the City's P-Card Program. The City has implemented a Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program utilizing the MasterCard and Visa networks. Purchases from this contract will be made utilizing the City's Purchasing Card. Consultant will receive payment from the Purchasing Card in the same manner as other credit card purchases.

Accordingly, Consultant must presently have the ability to accept these credit cards or take whatever steps necessary to implement the ability before the start of the contract term, or contract award by the City. All costs associated with the Consultant's participation in this purchasing program shall be borne by the Consultant. The City reserves the right to revise this program as necessary.

#### **2.24 Payment Card Industry (PCI) Compliance**

Consultant 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.

Consultant and/or any subconsultant 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.

#### **2.25 Invoices/Payment**

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 Consultant's work product, and agreement cannot be reached between the City and the Consultant to resolve the problem to the City's satisfaction, the City shall negotiate with the Consultant on a payment for the work completed and usable to the City.

#### **2.26 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees**

The architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional engineer, as applicable) warrants that he or she has not and will not employ or retain any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or registered surveyor and mapper, or professional engineer, as applicable) to solicit or secure an agreement pursuant to this competitive solicitation and that he or she has not and will not pay or agree to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional engineer, as applicable) any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from an award or making of an agreement pursuant to this competitive solicitation.

#### **2.27 Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement**

The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant and other persons employed or utilized by the design professional in the performance of the contract.



## **2.28 Substitution of Personnel**

In the event the Proposer wishes to substitute trained, qualified, personnel for those listed in the proposal, the City shall receive prior notification and have the right to review, test and approve such substitutions, if deemed necessary. If the City has reasonable evidence to believe that an employee of the Proposer is incompetent, or has performed his or her employment in an objectionable manner, the City shall have the right to require the Proposer to resolve the situation to the City's satisfaction, provided, however, that the Proposer shall not be required to institute or pursue to completion, any action if to do so would violate any law, state statute, City ordinance, contract or employment or union agreement.

## **2.29 Ownership of Work**

The City shall have full ownership and the right to copyright, otherwise limit, reproduce, modify, sell, or use all of the work or product produced under this Contract without payment of any royalties or fees to the Consultant above the agreed hourly rates and related costs.

## **2.30 Canadian Companies**

In the event Consultant 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 Consultant. The Consultant 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 Instructions**

Careful attention must be given to all requested items contained in this RFQ. Proposers are invited to submit responses in accordance with the requirements of this RFQ. Please read the entire solicitation before submitting a proposal. Firms must provide a response to each requirement of the RFQ. Responses should be prepared in a concise manner with an emphasis on completeness and clarity. Firm's notes and comments may be rendered on an attachment, provided the same format of this RFQ text is followed. All responses shall be submitted electronically through the City's online strategic sourcing platform as stated in Section 4.1.

## **2.32 Discrepancies, Errors and Omissions**

Any discrepancies, errors, or ambiguities in the RFQ or addenda should be reported in writing to the City's Procurement Services Division. Should it be necessary, a written addendum will be incorporated to the RFQ. The City will NOT be responsible for any oral instructions, clarifications, or other communications.

## **2.33 Non-Discrimination**

The Consultant shall not, in any of its activities, including employment, discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, gender, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law.

1. The Consultant certifies and represents that it will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as may be amended or revised, ("Section 2-187").
2. The failure of the Consultant to comply with Section 2-187 shall be deemed to be a material breach of the 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 Consultant fails to comply with Section 2-187.
4. The City may retain all monies due or to become due until the Consultant complies with Section 2-187.
5. The Consultant 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.

#### **2.34 E-Verify**

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

1. The Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors, if any, to provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance with the public records requirements of this Agreement.
2. The City, the Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Subsection 448.09(1), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.
3. The City, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, but that the Contractor otherwise complied with Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, shall promptly notify Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor, and the Contractor shall comply with such order.
4. A contract terminated under Subparagraph 448.095(5)(c)1. or 2., Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this contract under Paragraph 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor may not be

awarded a public contract for at least one year after the date on which the contract was terminated. The Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of termination of this Agreement.

5. Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any, the requirements set forth in this Section, including this subparagraph, requiring any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, to include all of the requirements of this Section in their subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised.

**END OF SECTION**

## **SECTION III - SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **3.1 Purpose**

The City is seeking the services of a qualified consulting firm to provide civil engineering services related to the Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program. The services that may be required on an as-needed basis as requested by the City shall be authorized by individual Task Orders for individual projects. This list shall not be construed as an exclusive list of activities that successful firm may be engaged in. City shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require additional services that are consistent with the scope of services and those activities typically performed by architects, engineers, inspectors, and surveyors pursuant to Section 287.055 Florida Statutes, and for which the firm are experience, qualified, and able to perform:

### **3.2 Project Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is implementing a city-wide condition assessment program of its critical stormwater network, which consists of stormwater gravity mains ranging between 30 inches and 96 inches in diameter and their connected structures (manholes, conflict structures, basins, headwalls, tidal valves, drainage wells, tidal valves, vaults, and others). The City covers approximately 23,000 acres of highly urbanized neighborhoods with much of its coastal land area lying within the flood plain. The City is composed of 10 individual watershed areas ranging in size from 2,000 to 11,000 acres characterized by low-lying topography and intersected by numerous canals and rivers. The City's geographic conditions make critical stormwater assets a high priority to inspect and evaluate their condition to identify necessary repairs, replacements, and/or upgrades.

### **3.3 Project Description**

The professional services required of the selected Consultant shall include, but not be limited to, construction engineering inspection and program management of construction contractor(s) who will be conducting stormwater cleaning, maintenance, dewatering and by-pass stormwater operations in City Rights-of-Way. Professional services also include performing condition assessments and prioritizing stormwater work following NASSCO industry standards for the assessment, maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's existing stormwater critical infrastructure. The project will require the selected Consultant to review maintenance of traffic plans (MOT), dewatering plans, video inspections (CCTV) based on NASSCO pipe condition assessment (PACP) standards, and conduct project management and construction engineering inspection of the contractors' construction activities. The contract duration is estimated to be five years (5-years) with two (2), additional two-year (2-years) terms to perform task orders on ten (10) watersheds located in City limits.

Considering the size of the project and its anticipated challenges with weather (high tides and storm events), which may impact the contractor's work production rate, City intends to select up to three (3) contractors to award separate construction contracts through a separate solicitation. The selected Consultant will

be required to perform construction engineering inspections (CEI) and overall project management for all awarded contractor(s) for the City.

The selected Consultant shall ensure that the program components are technically, economically, and functionally consistent and are implemented in a manner that meets the specific deadlines and milestones set by the City and the requirements of the Clean Water Act, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regulations, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and any additional applicable regulatory requirements.

### **3.4 Scope of Services**

The scope of services to be provided by the Consultant may include, but is not limited to, the following:

#### **Data Collection:**

- a) Prepare and maintain, together with City staff, a Program Management Plan which establishes communication protocols, data collection, construction management and process standards.
- b) Review the City's existing stormwater infrastructure GIS database.
- c) Suggest any additional data to complete the City's stormwater infrastructure GIS database.
- d) Assist the City with the incorporation of the completed GIS database into asset management software. This includes cataloging and delivering the data in formats compatible with the program software.
- e) Assist with permitting maintenance of traffic plans, dewatering plans, bypass pumping plans, and environmental issues. Dewatering plans include any sampling or water testing, the containment methods / methodology, initial out-flush area for the initial dewatering out-flush prior to discharging to the settling tank or water bodies. Disposal of water shall comply with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) best management practices with turbidity less than 10 NTU prior to discharge.
- f) Assist in identifying and/or developing preliminary stormwater policies and regulations that the City may have to adopt in order implement the infrastructure upgrades.

#### **Construction Projects:**

- g) General construction management – Consultant shall provide limited Stormwater Program management services throughout the duration of construction. Consultant shall standardize documentation and procedures for uniformity and consistency. Program management services shall also

include attendance of critical construction progress meetings to ensure conformity across the Program.

- h) Provide permitting, and construction inspection services. Additional services needed may include, but not limited to, bidding services, planning, cost estimating, project management, construction management, closeouts and warranties.
- i) Contract Interpretations and Clarifications – Consultant shall log requests for information and issue necessary technical interpretations and clarifications of the Construction Contract Documents in a timely manner. Non-technical administrative interpretations shall be provided by City.
- j) Orders for Change – Consultant shall develop/issue requests for routine project cost and/or schedule changes from the Contractor. Changes may be the result of unforeseen conditions or interferences arising during routine progress of work or additional improvements requested by City after the project bid date and processed as Change Orders or Field Orders. Consultant shall evaluate the impact of the change request in terms of project cost and schedule. Consultant shall prepare a recommendation of the change request and if accepted, a statement noting that the requested cost/schedule impacts are fair and reasonable. Consultant's analysis of the change request shall be forwarded to City for processing. It is noted that Consultant's Scope of Services does not include claims analysis or litigation support.
- k) Shop Drawings – Consultant shall log, track, review and process shop drawings, manufacturer operation and maintenance manuals, and any other submittals which the Construction Contractor is required to submit fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the submittal except for special items requiring longer review time if so noted in the Construction Contract Documents. The review shall be in conformance with the project's intent and compliance with the information presented in the Construction Contract Documents. Consultant shall determine the acceptability of materials and equipment proposed by the Construction Contractor.
- l) Pay Requests - Consultant shall review applications for payment and accompanying data, determine the amounts owed, and recommend approval of payments due from the Contractor. It is understood that the Consultant's recommendation of any payment requested in an application for payment constitutes a representation by Consultant to the City, based on Consultant's on-site observations of construction in progress as an experienced and qualified professional and on Consultant's review of the application for payment and the accompanying data and schedules, that construction has progressed to the point indicated. In addition, it is understood that to the best of the Consultant's knowledge, information and belief, the quality of construction is in substantial accordance with the

Contract Documents; subject to an evaluation of construction upon substantial completion, to the results of any subsequent tests called for in the Contract Documents, and any qualifications stated in the recommendation; and that the Contractor is due the amount recommended. This activity includes review and recommendation of one payment application per month of construction and one final payment application for the bid package.

- m) Record Drawings – Consultant shall review red line record drawings prepared and maintained by the Contractor on a monthly basis as well as videos and video files prepared by the contractor.
- n) Construction Meetings
  - a. Consultant shall attend meetings as follows:
  - b. Preconstruction or planning meetings – Consultant shall conduct a preconstruction conference attended by representatives of City and the Construction Contractor. Consultant shall provide the attendees with a written summary of each meeting which will be distributed electronically.
  - c. Construction Progress Meetings – Consultant shall conduct progress meetings with the Construction Contractor and the City to review project status and identify issues that may affect the project schedule. Consultant shall provide City with a written summary of each progress meeting which will be distributed electronically to the attendees, including updated versions of submittal and RFI logs. It is anticipated that the schedule for progress meetings will be biweekly for 27 months.
- o) Field Observation Services
  - a. Consultant shall provide an Inspector to provide field observation services of the proposed work.
  - b. The Inspector will perform the following duties and responsibilities:
    - i. Attend pre-construction conference, progress meetings, and other job conferences.
    - ii. Assist in obtaining additional details or information when required at the job site.
    - iii. Conduct on-site observations of construction in progress (including specialized field tests) to assist in determining if construction is proceeding in substantial accordance with the Contract Documents.

- iv. Inform the Contractor whenever the Inspector believes that construction is unsatisfactory, faulty or defective, does not conform to the Contract Documents, does not meet the requirements of any inspections, tests or approval required to be made, or has been damaged before final payment.
  - v. Inform the Contractor upon the commencement of any construction requiring a submittal if the submittal has not been accepted.
  - vi. Visually review suitability and method of storage of materials, equipment and supplies delivered to the construction site.
  - vii. Verify that operating and maintenance procedures are available to the City.
  - viii. Prepare daily reports and maintain a daily diary or log book, recording hours on the job site, weather conditions, data pertaining to questions of extras or deductions, list of visiting officials and representatives of manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers and distributors, daily activities, decisions, observations in general and specific observations in more detail as in observing test procedures. Record names, addresses and telephone numbers of Contractor, subcontractor and major supplier personnel.
  - ix. Accompany visiting inspectors representing public or other agencies having jurisdiction over the Project and record the outcome of these inspections in the daily report.
  - x. Review applications for payment with the Contractor for accuracy, back-up detail and completeness.
  - xi. During the course of construction, verify that certificates, maintenance and operation manuals and other data required to be assembled and furnished by the Contractor are applicable to the items actually installed.
  - xii. Before issuance of a determination of substantial completion, prepare a list of items requiring completion or correction, in concert with the City. Participate in the final inspection.
- c. It is important to note that in performance of the duties noted herein, the Inspector shall not:
- i. Undertake any of the responsibilities of Contractor or its subcontractors, nor direct any of their work.



- ii. Advise on or issue directions pertaining to any aspect of the means, method, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction unless such is specifically called for in the Contract Documents.
  - iii. Advise on, or issue directions about, safety precautions and programs related to the Contractor's Work.
  - iv. Approve any interruptions or modification of City's facilities without the approval of City.
- p) Record Drawings
  - a. Consultant shall compile and distribute to the City record drawings, GIS files, and survey drawings as prepared by a Professional Land Surveyor or Professional Surveyor and Mapper or licensed GIS technician. Survey data, including all GIS database attributes as determined by the City for each feature class, will be in accordance with City standards and requirements.
  - b. Consultant shall coordinate and facilitate activities required to update City's GIS database as noted herein. Contractors shall enter location and attribute information collected from survey field work and record drawings into a CITY issued geodatabase template. City shall provide a template in Microsoft Excel format to be used for data entry. This template will adhere to the City's geodatabase schema for feature classes, related tables, and domain tables. The asset types and associated attributes to be collected and delivered shall be coordinated with the City. Consultant shall review the excel file (or other GIS files) for completeness as well as the GIS Geodatabase requirements as set by the City. City shall provide written comments on the submittal. Contractor shall make revisions to the draft ESRI file as required to address comments and submit a final version of the template. City shall import asset data into City's stormwater geodatabase.
- q) Provide community relations support.
- r) Investigate funding options for capital improvements projects and assist in development of funding programs including bonding, grants, loans and public/private partnerships as well as stormwater utility rate studies.

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES:**

Other professional services and disciplines required from the Consultant may be added by the City as needed during the course of the program work, including:

- 1. Civil engineering (general)

2. Stormwater engineering with specialization in green infrastructure and climate resiliency adaptation
3. Stormwater asset management
4. Stormwater benefit cost analysis
5. Stormwater visualization tools
6. Utilities engineering (subsurface engineering)
7. Surveying and geographic information services (gis)
  - a. Aerial photogrammetric
  - b. Land surveying
  - c. Hydrographic surveying – canals & waterways
  - d. Benthic surveys
8. Electrical engineering
9. Biological services
10. Coastal engineering
11. Cultural resources (historic archeology history, ethnography)
12. Airport engineering
13. Community relations
14. Grant coordination, including preparation of grant applications and deliverables
15. Construction management services
  - a. Construction inspections
  - b. Construction management
  - c. Contract administration
16. Field inspections (various)
17. Geotechnical
18. Historic preservation
19. Environmental engineering
20. Landscape architecture

21. Marine engineering
22. Mechanical engineering
23. Planning services
24. Structural engineering
  - a. Bridges
  - b. Buildings and other structures
25. Traffic engineering
26. Project management
27. Project staff extension
28. Computerized stormwater visualization tools
29. Value, risk and benefit to cost business case analysis
30. Pre-construction services
  - a. Constructability review
  - b. Quality control/quality assurance
  - c. Estimating

**END OF SECTION**

## **SECTION IV – SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Instructions**

**4.1.1** The City uses an online strategic sourcing platform 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 RFQ from an online strategic sourcing platform. Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the various supplier tutorial available in the City's online strategic sourcing platform well in advance of their intention of submitting a proposal to ensure familiarity with the use of the system. 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 the online strategic sourcing platform.

All proposals must be submitted electronically.

**4.1.2** Careful attention must be given to all requested items contained in this RFQ. Consultants are invited to submit responses in accordance with the requirements of this RFQ. Please read entire solicitation before submitting a SOQ. Consultants must provide a response to each requirement of the RFQ. Responses should be prepared in a concise manner with an emphasis on completeness and clarity. Consultant's notes, exceptions, and comments may be rendered on an attachment, provided the same format of this RFQ text is followed

**4.1.3** All information submitted by proposer shall be typewritten or provided as otherwise instructed to in the RFQ. Proposers shall use and submit any applicable or required forms provided by the City and attach such to its response. Failure to use the forms may cause the response to be rejected and deemed non-responsive.

The proposer understands that the information contained in these proposal pages is to be relied upon by the City in awarding the proposed Agreement, 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.

**4.1.4** Proposals shall be submitted by an authorized representative of the firm. Proposals must be submitted in the business entity's 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** In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of the City. The Proposer's response to the RFQ 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 RFQ and the Contract to be executed for this RFQ, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFQ purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFQ, 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 RFQ 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 addition, the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as exempt from disclosure or confidential. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected. The proposer authorizes the City to publish, copy, and reproduce any and all documents submitted to the City bearing copyright symbols or otherwise purporting to be subject to copyright protection.

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

**IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (2023), TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT. CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: [PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV](mailto:PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV), 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.**

Consultant shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records 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 (2021), 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 Consultant does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the City upon completion of this Agreement, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Consultant 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** 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 responses. Responses should seek to avoid information in excess of that requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the issues of this RFQ. The City prefers that responses be no more than 100 pages in one complete pdf document. The proposals should be organized, divided and indexed into the sections indicated herein. These are not inclusive of all the information that may be necessary to properly evaluate the response 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 response to specific requirements stated herein or through the RFQ.

**Note:** Do not include pricing - Compensation will be requested and considered only during the competitive negotiations process.

#### **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 proposer 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 Firm Qualifications and Experience**

Respondents must provide documentation that demonstrates their ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. A Standard Form 330 may be used to provide this information. Indicate the firm's number of years of experience in providing the professional services as it relates to 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, i.e. 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.

Provide a comprehensive summary of the experience and qualifications of the individual(s) who will be selected to serve as the project manager(s) for the City.

#### **4.2.4 Qualifications of the Project Team**

List the members of the project team (**may be on a Standard Form 330 if you choose**). Provide a list of the personnel to be used on each project and their qualifications. Providing this information on an organizational chart is recommended. A brief resume including education, experience, licenses and any other pertinent information shall be included for each team member, including sub-Consultants to be assigned to each project. Explain how each project team member will contribute to the project, in what capacity, and the level of involvement they will have. Each resume should not exceed two (2) pages in length. Provide any other documentation that demonstrates their ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. Submittals that do not contain such documentation may be deemed non-responsive.

#### **4.2.5 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 part of the project approach, the firm shall propose a scheduling methodology (timeline) for effectively managing and executing the work in the optimum time.
- Also provide information on your firm's current workload and how this project will fit into your workload. Describe the firm's current and anticipated workload. Include a summary of current projects and anticipated completion timeframes. Describe how City tasks will be prioritized within your organization, and the availability of the project team to commit towards this project.
- Describe available facilities, technological capabilities and other available resources you offer for the project.

#### **4.2.6 References**

Provide at least **three** references, preferably government agencies, for projects of similar scope and size as listed in this RFQ. Information should include:

- Client Name, address, contact person telephone and e-mail address (E-mail will be primary means of contact).
- Description of work (types of projects completed).
- Year(s) the projects were completed.
- Total cost of the project (estimated and actual).

**Note:** Do not simply 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 as well.

#### **4.2.7 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.

#### **4.2.8 Sub-Consultants**

Consultant must clearly identify any sub-Consultants that may be utilized during the term of this contract.



#### **4.2.9 Required Forms**

**a. 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 both Professional Liability and General Liability, and the dollar amounts of the coverage.

**b. Non-Collusion Statement**

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

**c. Non-Discrimination Certification Form**

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

**d. Affidavit of Compliance with Foreign Entity Laws**

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

**e. E-Verify Affirmation Statement**

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

**f. Contract Payment Method [if applicable]**

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. Proposal Certification**

Complete and attach the Certification.

**4.3** By submitting a proposal, each firm is confirming that the firm has not been placed on the convicted vendors list as described in Section §287.133 (2) (a) Florida Statutes.

**4.4** Before awarding a contract, the City reserves the right to require that a firm submit such evidence of its 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.

**END OF SECTION**

## **SECTION V - EVALUATION AND AWARD**

### **5.1 Evaluation Procedure**

- 5.1.1** Evaluation of the submittals 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. Submittals shall be evaluated based upon the information and references contained in the proposals as submitted. Evaluation procedures shall be regulated by F.S. § 287.055, referred to as Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA). Any firm(s) involved in a joint venture in its proposal will be evaluated individually, as each firm of the joint venture would have to stand on its own merits.
- 5.1.2** The Committee shall short list no less than three (3) submittals, assuming that three or more submittals have been received, that it deems to best satisfy the weighted criteria set forth herein and attempt to select the best qualified firm(s) for the particular discipline. The Committee shall then hold discussions, conduct interviews, and/or require oral presentations with all short-listed firms. The Committee shall then re-rank the short-listed firms based upon the information provided in interviews and/or presentations, the materials presented, the firm's responses to the RFQ, and deliberations of the Evaluation Committee at publicly advertised evaluation meetings. The City may request, and the firm shall provide, additional information deemed necessary by the Evaluation Committee to conduct evaluations.
- 5.1.3** If the City Manager or his/her designee is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the first ranked firm, negotiations with that firm shall be formally terminated. Upon termination of said negotiations, negotiations shall then be undertaken with the second ranked firm, with this process being repeated until an agreement is reached which is then recommended and formally approved by the City Commission or until the short-list is exhausted in which case a new Request for Qualifications may be undertaken.

### **5.2 Evaluation Criteria**

- 5.2.1** Per Florida Statute 287.055, in determining whether a firm is qualified, the agency shall consider such factors as the ability of professional personnel; whether a firm is a certified minority business enterprise; past performance; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; location; recent, current, and projected workloads of the firms; and the volume of work previously awarded to each firm by the agency, with the object of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms, provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selection of the most highly qualified firms. The agency may request, accept, and consider proposals for the compensation to be paid under the contract only during competitive negotiations.
- 5.2.2** 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 as number 1, the second ranked firm a number 2, and so on. The City shall average the ranking for each criterion, for all evaluation committee members, and then multiply that average ranking by the weighted criteria identified herein. The lowest average final ranking score will determine the recommendation by the evaluation committee to the City Manager.

### 5.2.3 Weighted Criteria

<b><u>Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage</u></b>
<b>Qualifications of Firm and Team</b> Including licenses, insurance, and other pertinent information for firm.	20%
<b>Experience</b> Including firm and project team, principals, project manager, staff and sub-Consultants.	30%
<b>History and Past Performance of the Firm</b> Including previous similar projects, references, recent, current, and projected workloads.	20%
<b>Approach to Scope of Work</b> Including proposer's understanding of the City's geographic conditions, size of the project, anticipated challenges and overall approach.	30%

## 5.3 Contract Award

- 5.3.1** 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 submittals. The City also reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or variations of the submittal requirements and RFQ process.
- 5.3.2** Upon award of a contract by the City Commission, the City Manager is authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the City.
- 5.3.3** The City Manager shall appoint a contract administrator or project manager for each contract to assure compliance with the contract and applicable law. The contract administrator or project manager shall review all pay requests or deny same as required prior to approval by the City Manager.

**END OF SECTION**

AGREEMENT

between

City of Fort Lauderdale

and

(company name)

for

(RFQ TITLE)

RFQ No.

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

## AGREEMENT

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by and between:

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipality, (hereinafter referred to as "CITY")

and

(COMPANY NAME) a \_\_\_\_\_, Florida company/corporation (hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT")

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 authorized by motion the execution of this Agreement between CONSULTANT and CITY authorizing the performance of Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program Project, RFQ No. 223, incorporated herein, (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT is willing and able to render professional services for such project for the compensation and on the terms hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, terms, and conditions contained herein the Parties hereto, do agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement and the various covenants, conditions, terms and provisions which follow, the DEFINITIONS and IDENTIFICATIONS set forth below are assumed to be true and correct and are therefore agreed upon by the Parties.

- 1.1 ADDITIONAL SERVICES: Services performed by the CONSULTANT authorized by Task Order and supplemental to the basic services described in this Agreement and listed in Exhibit A, Scope of Services.
- 1.2 AGREEMENT: Means this document between the CITY and CONSULTANT dated \_\_\_\_\_, and any duly authorized and executed Amendments to Agreement.
- 1.3 BASIC SERVICES: Services performed by CONSULTANT for authorized scope of work for the Project phase described in this Agreement and listed in Exhibit "A," Scope of Services.

- 1.4 CONSULTANT'S PERIODIC ESTIMATE FOR PAYMENT: A statement by CONSULTANT based on observations at the site and on review of documentation submitted by the Contractor that by its issuance recommends that CITY pay identified amounts to the Contractor for services performed by the Contractor at the Project.
- 1.5 CHANGE ORDER: A written order, executed by both Parties to the CONSULTANT and approved by the CITY authorizing a revision of this Agreement between the CITY and CONSULTANT that is directly related to the original scope of work or an adjustment in the original contract price or the contract time directly related to the original scope of work, issued on or after the effective date of this Agreement.
- 1.6 CITY: The City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality.
- 1.7 CITY MANAGER: The City Manager of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- 1.8 COMMISSION: The City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which is the governing body of the CITY government.
- 1.9 CONSTRUCTION COST: The total construction cost to CITY of all elements of the Project designed or specified by CONSULTANT.
- 1.10 CONSTRUCTION COST LIMIT: A maximum construction cost limit established by the CITY defining the maximum budget amount to which the final construction documents should be designed so as not to exceed.
- 1.11 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: Those working drawings and specifications and other writings setting forth in detail and prescribing the work to be done, the materials, workmanship and other requirements for construction of the entire Project, including any bidding information.
- 1.12 CONSULTANT: [REDACTED], the CONSULTANT selected to perform professional services pursuant to this Agreement.
- 1.13 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: The (Department) Director for the City of Fort Lauderdale, or his designee. In the administration of this Agreement, as contrasted with matters of policy, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator.
- 1.14 CONTRACTOR: One or more individuals, firms, corporations or other entities identified as such by a written agreement with CITY ("Contract for Construction") to perform the construction services required to complete the Project.

- 1.15 DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: The director of the Public Works Department for the City of Fort Lauderdale.
- 1.16 ERROR: A mistake in design, plans and/or specifications that incorporates into those documents an element that is incorrect and is deficient from the standard of care that a professional engineer in similar circumstances, working on a similar project and location would have exercised. Also includes mistakes in design, plans, specifications and/or shop drawings review that lead to materials and/or equipment being ordered and/or delivered where additional costs are incurred.
- 1.17 FINAL STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS: A final cost estimate prepared by CONSULTANT during the Final Design Phase of the Project, based upon the final detailed Construction Documents of the Project.
- 1.18 NOTICE TO PROCEED: A written Notice to Proceed with the Project issued by the Contract Administrator.
- 1.19 OMISSION: A scope of work missed by CONSULTANT that is necessary for the Project, including a quantity miscalculation which was later discovered and added by Change Order and which is deficient from the standard of care that a professional engineer in similar circumstances, working on a similar project and location would have exercised. Also includes design that was wrong, but was corrected after award to the Contractor, but before the construction process was materially affected.
- 1.20 ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE: The original bid and/or contract price as awarded to a Contractor based upon CONSULTANT's final detailed Construction Documents of the Project.
- 1.21 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: The documents setting forth the final design plans and specifications of the Project, including architectural, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, communications and security systems, materials, lighting equipment, site and landscape design, and other essentials as may be appropriate, all as approved by CITY as provided in this Agreement.
- 1.22 PRELIMINARY PLANS: The documents prepared by CONSULTANT consisting of preliminary design drawings, renderings and other documents to fix and describe the size and character of the entire Project, and the relationship of Project components to one another and existing features.
- 1.23 PROJECT: An agreed scope of work for accomplishing a specific plan or development. This may include, but is not limited to, planning, architectural, engineering, and construction support services. The services to be provided by CONSULTANT shall be as defined in this Agreement and further detailed in Task Orders for individual projects or combinations of projects. The Project

planning, design and construction may occur in separate phases and Task Orders at the CITY's discretion.

- 1.23 SPECIFICATIONS: The specifications referred to in this Agreement are the CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, Office of the City Engineer, City of Fort Lauderdale, January 1982, including any revisions.
- 1.24 STATEMENT OF PROBABLE PROJECT COSTS: A document to be prepared by CONSULTANT that shall reflect a detailed statement of the total probable costs.
- 1.25 TASK ORDER: A document setting forth a negotiated detailed scope of services to be performed by CONSULTANT at fixed contract prices in accordance with this Agreement between the CITY and CONSULTANT.
- 1.26 TIME OF COMPLETION: Time in which the entire work shall be completed for each Task Order.

## ARTICLE 2 PREAMBLE

In order to establish the background, context and frame of reference for this Agreement and to generally express the objectives and intentions of the respective parties hereto, the following statements, representations and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions of this Agreement which follow and may be relied upon by the parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

- 2.1 Pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2022), CITY has formed a Committee to evaluate CONSULTANT's statement of qualifications and performance data to ensure that CONSULTANT has met the requirements of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, as set forth in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2022), and has selected CONSULTANT to perform services hereunder.

## ARTICLE 3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 3.1 CONSULTANT shall provide all Services as set forth in the Scope of Services (Exhibit A), including all necessary, incidental, and related activities required for full and complete performance of this Agreement.
- 3.2 CITY and CONSULTANT acknowledge that the Scope of Services does not delineate every detail and minor work tasks required to be performed by CONSULTANT to complete the Project. If, during the course of the performance of the services included in this Agreement, CONSULTANT determines that work should be performed to complete the Project which is in CONSULTANT's opinion, outside the level of effort originally anticipated, whether or not the Scope of



Services identifies the work items, CONSULTANT shall notify Contract Administrator and obtain written approval by the CITY in a timely manner before proceeding with the work. Notice to Contract Administrator does not constitute authorization or approval by CITY to perform the work. The CITY shall not pay for any work that is not approved by the Contract Administrator in writing. If CONSULTANT proceeds with said work without notifying the Contract Administrator, said work shall be deemed to be within the original level of effort, whether specifically addressed in the Scope of Services. Notice to Contract Administrator does not constitute authorization or approval by CITY to perform the work. Performance of work by CONSULTANT outside the originally anticipated level of effort without prior written CITY approval is at CONSULTANT's sole risk.

- 3.3 Exhibit A identifies the services related to this Agreement. CITY may select the type, amount, and timing of services under a Task Order executed by CONSULTANT and CITY, provided that no such selection, when combined with those goods or services required under this Agreement, would result in a payment obligation exceeding the applicable maximum amount stated in Article 8. CITY and CONSULTANT may negotiate additional services, compensation, time of performance, and other related matters, including for other phases of a project; notwithstanding the foregoing, CITY shall have the right to terminate negotiations at any time at no cost to County and procure services for other project phases from any other source.
- 3.4 CITY shall assist CONSULTANT by placing at CONSULTANT's disposal all information CITY has available pertinent to a project, including previous reports and any other data relative to a project. CITY shall arrange for access to, and make all provisions for, CONSULTANT to enter upon public and private property as required for CONSULTANT to perform its Services. CITY shall review any itemized deliverables and documents required to be submitted by CONSULTANT and respond in writing with any comments within the time set forth in the applicable Task Order. CITY shall give prompt written notice to CONSULTANT whenever CITY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any material defect in the work of CONSULTANT or Subconsultants, or other material development that affects the scope or timing of Consultant's Services.

#### ARTICLE 4

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Negotiations pertaining to the rates for professional services to be performed by CONSULTANT have been undertaken between CONSULTANT and CITY representatives pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2022), and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiation.
- 4.2 CONSULTANT shall include CITY's specific Task Order number as part of the heading on all correspondence, invoices and drawings. All correspondence shall

be directed specifically to the Contract Administrator.

ARTICLE 5  
PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS

- 5.1 The Contract Documents are intended to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work by CONSULTANT. Any labor, services, materials, supplies, equipment or documentation that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents or trade usage from prevailing custom as being required to produce the indicated result will be provided whether or not specifically called for, at no additional cost to CITY. The Contract Documents are complementary, and wherever possible the provisions of the Contract Documents shall be construed in such manner as to avoid conflicts between provisions of the various Contract Documents. In the event of any inconsistency in the Contract Documents, where such inconsistency is not clarified by change order, addendum or amendment, the Contract Documents shall be construed according to the following priorities:

First priority: Approved Change Orders, Addendums or Amendments to all related documents.

Second priority: This AGREEMENT.

Third priority: City of Fort Lauderdale Request for Qualifications No.223.

Fourth priority: CONSULTANT's response to City of Fort Lauderdale Request for Qualifications No. 223.

- 5.2 Anything shown on the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications or mentioned in the specifications and now shown on the drawings, shall have the same effect as if shown or mentioned respectively in both. In the event of a conflict among the Contract Documents, the latest, most stringent, and more technical requirement(s), including, but not limited to, issues of quantities or cost of the Work shall control.

Reference to standard specifications, manuals, rules, regulations, ordinances, laws or codes of any governmental authority, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, rule, regulation, ordinance, law or code in effect at the time of permit submittal.

ARTICLE 6  
TASK ORDERS

- 6.1 The Project will be divided into "Tasks."
- 6.2 Task Orders shall be jointly prepared by the CITY and CONSULTANT defining the detailed scope of services to be provided for the particular Project. Each Task Order shall be separately numbered and approved in accordance with this Agreement and all applicable CITY code requirements.
- 6.3 Under all Task Orders and Projects, CITY may require the CONSULTANT, by specific written authorization, and for mutually agreed upon additional compensation, to provide or assist in obtaining one or more of the following special services. These services may include, at the discretion of the CITY, the following items:
- 6.3.1 Providing additional copies of reports, contract drawings and documents; and
- 6.3.2 Assisting CITY with litigation support services arising from the planning, development, or construction.
- 6.4 Prior to initiating the performance of any services under this Agreement, CONSULTANT must receive a written Notice to Proceed/Purchase Order from the CITY. The CONSULTANT must receive the approval of the Contract Administrator or his designee in writing prior to beginning the performance of services in any subsequent Task Order under this Agreement.
- 6.5 If, in the opinion of the CITY, the CONSULTANT is improperly performing the services under a specific Task Order, or if at any time the CITY shall be of the opinion that said Task Order is being unnecessarily delayed and will not be completed within the agreed upon time, the CITY shall notify the CONSULTANT in writing. The CONSULTANT has within ten (10) working days thereafter to take such measures as will, in the judgment of the CITY, ensure satisfactory performance and completion of the work. If the CONSULTANT fails to cure within the ten (10) working days, the CITY may notify the CONSULTANT to discontinue all work under the specified Task Order. The CONSULTANT shall immediately respect said notice and stop said work and cease to have any rights in the possession of the work and shall forfeit the Task Order and any remaining monies. The CITY may then decide to issue a new Task Order for the uncompleted work to another consultant using the remaining funds. Any excess costs arising therefrom over and above the original Task Order price shall be charged against CONSULTANT, as the original CONSULTANT.

ARTICLE 7  
TERM OF AGREEMENT; TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

- 7.1 The initial term of the Agreement shall commence upon final execution of the Agreement by the CITY and shall expire five (5) years from that date. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2) additional two (2) Year terms providing all terms conditions and specifications remain the same, both Parties agree to the extension, and such extension is approved by the CITY.
- 7.2 CONSULTANT shall perform the services described in Task Orders within the time periods specified in the Task Order. Said time periods shall commence from the date of the Notice to Proceed for such services.
- 7.3 Prior to beginning the performance of any services under this Agreement, CONSULTANT must receive a Notice to Proceed. CONSULTANT must receive written approval from the Contract Administrator prior to beginning the performance of services in any subsequent phases of the Agreement. Prior to granting approval for CONSULTANT to proceed to a subsequent phase, the Contract Administrator may, at his or her sole option, require CONSULTANT to submit itemized deliverables/documents for the Contract Administrator's review.
- 7.4 In the event CONSULTANT is unable to complete any services because of delays resulting from untimely review by CITY or other governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, and such delays are not the fault of CONSULTANT, or because of delays which were caused by factors outside the control of CONSULTANT, CITY shall grant a reasonable extension of time for completion of the services. It shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT to notify CITY promptly in writing whenever a delay in approval by a governmental agency is anticipated or experienced, and to inform CITY of all facts and details related to the delay.
- 7.5 The time for the performance of services described in assigned Task Orders shall be negotiated by the CITY and the CONSULTANT as the services are requested and authorized by the CITY.
- 7.6 Any work pursuant to a Task Order that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the term of this Agreement shall continue until completion at the same prices, terms and conditions of this Agreement. All licenses and required insurance shall remain active and in place through completion of work under the Task Order.

ARTICLE 8  
COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

8.1 AMOUNT AND METHOD OF COMPENSATION

8.1.1 Not To Exceed Amount Compensation

CITY agrees to pay CONSULTANT as compensation for performance of all services as related to each Task Order under the terms of this Agreement a Not to Exceed Amount as agreed upon per Task Order. This compensation does not include Reimbursables as described in Section 8.2. It is agreed that the method of compensation is that of "Not to Exceed Amount" which means that CONSULTANT shall perform all services set forth in each Task Order for total compensation in the amount of or less than that stated total. The hourly rate-billing schedule to be used in negotiating each Task Order is attached as Exhibit "B" to this Agreement. As described in Section 9.1, no modification, amendment or alteration to Exhibit "B" shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same formality as this Agreement and executed by the CITY and CONSULTANT.

A not to exceed proposal shall be accompanied by the CONSULTANT's estimate. The estimate shall detail the direct labor costs by categories of employees, work hours, and hourly rate; overhead; direct non-salary expenses including reimbursables; and profit, or as required by individual Task Order.

8.2 REIMBURSABLES

8.2.1 Direct non-salary expenses, entitled Reimbursables, directly attributable to the Project will be charged at actual cost. Reimbursable expenses are in addition to the compensation for basic services and include actual expenditures made by the CONSULTANT and the CONSULTANT's employees directly attributable to the Project and will be charged at actual cost without reference to the professional service fees above. CITY shall not withhold retainage from payments for Reimbursable Expenses. CONSULTANT shall be compensated for Reimbursables associated with a particular Task Order only up to the amount allocated for such Task Order. Any reimbursable or portion thereof which, when added to the Reimbursables related to a particular Task Order previously billed, exceeds the amount allocated for such Task Order shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Contract Administrator. Travel and subsistence expenses for the CONSULTANT, his staff and subconsultants and communication expenses, long distance telephone, courier and express mail between CONSULTANT's and subconsultants' various offices are not reimbursable under this Agreement. Reimbursables shall include only the following listed expenses:

A. Cost of reproduction, postage and handling of drawings and specifications which are required to deliver services set forth in this Agreement, excluding reproductions for the office use of the CONSULTANT. Reimbursable printing and photocopying expenses shall include only those prints or photocopies of original documents which are (i) exchanged among CONSULTANT, CITY and other third parties retained or employed by any of them or (ii) submitted to CITY for review, approval or further distribution. Documents, which are reproduced for CONSULTANT's internal drafts, reviews, or other purposes, are not eligible for reimbursement.

B. Identifiable testing costs and special inspections approved by Contract Administrator.

C. All permit fees paid to regulatory agencies for approvals directly attributable to the Project. These permit fees do not include those permits required for the construction Contractor.

D. Overnight Delivery/Courier Charges (when CITY requires/requests this service).

8.2.2 Reimbursable subconsultant expenses are limited to the items described above when the subconsultant agreement provides for reimbursable expenses. A detailed statement of expenses must accompany any request for reimbursement.

8.2.3 It is acknowledged and agreed to by CONSULTANT that the dollar limitation set forth in each Task Order is a limitation upon, and describes the maximum extent of CITY's obligation to reimburse CONSULTANT for direct, non-salary expenses, but does not constitute a limitation, of any sort, upon CONSULTANT's obligation to incur such expenses in the performance of services hereunder. If CITY or Contract Administrator requests CONSULTANT to incur expenses not contemplated in the amount for Reimbursables, CONSULTANT shall notify Contract Administrator in writing before incurring such expenses. Any such expenses shall be reviewed and approved by CITY prior to incurring such expenses.

### 8.3 METHOD OF BILLING

#### 8.3.1 Not To Exceed Amount Compensation

CONSULTANT shall submit billings, which are identified by the specific project number on a monthly basis in a timely manner for all salary costs and Reimbursables attributable to the Project. These billings shall identify the nature of the work performed for each phase, subtask, deliverable and item identified in the Exhibit "A" Scope of Services or Task Order, the total hours of work performed and the employee category of the individuals performing same. The statement shall show a summary of salary costs with

accrual of the total and credits for portions paid previously. Subconsultant fees must be documented by copies of invoices or receipts, which describe the nature of the expenses and contain a project number or other identifier, which clearly indicates the expense, as identifiable to the Project. Except for meals and travel expenses, it shall be deemed unacceptable for the CONSULTANT to modify the invoice or receipt by adding a project number or other identifier. Internal expenses must be documented by appropriate CONSULTANT's cost accounting forms with a summary of charges by category. When requested, CONSULTANT shall provide backup for past and current invoices that records hours and salary costs by employee category and subconsultant fees on a task basis, so that total hours and costs by task may be determined.

#### 8.4 METHOD OF PAYMENT

- 8.4.1 CITY shall pay CONSULTANT in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act. To be deemed proper, all invoices must comply with the requirements set forth in this Agreement and must be submitted on the form and pursuant to instructions prescribed by Contract Administrator.
- 8.4.2 CITY will review CONSULTANT's invoices and, if inaccuracies or errors are discovered in said invoice, CITY will inform CONSULTANT within ten (10) working days by fax and/or by email of such inaccuracies or errors and request that revised copies of all such documents be re-submitted by CONSULTANT to CITY.
- 8.4.3 Payments are scheduled to be made by CITY to CONSULTANT using a credit card/CITY Procurement Card (P-Card).

#### ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 9.1 No modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written Amendment prepared with the same formality as this Agreement and executed by the CITY and CONSULTANT.
- 9.2 CITY or CONSULTANT may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services to be provided under a Task Order. Such changes must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the Parties hereto, with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith, prior to any deviation from the terms of the Task Order including the initiation of any additional services. CITY shall compensate CONSULTANT for such additional services as provided in Article 8.
- 9.3 In the event a dispute between the Contract Administrator and CONSULTANT arises over whether requested services constitute additional services and such

dispute cannot be resolved by the Contract Administrator and CONSULTANT, such dispute shall be promptly presented to the City Manager for resolution. The City Manager's decision shall be final and binding on the Parties for amounts in the aggregate under \$100,000. In the event of a dispute in an amount over \$100,000, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to settle such dispute. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other, in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both Parties. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice to the other, either Party may commence litigation to resolve the dispute in Broward County, Florida. Any resolution shall be set forth in a written document in accordance with Section 9.2 above. During the pendency of any dispute, CONSULTANT shall promptly perform the disputed services.

#### ARTICLE 10 CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10.1 The CONSULTANT, following the CITY's approval of the Construction Documents and of the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs, shall, when so directed and authorized by the CITY, assist the CITY in estimating construction costs, reviewing proposals, and assist in awarding contracts for construction. If requested, CONSULTANT shall review and analyze the proposals received by the CITY and shall make a recommendation for any award based on the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Ordinance.
- 10.2 Estimates, opinions of probable construction or implementation costs, financial evaluations, feasibility studies or economic analyses prepared by CONSULTANT will represent its best judgment based on its experience and available information. The CITY recognizes that CONSULTANT has no control over costs of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others or over market conditions or CONSULTANT's methods of determining prices, and that any evaluation of a facility to be constructed or work to be performed is speculative. Accordingly, CONSULTANT does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual costs will not vary from opinions, evaluations or studies submitted by CONSULTANT.
- 10.3 Should the lowest responsible, responsive proposal exceed the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs by ten percent (10%) or more, CONSULTANT shall, at the CITY's direction, redesign each Project and/or work with the CITY to reduce the costs to within the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs at no additional expense to the CITY. In such a circumstance, the CITY may at its sole discretion, exercise any one or more of the following options:
- CONSULTANT shall be required to amend at the sole cost and expense of CONSULTANT, the Construction Drawings, Technical Specifications and Supplemental Conditions to enable the project to conform to a maximum of



ten percent (10%) above the Estimated Construction Costs of the Project, such amendments to be subject to the written final acceptance and approval of same by the CITY;

- CONSULTANT shall be required to provide at the cost and expense of CONSULTANT re-bidding services and related items (including costs associated with regulatory review and approval of revised documents) as many times as requested by the CITY until the base bid of at least one "best value" bid falls within the factor of ten percent (10%) of the Estimated Construction Cost of the Project;
- The CITY may approve an increase in the Estimated Construction Cost of the Project;
- The CITY may reject all bids or proposals and may authorize re-bidding;
- The CITY may if permitted, approve a renegotiation of the Project within a reasonable time;
- The CITY may abandon the project and terminate CONSULTANT's work authorization and Services for the Project; or
- The CITY may select as many deductive alternatives as may be necessary to bring the award within ten percent (10%) of the Estimated Construction Costs of the Project.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the redesigning services required to keep the Project within ten percent (10%) of the Estimated Construction Cost shall not be considered additional services and CONSULTANT agrees that it shall not seek compensation from the CITY for such Services.

- 10.4 The CONSULTANT may be requested to provide the CITY with a list of recommended, prospective proposers.
- 10.5 The CONSULTANT may be asked to attend all pre-bid/proposal conferences.
- 10.6 The CONSULTANT shall recommend any addenda, through the Contract Administrator, as appropriate to clarify, correct, or change proposal /bid documents.
- 10.7 If pre-qualification of proposers is required as set forth in the request for proposal, CONSULTANT shall assist the CITY, if requested, in developing qualification criteria, review qualifications and recommend acceptance or rejection of the proposers. If requested, CONSULTANT shall evaluate proposals and proposers, and make recommendations regarding any award by the CITY.
- 10.8 The CITY shall make decisions on claims regarding interpretation of the Construction Documents, and on other matters relating to the execution and progress of the work after receiving a recommendation from CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT may also assist in approving progress payments to the Contractor based on each Project Schedule of Values and the percentage of work completed.

10.9 The CITY shall maintain a record of all Change Orders which shall be categorized according to the various types, causes, etc. that it may be determined are useful or necessary for its purpose. Among those shall be Change Orders identified as architectural/engineering Errors or Omissions.

10.9.1 Unless otherwise agreed by both Parties in writing, it is specifically agreed that any change to the work identified as an Error on the part of CONSULTANT shall be considered for purposes of this Agreement to be an additional cost to the CITY which would not be incurred without the Error. Errors on the part of the CONSULTANT shall be rectified by the CONSULTANT with no additional cost to the CITY.

10.9.2 Unless otherwise agreed by both Parties in writing, it is further specifically agreed for purposes of this Agreement that fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of Change Orders for any item categorized as an Omission shall be considered an additional cost to the CITY which would not be incurred without the Omission. So long as the total of those two numbers (Change Order costs of Errors plus fifteen percent (15%) of Omissions) remains less than two percent (2%) of the total Construction Cost of the Project, the CITY shall not look to CONSULTANT for reimbursement for Errors and Omissions.

10.9.3 Should the sum of the two as defined above (cost of Errors plus fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of Omissions) exceed two percent (2%) of the Construction Cost, the CITY shall recover the full and total additional cost to the CITY as a result of CONSULTANT's Errors and Omissions from CONSULTANT, that being defined as the cost of Errors plus fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of Omissions above two percent (2%) of the Construction Cost.

10.9.4 To obtain such recovery, the CITY shall deduct from CONSULTANT's fee a sufficient amount to recover all such additional cost to the CITY.

10.9.5 In executing this Agreement, CONSULTANT acknowledges acceptance of these calculations and to the CITY's right to recover same as stated above. The recovery of additional costs to the CITY under this paragraph shall not limit or preclude recovery for other separate and/or additional damages which the CITY may otherwise incur.

10.9.6 The Contract Administrator's decision as to whether a Change Order is caused by an Error or caused by an Omission, taking into consideration industry standards, shall be final and binding on both Parties for amounts in the aggregate under \$100,000 per project, subject to Section 9.3. In the event of a dispute in an amount over \$100,000, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to settle such dispute. To this effect, they shall consult

and negotiate with each other, in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both Parties. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice to the other, either Party may commence litigation to resolve the dispute in Broward County, Florida.

ARTICLE 11  
CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 11.1 CITY shall assist CONSULTANT by placing at CONSULTANT's disposal, all information CITY has available pertinent to the Project including previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the Project.
- 11.2 CITY shall arrange for access to, and make all provisions for, CONSULTANT to enter upon public and private property as required for CONSULTANT to perform its services.
- 11.3 CITY shall review the itemized deliverables/documents identified per Task Order.
- 11.4 CITY shall give prompt written notice to CONSULTANT whenever CITY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of CONSULTANT's services or any defect in the work of the CONSULTANT.

ARTICLE 12  
MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All documents including, but not limited to, drawings, renderings, models, and specifications prepared or furnished by CONSULTANT, its dependent professional associates and consultants, pursuant to this Agreement shall be owned by the CITY.

Drawings, specifications, designs, models, photographs, reports, surveys and other data prepared in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of the CITY whether the Project for which they are made is executed or not, and are subject to reuse by the CITY in accordance with Section 287.055(10), Florida Statutes (2022). They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the CITY or others on extensions of this Project or on any other project without appropriate verification or adaptation. Any reuse, except for the specific purpose intended hereunder, will be at the CITY's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to CONSULTANT or its subcontractors. This does not, however, relieve CONSULTANT of liability or legal exposure for errors, omissions, or negligent acts made on the part of CONSULTANT in connection with the proper use of documents prepared under this Agreement. Any such verification or adaptation may entitle CONSULTANT to further compensation at rates to be

agreed upon by the CITY and CONSULTANT. This shall not limit the CITY's reuse of preliminary or developmental plans or ideas incorporated therein, should the Project be suspended or terminated prior to completion.

## 12.2 TERMINATION

12.2.1 Termination for Cause. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time for cause in the event that the CONSULTANT (1) violates any provisions of this Agreement or performs same in bad faith or (2) unreasonably delays the performance of the services or does not perform the services in a timely and satisfactory manner upon written notice to the CONSULTANT. Notice of termination shall be provided in accordance with Section 12.27. In the case of termination by the CITY for cause, the CONSULTANT shall be first granted a 10-working day cure period after receipt of written notice from the CITY. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, the CONSULTANT shall be entitled to be compensated for the services rendered and accepted by the CITY from the date of execution of this Agreement up to the time of termination. Such compensation shall be based on the fee as set forth above, wherever possible. For those portions of services rendered to which the applicable fee cannot be applied, payment shall be based upon the appropriate rates for the actual time spent on the Project. In the event that the CONSULTANT abandons this Agreement or through violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, causes it to be terminated, CONSULTANT shall indemnify the CITY against any and all loss pertaining to this termination.

All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by CONSULTANT shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONSULTANT to the CITY within five (5) days of CITY's request. Upon payment of such sum by CITY to CONSULTANT, CITY shall have no further duties or obligations pursuant to or arising from this Agreement.

This Agreement may also be terminated by CITY upon such notice as CITY deems appropriate in the event CITY or Contract Administrator determines that termination is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

Notice of termination shall be provided in accordance with Section 12.27, NOTICES, except that Contract Administrator may provide a prior verbal stop work order if the Contract Administrator deems a stop work order of this Agreement in whole or in part is necessary to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare. A verbal stop work order shall be promptly confirmed in writing as set forth in Section 12.27, NOTICES.

12.2.2 Termination for Convenience. In the event this Agreement is terminated for

convenience, CONSULTANT shall be paid for any services performed and accepted by the CITY to the date the Agreement is terminated. Compensation shall be withheld until all documents specified in Section 11.3 of this Agreement are provided to the CITY. Upon being notified of CITY's election to terminate, CONSULTANT shall refrain from performing further services or incurring additional expenses under the terms of this Agreement. Under no circumstances shall CITY make payment for services which have not been performed.

12.2.3 Termination by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon substantial breach by the CITY of its obligation under this Agreement as to unreasonable delay in payment or non-payment of undisputed amounts. CONSULTANT shall have no right to terminate this Agreement for convenience of the CONSULTANT.

### 12.3 AUDIT RIGHT AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

CITY shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of CONSULTANT that are related to this Project. CONSULTANT shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to the Project.

CONSULTANT shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times and upon prior written notice for examination and audit by CITY all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for the required retention period of the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, for a minimum of three (3) years after termination of this Agreement. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period or three (3) years, whichever is longer, the books, records, and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. If the Florida Public Records Act is determined by CITY to be applicable to CONSULTANT's records, CONSULTANT shall comply with all requirements thereof; however, no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirement of either federal or state law shall be violated by CONSULTANT. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records, and accounts shall be a basis for CITY's disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry.

### 12.4 NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

CONSULTANT shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person in its operations and activities in its use or expenditure of the funds or any portion of the funds provided by this Agreement and shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the course of providing any services funded in whole or in part by CITY, including Titles I and II of the ADA

(regarding nondiscrimination or the basis of disability), and all applicable regulations, guidelines, and standards.

CONSULTANT's decisions regarding the delivery of services under this Agreement shall be made without regard to or consideration of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation, or any other factor which cannot be lawfully or appropriately used as a basis for service delivery.

CONSULTANT shall comply with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in employment and further shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability. In addition, CONSULTANT shall take affirmative steps to ensure nondiscrimination in employment against disabled persons. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship), and accessibility.

CONSULTANT shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and employees are treated without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability during employment. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship), and accessibility.

#### 12.5 MINORITY PARTICIPATION

Historically, the CITY has been able to achieve participation levels of approximately twelve percent (12%) by MBE/WBE firms in CITY projects, and in the purchase of goods and services. The CONSULTANT shall make a good faith effort to help the CITY maintain and encourage MBE/WBE participation levels consistent with such historical levels and market conditions. The CONSULTANT will be required to document all such efforts and supply the CITY with this documentation at the end of the Project, or in cases where projects are longer than one year, each CITY fiscal year.

#### 12.6 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES ACT

In accordance with the Public Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2022), a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant or other provider, who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public

entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to the CITY, may not submit a bid on a contract with the CITY for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to the CITY, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the CITY, and may not transact any business with the CITY in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes (2022), for category two purchases for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this section by CONSULTANT shall result in cancellation of the CITY purchase and may result in CONSULTANT debarment.

## 12.7 SUBCONSULTANTS

12.7.1 CONSULTANT may subcontract certain items of work to a subconsultant. The Parties expressly agree that the CONSULTANT shall submit pertinent information regarding the proposed subconsultant, including subconsultant's scope of work and fees, for review and approval by the CITY prior to subconsultants proceeding with any work.

12.7.2 CONSULTANT shall utilize the subconsultants identified in the proposal that were a material part of the selection of CONSULTANT to provide the services for this Project. CONSULTANT shall obtain written approval of the Contract Administrator prior to changing or modifying the list of subconsultants submitted by CONSULTANT.

The list of subconsultants submitted is as follows:

(NAME ALL SUB-CONSULTANTS HERE)

## 12.8 ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered without the written consent of the other Party, and CONSULTANT shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement except as authorized pursuant to Section 12.7.

CONSULTANT represents that all persons delivering the services required by this Agreement have the knowledge and skills, either by training, experience, education, or a combination thereof, to adequately and competently perform the duties, obligations, and services set forth in the Scope of Services and to provide and perform such services to CITY's satisfaction for the agreed compensation.

CONSULTANT shall perform its duties, obligations, and services under this Agreement in a skillful and respectable manner. The quality of CONSULTANT's performance and all interim and final product(s) provided to or on behalf of CITY shall meet or exceed all professional standards of the State of Florida.

## 12.9 INDEMNIFICATION OF CITY

**12.9.1 CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONSULTANT and other persons employed or utilized by CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement.**

12.9.2 To the extent considered necessary by Contract Administrator and CITY, any sums due the CONSULTANT under this Agreement may be retained by CITY until all of the CITY's claims for indemnification pursuant to this Agreement have been settled or otherwise resolved, and any amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by CITY.

12.9.3 The Indemnification provided above shall obligate CONSULTANT to defend at its own expense to and through appellate, supplemental or bankruptcy proceeding, or to provide for such defense, at CITY's option, any and all claims of liability and all suits and actions of every name and description covered by Section 11.9. above that may be brought against CITY whether performed by CONSULTANT, or persons employed or utilized by CONSULTANT.

## 12.10 LIMITATION OF CITY'S LIABILITY

The CITY desires to enter into this Agreement only if in so doing the CITY can place a limit on the CITY's liability for any cause of action arising out of this Agreement, so that the CITY's liability for any breach never exceeds the sum of \$1,000.00. For other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the CONSULTANT expresses its willingness to enter into this Agreement with the knowledge that the CONSULTANT's recovery from the CITY to any action or claim arising from the Agreement is limited to a maximum amount of \$1,000.00 less the amount of all funds actually paid by the CITY to the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement. Accordingly, and notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Agreement that may suggest otherwise, the CONSULTANT agrees that the CITY shall not be liable to the CONSULTANT for damages in an amount in excess of \$1,000.00, which amount shall be reduced by the amount actually paid by the CITY to the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement, for any action or claim arising out of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this paragraph or elsewhere in this Agreement is in any manner intended either to be a waiver of the limitation placed upon the CITY's liability as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes (2022), or to extend the CITY's liability beyond the limits established in said Section 768.28 (2022), and no



claim or award against the CITY shall include attorney's fees, investigative costs, extended damages, expert fees, suit costs or pre-judgment interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree and understand that the provisions of this Article 12.10 do not apply to monies owed, if any, for services rendered to CONSULTANT by the CITY under the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 12.11 INSURANCE

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, CONSULTANT, at its 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 CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall provide the CITY a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies, in respect to the CITY's interests. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by CONSULTANT shall not be interpreted as limiting CONSULTANT's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in the State of Florida and possess an A.M. Best rating of A-, VII or better, subject to approval by the CITY's Risk Manager.

The coverages, limits, and/or endorsements required herein protect the interests of the CITY, and these coverages, limits, and/or endorsements shall in no way be relied upon by CONSULTANT for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect CONSULTANT against any loss exposures, 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 CONSULTANT under this Agreement.

The following insurance policies and coverages are required:

##### Professional Liability

Coverage must be afforded for Wrongful Acts in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

CONSULTANT must keep the professional liability insurance in force until the third anniversary of expiration or early termination of this Agreement or the third anniversary of acceptance of work by the CITY, whichever is longer, which obligation shall survive expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

### 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, a Florida municipality, its officials, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as an additional insured 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 CONSULTANT. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the CITY, its officials, employees, and volunteers.

### Business Automobile Liability

Proof of coverage must be provided for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than the State of Florida required minimums unless a different amount is required by CITY Ordinance(s).

If CONSULTANT does not own vehicles, CONSULTANT 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.

CONSULTANT waives, and CONSULTANT shall ensure that CONSULTANT's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the CITY, its officials, 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.

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

Insurance Certificate Requirements

- a. CONSULTANT shall provide the CITY with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than ten (10) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.
- b. CONSULTANT 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 CONSULTANT 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 or any surviving obligation of CONSULTANT following expiration or early termination of the Agreement goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, CONSULTANT 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 covered as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability.
- g. The CITY shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on CONSULTANT'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  
100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

CONSULTANT has the sole responsibility for 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 application 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 CONSULTANT's expense.

If CONSULTANT's primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements as set forth in this Agreement, CONSULTANT may provide evidence of an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.

CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance in respect to the CITY's interests, a Florida municipality, its officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the CITY shall be non-contributory.

Any exclusion or provision in any insurance policy maintained by CONSULTANT that excludes coverage required in this Agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

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 may be considered breach of contract. In addition, CONSULTANT must provide to the CITY confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate of insurance 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 CONSULTANT's insurance policies.

CONSULTANT shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement to CONSULTANT's insurance company or companies and the CITY's Risk Management office as soon as practical.

It is CONSULTANT's responsibility to ensure that any and all of CONSULTANT'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 CONSULTANT. The CITY reserves the right to adjust insurance limits from time to time at its discretion with notice to CONSULTANT.

## 12.12 REPRESENTATIVE OF CITY AND CONSULTANT

12.12.1 The Parties recognize that questions in the day-to-day conduct of the Project will arise. The Contract Administrator, upon CONSULTANT's request, shall advise CONSULTANT in writing of one (1) or more CITY

employees to whom all communications pertaining to the day-to-day conduct of the Project shall be addressed.

12.12.2 CONSULTANT shall inform the Contract Administrator in writing of CONSULTANT's representative to whom matters involving the conduct of the Project shall be addressed.

#### 12.13 ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein; and the Parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the Parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements whether oral or written.

It is further agreed that no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

#### 12.14 CONSULTANT'S STAFF

CONSULTANT will provide the key staff identified in its proposal for the Project as long as said key staff are in CONSULTANT's employment.

CONSULTANT will obtain prior written approval of Contract Administrator to change key staff. CONSULTANT shall provide Contract Administrator with such information as necessary to determine the suitability of any proposed new key staff. Contract Administrator will be reasonable in evaluating key staff qualifications.

If Contract Administrator desires to request removal of any of CONSULTANT's staff, Contract Administrator shall first meet with CONSULTANT and provide reasonable justification for said removal.

#### 12.15 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

CONSULTANT is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by CONSULTANT shall be subject to the supervision of CONSULTANT. In providing the services, CONSULTANT or its agents shall not be acting and shall not be deemed as acting as officers, employees, or agents of the CITY. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security and health insurance, employee benefits, purchasing policies and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of CONSULTANT. The Parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to

create any rights or obligations in any third person or entity under this Agreement.

#### 12.16 THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Neither CONSULTANT nor CITY intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the Parties agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Agreement.

#### 12.17 CONFLICTS

Neither CONSULTANT nor its employees shall have or hold any continuing or frequently recurring employment or contractual relationship that is substantially antagonistic or incompatible with CONSULTANT's loyal and conscientious exercise of judgment related to its performance under this Agreement.

CONSULTANT agrees that none of its officers or employees shall, during the term of this Agreement, serve as expert witness against CITY in any legal or administrative proceeding in which he or she is not a party, unless compelled by court process, nor shall such persons give sworn testimony or issue a report or writing, as an expression of his or her expert opinion, which is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of CITY or in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding. The limitations of this Section shall not preclude such persons from representing themselves in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding.

In the event CONSULTANT is permitted to utilize subconsultants to perform any services required by this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees to prohibit such subconsultants, by written contract, from having any conflicts as within the meaning of this Section.

#### 12.18 CONTINGENCY FEE

CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For a breach or violation of this provision, the CITY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability at its discretion, or to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

#### 12.19 WAIVER OF BREACH AND MATERIALITY

Failure by CITY to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement.

CITY and CONSULTANT agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof.

#### 12.20 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations related to this Agreement.

#### 12.21 SEVERANCE

In the event this Agreement or a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be effective unless CITY or CONSULTANT elects to terminate this Agreement. The election to terminate this Agreement based upon this provision shall be made within seven (7) days after the findings by the court become final.

#### 12.22 JOINT PREPARATION

Preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of CITY and CONSULTANT and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the Parties than any other.

#### 12.23 PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS

If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement, requirement, or provision of any exhibit attached hereto, any document or events referred to herein, or any document incorporated into this Agreement by reference and a term, statement, requirement, or provision of this Agreement, the term, statement, requirement, or provision contained in Articles 1-12 of this Agreement shall prevail and be given effect.

#### 12.24 APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

The Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Florida. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the State courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. If any claims arising from, related to, or in connection with this

Agreement must be litigated in federal court, the Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. **BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MIGHT HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUES RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF A PARTY FAILS TO WITHDRAW A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN A LAWSUIT ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE BY THE OTHER PARTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTY MAKING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY IN CONTESTING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL, AND SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COURT IN ADJUDICATING THE MOTION.**

#### 12.25 SOLICITATION AND EXHIBITS

The solicitation, CONSULTANT's response to the solicitation and each exhibit referred to in this Agreement forms an essential part of this Agreement. The solicitation, CONSULTANT's response, and exhibits, if not physically attached, should be treated as part of this Agreement, and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 12.26 ONE ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS

This Agreement shall be executed in one (1), signed Agreement, treated as an original.

#### 12.27 NOTICES

Whenever either Party desires to give notice unto the other, it must be given by written notice sent by certified United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the Party for whom it is intended, at the place last specified, and the place for giving of notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice, to-wit:

City:

Elkin Diaz  
Public Works Department  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
101 North East 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Suite 1410  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Telephone: (954) 828-6539  
E-mail: [ediaz@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ediaz@fortlauderdale.gov)



With a copy to: City Manager and City Attorney  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1605  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Telephone: (954) 828-5364

CONSULTANT: NAME  
TITLE  
COMPANY  
ADDRESS  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 12.28 ATTORNEY FEES

If CITY or CONSULTANT incurs any expense in enforcing the terms of this Agreement through litigation, the prevailing party in that litigation shall be reimbursed for all such costs and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, and reasonable attorney fees incurred during litigation.

#### 12.29 PERMITS, LICENSES AND TAXES

CONSULTANT shall, at its own expense, obtain all necessary permits and licenses, pay all applicable fees, and pay all applicable sales, consumer, use and other taxes required to comply with local ordinances, state and federal law. CONSULTANT is responsible for reviewing the pertinent state statutes regarding state taxes and for complying with all requirements therein. Any change in tax laws after the execution of this Agreement will be subject to further negotiation and CONSULTANT shall be responsible for complying with all state tax requirements.

#### 12.30 ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONSULTANT shall maintain a safe working environment during performance of the work. CONSULTANT shall comply, and shall secure compliance by its employees, agents, and subconsultants, with all applicable environmental, health, safety and security laws and regulations, and performance conditions in this Agreement. Compliance with such requirements shall represent the minimum standard required of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for examining all requirements and determine whether additional or more stringent environmental, health, safety and security provisions are required for the work. CONSULTANT agrees to utilize protective devices as required by applicable laws, regulations, and any industry or CONSULTANT's health and safety plans and regulations, and to pay the costs and expenses thereof, and warrants that all such persons shall be fit and qualified to carry out the Work.

#### 12.31 STANDARD OF CARE

CONSULTANT represents that it is qualified to perform the work, that CONSULTANT and its subconsultants possess current, valid state and/or local licenses to perform the Work, and that their services shall be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other qualified consultants under similar circumstances.

#### 12.32 TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

Signature of this Agreement by CONSULTANT shall act as the execution of a Truth-in-Negotiation Certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation of this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums, by which the CITY determines that contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments must be made within one (1) year following the end of the Agreement.

#### 12.33 EVALUATION

The CITY maintains the right to periodically review the performance of the CONSULTANT. This review will take into account the timely execution of Task Orders, the quality of the work performed, the cost to the CITY and the good faith efforts made by the CONSULTANT to maintain MBE/WBE participation in CITY projects. Any deficiencies in performance will be described in writing and an opportunity afforded, where practicable, for the CONSULTANT to address and/or remedy such deficiencies.

#### 12.34 STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

CONSULTANT shall prepare all documents and other materials for the Project in accordance with all applicable rules, laws, ordinances and governmental regulations of the State of Florida, Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and all governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the services to be provided by CONSULTANT under this Agreement or over any aspect or phase of the Project.

#### 12.35 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, and that it does not have business operations in

Cuba or Syria, as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised. The Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2022), as may be amended or revised, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. 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 (2022), 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 (2022), as may be amended or revised, 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 (2022), as may be amended or revised.

#### 12.36 PUBLIC RECORDS

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

CONSULTANT shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records 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 (2022), 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 Agreement if CONSULTANT does not transfer the records to the CITY.
4. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost to the CITY, all public records in possession of CONSULTANT or keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service. If CONSULTANT

transfers all public records to the CITY upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT 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.

#### 12.37 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

CONSULTANT shall protect and defend at CONSULTANT's expense, counsel being subject to the CITY's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the CITY from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, royalties, expenses, or liabilities, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any infringement or allegation of infringement of any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right in connection with the CONSULTANT's or the CITY's use of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, article, material, or device that is manufactured, provided, or used pursuant to this Agreement. If the CONSULTANT 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.

#### 12.38 RIGHTS IN DOCUMENTS AND WORK

Any and all reports, photographs, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of CITY; and CONSULTANT disclaims any copyright in such materials. In the event of and upon termination of this Agreement, any reports, photographs, surveys, and other data and documents prepared by CONSULTANT, whether finished or unfinished, shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONSULTANT to the CITY's Contract Administrator within seven (7) days of termination of this Agreement by either Party. Any compensation due to CONSULTANT shall be withheld until CONSULTANT delivers all documents to the CITY as provided herein.

#### 12.39 REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORITY

Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party hereto hereby represents and warrants that he or she is, on the date he or she signs this

Agreement, duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate action to execute this Agreement on behalf of such Party and does so with full legal authority.

#### 12.40 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The CONSULTANT shall not, in any of its activities, including employment, discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, creed, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law.

1. The CONSULTANT certifies and represents that it will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as may be amended or revised, ("Section 2-187").
2. The failure of the CONSULTANT to comply with Section 2-187 shall be deemed to be a material breach of the 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 CONSULTANT fails to comply with Section 2-187.
4. The CITY may retain all monies due or to become due until the CONSULTANT complies with Section 2-187.
5. The CONSULTANT 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.

#### 12.41 E-VERIFY

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

1. The Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors, if any, to provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance with the public records requirements of this Agreement.

2. The City, the Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Subsection 448.09(1), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.
3. The City, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, but that the Contractor otherwise complied with Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, shall promptly notify Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor, and the Contractor shall comply with such order.
4. A contract terminated under Subparagraph 448.095(5)(c)1. or 2., Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this contract under Paragraph 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one year after the date on which the contract was terminated. The Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of termination of this Agreement.
5. Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any, the requirements set forth in this Section, including this subparagraph, requiring any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, to include all of the requirements of this Section in their subcontracts. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised, with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2023), as may be amended or revised.

**THIS SPACE WAS INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the Parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

CITY

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida  
municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
GREG CHAVARRIA  
City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN  
City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form and Correctness:  
Thomas J. Ansbro, City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RHONDA MONTTOYA HASAN  
Assistant City Attorney

WITNESSES:

COMPANY, a Florida company/corporation

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by (NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER) as \_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER) for (COMPANY NAME), a Florida (company/corporation).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned  
Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_



EXHIBIT A  
SCOPE OF SERVICES

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT "B"

HOURLY BILLING RATES

**SEE BELOW**

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

**ADDENDUM NO. 1**  
**RFQ No. 223**

Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program

ISSUED: **February 16, 2024**

This addendum is being issued to make the following change(s):

1. The Proposal Due Date has been changed to Friday, February 23, 2024, at 2:00PM Local Time.

All other terms, conditions, and specifications remain unchanged.

Michelle Lemire  
Procurement Administrator

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Bidder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**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. 2-17(a)(i)(ii), bidders must certify compliance with the Non-Discrimination provision of the ordinance.

- A. Contractors doing business with the City shall not discriminate against their 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.

Contracts. Every Contract exceeding \$100,000, or otherwise exempt from this section shall contain language that obligates the Contractor to comply with the applicable provisions of this section.

The Contract shall include provisions for the following:

- (i) The Contractor certifies and represents that it will comply with this section during the entire term of the contract.
- (ii) The failure of the Contractor to comply with this section shall be deemed to be a material breach of the contract, entitling the City to pursue any remedy stated below or any remedy provided under applicable law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FOREIGN ENTITY LAWS**  
**(Florida Statute- §287.138, 692.201, 692.202, 692.203, and 692.204)**

The undersigned, on behalf of the entity listed below ("Entity"), hereby attests under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. Entity is not owned by the government of a foreign country of concern as defined in Section 287.138, Florida Statutes. (Source:§ 287.138(2)(a), Florida Statutes)
2. The government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in Entity. (Source:§ 287.138(2)(b), Florida Statutes)
3. Entity is not organized under the laws of, and does not have a principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern. (Source: § 287.138(2)(c), Florida Statutes)
4. Entity is not owned or controlled by the government of a foreign country of concern, as defined in Section 692.201, Florida Statutes. (Source:§ 288.007(2), Florida Statutes)
5. Entity is not a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, as defined in Section 692.201, Florida Statutes, or a subsidiary of such entity. (Source: § 288.007(2), Florida Statutes)
6. Entity is not a foreign principal, as defined in Section 692.201, Florida Statutes. (Source: § 692.202(5)(a)(I), Florida Statutes)
7. Entity is in compliance with all applicable requirements of Sections 692.202, 692.203, and 692.204, Florida Statutes.
8. ***(Only applicable if purchasing real property)*** Entity is not a foreign principal prohibited from purchasing the subject real property. Entity is either (a) not a person or entity described in Section 692.204(1)(a), Florida Statutes, or (b) authorized under Section 692.204(2), Florida Statutes, to purchase the subject property. Entity is in compliance with the requirements of Section 692.204, Florida Statutes. (Source: §§ 692.203(6)(a), 692.204(6)(a), Florida Statutes)
9. The undersigned is authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of Entity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SECTION**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Notary Public Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Solicitation/Bid /Contract No: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description:

Contractor/Proposer/Bidder acknowledges and agrees to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of,

- A. all persons employed by Contractor/Proposer/Bidder to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the Contract, and,
- B. all persons (including subcontractors/vendors) assigned by Contractor/Proposer/Bidder to perform work pursuant to the Contract.

The Contractor/Proposer/Bidder acknowledges and agrees that use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System during the term of the Contract is a condition of the Contract.

Contractor/Proposer/ Bidder Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Company Person's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Company Person's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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 has transitioned 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 payments fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed.

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

All costs associated with the Contractor's participation in this purchasing program shall be borne by the Contractor. The City reserves the right to revise this program as necessary.

By signing below, you agree with these terms.

Please indicate which credit card payment you prefer:

\_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BID/PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION

**Please Note:** It is the sole responsibility of the bidder/proposer to ensure that their response is submitted electronically through the [City's on-line strategic sourcing platform](#) prior to the bid opening date and time listed. Paper bid submittals will not be accepted. 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) \_\_\_\_\_ EIN (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**): \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if your firm qualifies for DBE (**section 1.09 of General Conditions**): ☐

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

Addendum No.	Date Issued	Addendum No.	Date Issued	Addendum No.	Date Issued	Addendum No.	Date Issued
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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.

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

## Executive Summary Report

of

### Event: 223-1 - Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Prog

**Buyer:** MICHELLE LEMIRE

**Date Range:** 01/15/2024 10:00:00 AM - 02/23/2024 02:00:00 PM

**All Suppliers 3  
Responding:**

#### Suppliers Responding

Supplier	Contact	Phone Number	E Mail	City	State Or Province	Total Bid Amount	Total Awarded	Response Attachments Exist
Ardurra Group, Inc.	Madison Paulson	4073753964	mpaulson@ardurra.com	Tampa	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
Keith and Associates, Inc.	Yazmin Bryant	954-788-3400	marketing@keithteam.com	Fort Lauderdale	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
RSP Engineers, Inc	Rodolfo Sucre	7865034731	rsucre@rspengineers.com	MIAMI	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes

#### Event Lines And Responses

Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
P12888 CRITICAL STORMWATER-	P12888 Critical Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Assessment Program, Continuing Services	EA	1.0000

#### Responses

Supplier	Bid Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Award Amount
Ardurra Group, Inc.	1.0000	EA	0.00000000	0.00
Keith and Associates, Inc.	1.0000	EA	0.00000000	0.00
RSP Engineers, Inc	1.0000	EA	0.00000000	0.00

## Header Questions And Responses

### QUESTION

Did you fill out and attach all required documents?

Question Responses		
Supplier	Response	Has Attachment
Ardurra Group, Inc.	Yes	Yes
Keith and Associates, Inc.	Yes	Yes
RSP Engineers, Inc	Yes	Yes

### Q And A

Supplier	Question	Answer
ConstructConnect	What is the estimated value/budget for the project?	The estimated contract value is \$2,815,000.
Ardurra Group, Inc.	How do we know if the "Contract Payment Method Form" applies to us in this RFQ? It says if applicable.	Refer to Section 2.23 of the General Terms and Conditions.
T.Y. Lin International	Will the City consider a one-week extension considering February 19th is a holiday (Presidents' Day)?	The City will not consider extending the solicitation due date at this time.
T.Y. Lin International	Do sub-consultants need to submit any of the required forms or are the forms just for the Prime?	Required forms must be completed and submitted by the Prime vendor only.
Ardurra Group, Inc.	Can we type the link of a video inside the document of the proposal? Not as separate attachment but typed within the document.	Yes. It is the Proposers responsibility to ensure all hyperlinks are active and working in their final submittal.
T.Y. Lin International	Are landscape pages acceptable?	Yes.
T.Y. Lin International	Regarding Section 8.4.3 of the Sample Agreement -- The proposed method of payment is credit card/CITY Procurement Card (P-Card). Will the City consider payment by check or ACH?	Not at this time.