

**CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY SERVICES**

**RPF # 12212-995**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

My name is William T. DiRenzo and I have been an attorney for just over 20 years. My legal career began as a senior at Florida State University with an internship at the State Attorney's Office in Jefferson County, Florida. In Jefferson County, I worked under the supervision of the Assistant State Attorney and current Circuit Court Judge Ronald Flury. After graduating from Florida State, I attended Nova Southeastern University School of Law. During my third year at Nova, I interned at the Broward County State Attorney's Office in the Domestic Violence Unit. After graduating from Nova Southeastern, I became an Assistant State Attorney in October of 1998. During my three plus years as a prosecutor, I laid the foundation for my career in criminal law with invaluable courtroom experience in conducting over 75 jury trials. After fulfilling my commitment to Mr. Satz, I explored the world of civil litigation with the firm of Grotefeld and Denenberg. After a brief stop in civil litigation, I returned to my passion of criminal law. In 2004, I worked for the criminal defense firm of Parks and Braxton for approximately 8 years handling my own caseload. I traveled throughout the state of Florida expanding my view of the law by witnessing first hand how the criminal justice system operated around the state. In 2011, I embarked on a criminal law partnership with a friend and fellow lawyer, James Weick. After 3 years with James Weick, I ventured out on my own and have been ever since. Currently, I am a sole practitioner as well as the sole member of my firm and handle all aspects of the running a practice. My office operates almost solely on referrals from past clients which I believe is a testament to level of service I provide. My law practice is built on relationships; relationships with clients, prosecutors, Judges, bailiffs, judicial assistants, and anyone else I encounter along the way. I always follow the old adage, treat people how you want to be treated and it has served me well.

My main office is located about 3 blocks away from the courthouse at 888 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 402, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316. This is the office location that would serve this contract.

## EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

I have been a lawyer for over 20 years with the overwhelming majority of that experience being focused on criminal law, specifically criminal defense. I am a member of the Florida Bar in good standing. Throughout my career as a prosecutor and defense attorney, I have first chaired over 150 jury trials and countless bench trials. Along with my jury trial experience, I have argued for and against motions to suppress evidence as well as conducting numerous depositions as a prosecutor and defense attorney. As a criminal defense attorney, most of my work is done for hire in the private sector. As far as my experience in assisting indigent defendants for agencies of a similar size, I have none. However, I have represented indigent defendants on a smaller scale, I am on the "wheel" and take specially appointed cases when the public defender has a conflict. I have handling these cases for approximately 13 years. My other experience with indigent defendants comes when I handle a case pro bono. Also, at times, after being retained by a family member, the balance of the legal fee can no longer be paid and the case essentially turns into a pro bono case. Personally, I do not like to abandon a client that cannot pay the balance of the legal fee. If need be, I will have my client declared indigent for costs through the JAC so the case can be properly defended and the client receive a just result.

My firm is set up as a Professional Association and I am the only employee. My business is registered with the State of Florida as William DiRenzo, P.A. My firm's main office information is as follows:

888 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 402  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316  
954-653-2172 phone  
954-870-7506 fax  
[bill@direnzoweick.com](mailto:bill@direnzoweick.com)  
[www.fortlauderdaledefenselawfirm.com](http://www.fortlauderdaledefenselawfirm.com) – web address

As an attorney, my work experience includes:

*WILLIAM DIRENZO, P.A. FT. LAUDREDALE, FLORIDA. 2013 – PRESENT.*

As a sole practitioner, I am responsible for litigating all phases of a criminal case. Since 2013, I first chair all jury trials, motions in court, plea deals, witness interviews, depositions, and all Court appearances around the State.

*DIRENZO & WEICK, P.A. FT. LAUDREDALE, FLORIDA. 2011 - 2013.*

As a partner in a Criminal Defense law firm, I was responsible for my own case load and litigating all phases of a criminal case as in the description above. My partner was also responsible for his own case load. At times, we worked on cases together.

PARKS & BRAXTON, P.A. MIAMI, FLORIDA. 2004 - 2011.

As a partner in a Criminal Defense law firm with offices located throughout Florida, I was responsible for my own caseload and litigating all phases of a criminal case as in the description above. At times, my partners and I would work on cases together.

GROTEFELD & DENENBERG, LLC. PLANTATION, FLORIDA. 2002 - 2004.

As an associate in an Insurance Subrogation law firm with offices located in Florida, California, Chicago, and Detroit, we represented major insurance companies such as Allstate, Allianz, Nationwide, and State Farm. We litigated cases in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama which included visiting loss sites, coordinating inspections with multiple insurance carriers and attorneys, conducting discovery, arguing motions, attending mediation, taking depositions, and second chair jury trials. In this capacity, I mainly worked under a supervising attorney.

ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY. FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. 1998 - 2002.

As an Assistant State Attorney, I was responsible for the criminal prosecution of offenses ranging from Driving Under the Influence to Attempted Murder. My duties included numerous first chair jury trials, motions to suppress, victim and witness interviews, and educating and instructing police officers and younger attorneys on various legal issues. As a lead felony trial attorney, I was responsible for the supervision of three other attorneys and a case load of over 600 felony cases ranging from possession of cocaine to attempted murder.

I hereby certify that I have at least 4 years of first chair Florida criminal defense experience and am a member in good standing with the Florida Bar. My insurance policy is currently in the process of being renewed but will be in place if my proposal is accepted.

## APPROACH TO SCOPE OF WORK

In my opinion, every criminal case cannot be fought or the criminal justice system will be overwhelmed and come to a screeching halt. Based on my experience in the criminal justice system, the City needs an attorney with experience in determining which cases are defensible and which cases are not defensible. Once that decision is made, a recommendation can be presented to the client to arrive at a just and expeditious resolution. City cases need to be resolved quickly as they usually involve one witness and a short narrative report. There is no need to "drag them out." A confident and experienced attorney can evaluate a case and get the best possible outcome for their client. Personally, I am a big proponent of the City's diversion program as it provides clients with the best possible outcome of their case, a dismissal. If the client's choice comes down to fighting a case or the City's diversion program, I often recommend the diversion program as the program will achieve the same goal as a not guilty verdict at a non-jury trial; however the program will provide a "guaranteed" dismissal if the client follows the requirements. As a defense attorney, I have defended City cases in the past and find the prosecutors easy to work with and reasonable. Being in Broward County for over 20 years, I have an excellent relationship with both the City Prosecutors and the Judges.

Most of my cases are in Broward County and I am in Court there nearly every morning. I usually arrive at my office at 8:00 am to start the day. Based on experience, most City cases are handled in the morning by all county court judges. This would fit right into my schedule as I would be at the Courthouse already. My office is equipped with all of the necessary resources to handle a criminal case in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; computer, fax, scanner, email, the ability to play and send video through email, etc.

## REFERENCES

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**SECTION VI - COST PROPOSAL PAGE**

Proposer Name: WILLIAM DIRENZO

Proposer agrees to supply the products and services at the price bid below in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications contained in this RFP.

Cost to the City: Contractor shall offer one firm, fixed, flat rate for each municipal ordinance violation case completed through final disposition, including any and all costs, as set forth in the RFP, for legal representation as special counsel for indigent defendants charged with City of Fort Lauderdale municipal code violations.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{FLAT RATE} \quad \times \quad \text{ESTIMATED CASES/YR.} \quad = \quad \text{TOTAL} \\
 \$ \underline{185.00} \quad \times \quad 560 \quad = \quad \underline{\$103,600}
 \end{array}$$

Submitted by:  
WILLIAM DIRENZO  
 Name (printed)  
2/9/19  
 Date

William DiR  
 Signature  
ATTORNEY / PRESIDENT  
 Title



**Supplier Response Form**

**NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NAME**

**RELATIONSHIPS**


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

  
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William DiRenzo

February 9, 2019

**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.

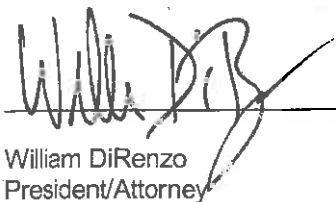
Pursuant to City Ordinance Sec. 2-17(a)(i)(ii), bidders must certify compliance with the Non-Discrimination provision of the ordinance.

- (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.

  
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William DiRenzo  
President/Attorney

February 9, 2019

## LOCAL BUSINESS PRICE PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

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

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|-----|--------------------------------------|---|
| (1) | Business Name                        | is a <b>Class A</b> Business as defined in City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the City of Fort Lauderdale current year Business Tax Receipt <b>and</b> a complete list of full-time employees and evidence of their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City. |
| (2) | William DiRenzo, PA<br>Business Name | is a <b>Class B</b> Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the Business Tax Receipt <b>or</b> a complete list of full-time employees and evidence of their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.                                   |
| (3) | Business Name                        | is a <b>Class C</b> Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. A copy of the Broward County Business Tax Receipt shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.   |
| (4) | Business Name                        | requests a <b>Conditional Class A</b> classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.   |
| (5) | Business Name                        | requests a <b>Conditional Class B</b> classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.   |
| (6) | Business Name                        | is considered a <b>Class D</b> Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-17-26, Sec.2-186 and does not qualify for Local Preference consideration.   |

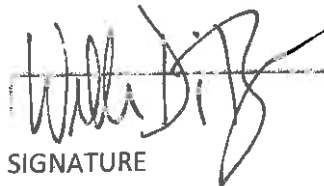
BIDDER'S COMPANY:

William DiRenzo, PA

AUTHORIZED  
COMPANY PERSON:

William DiRenzo

NAME



SIGNATURE

2/9/19

DATE

**CONTRACT PAYMENT METHOD BY P-CARD**

THIS FORM MUST BY SUBMITTED WITH YOUR RESPONSE

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to payment by credit card via MasterCard or Visa. This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale to receive your payment fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed.

Payments will be made utilizing the City's P-Card (MasterCard or Visa). Accordingly, firms must presently have the ability to accept credit card payment or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a credit card before the commencement of a contract.

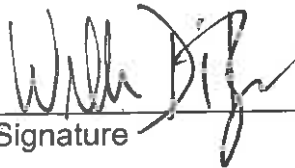
Please indicate which credit card payment you prefer:

  X   Master Card

       Visa Card

Company Name:

William DiRenzo  
Name (Printed)

  
Signature

February 9, 2019  
Date

Attorney/President  
Title



City of Fort Lauderdale • Procurement Services Division  
100 N. Andrews Avenue, 619 • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
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[purchase@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:purchase@fortlauderdale.gov)

**ADDENDUM NO. \_1**

RFP No. 12212-995  
TITLE: CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY SERVICES

ISSUED: January 24, 2019

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

**The CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT shall be revised as follows:**

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.

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

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

All other terms, conditions, and specifications remain unchanged.



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James Hemphill  
Asst. Procurement and Contracts Manager

CompanyName: WILLIAM DIRENZO  
(please print)

Bidder's Signature: William DIB

Date: 2/9/19

**INSURANCE CERTIFICATE PENDING**

**BID/PROPOSAL CERTIFICATION**

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

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

Company: (Legal Registration) William D'Renzo, PA EIN (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 888 SE 3rd Ave, Suite 402

City: Ft. Lauderdale State: FL Zip: 33316

Telephone No. 954-653-2172 FAX No. 954-870-7406 Email: bill@direnzoweick.com

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

Total Bid Discount (section 1.05 of General Conditions): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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:  
William D'Renzo  
Name (printed)

William D'Renzo  
Signature

2/25/19  
Date:

President  
Title