

Request for Qualifications

RFQ EVENT# 536

Design Services for Emergency Operations Center

Pursuant to Section 287.055
Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act

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 qualified, experienced, and licensed firm(s) (“Consultant” or “consultant” or “vendor/firm” or “Proposer” or “proposer” or “Firm”) to provide design services for a standalone Emergency Operations Center 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.

This project is funded in whole or part by a Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant. Consultants must follow applicable provisions outlined in Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

1.2 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 vendor Guides and 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 qualifications are submitted electronically through the City’s online strategic sourcing platform no later than the time and date specified in this solicitation. **PAPER SUBMITTALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. QUALIFICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA** the City’s online strategic sourcing platform.

1.3 Electronic Openings

Responses to this solicitation will be opened electronically via the City’s online strategic sourcing platform at the date and time indicated in the solicitation. Once the Procurement Specialist opens the qualifications, they 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 in 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.

1.4 Pre-Proposal Meeting

A pre-proposal conference and/or site visit will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at 2200 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

While attendance is not mandatory, tours at other times might not be available. It is the sole responsibility of the 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. It is strongly suggested that all Proposers attend the pre-proposal meeting and/or site visit.

It will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to attend the pre-proposal/site visit to inspect the City's location(s) facilities systems prior to submitting a proposal. No variation in price or conditions shall be permitted based upon a claim of ignorance. Submission of a proposal will be considered evidence that the Proposer has familiarized themselves with the nature and extent of the work, equipment, materials, and labor required.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

1.5 Point of Contact

City of Fort Lauderdale, Procurement Services Division
Attn: Michelle Lemire, Procurement Administrator
101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite 1650
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 submittal procedures will only be transmitted by written addendum.

Consultants please note: Qualifications shall be submitted as stated in PART IV – Submittal Requirements. No part of your submittal can be submitted via FAX. Submission of qualifications will be considered evidence that the proposer has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the work, and the equipment, materials, and labor required. Qualifications must be submitted in accordance with all requirements contained in this solicitation. The questions and answers submitted on the City's online strategic sourcing platform shall become part of any contract that is created from this RFQ.

1.6 Debarred or Suspended Bidders or Proposers

The Consultant certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. Verification will be conducted through the System for Award Management.

1.7 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 Iran Terrorism Sectors List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), 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 (2025), 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 (2025), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or been placed on a list created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, relating to scrutinized active business operations in Iran, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2025), 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 (2025), as may be amended or revised.

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 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 any such oral explanation 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 its qualifications at any time prior to the 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 qualifications 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 or parts 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 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 architectural and/or engineering design services for the construction of emergency operations centers or other critical public safety facilities for at least ten (10) years, 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, or the principals assigned to the project, have successfully provided services with similar magnitude to those specified in the scope of services to at least three (3) cities similar in size and complexity to the City of Fort Lauderdale or demonstrate that they have the experience with large scale private sector clients and the managerial and financial ability to successfully perform the work.

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 architectural and/or engineering design services. Project manager assigned to the work must have at least five (5) years' experience in architectural and/or engineering design services and must have served as project manager on similar projects as indicated in the scope of work.

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 Neither Firm nor principals shall have any record of judgments, pending lawsuits against the City or criminal activities involving moral turpitude, or 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), or have failed to perform faithfully on any previous or current contract with the City.

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

2.9 Lobbyist Ordinance

ALL CONSULTANTS PLEASE NOTE: Any consultant submitting a response to this solicitation must comply, if applicable, with Chapter 2, Article VIII, Lobbying Activities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which can be viewed at https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2A_D_ARTVIIILOAC_S2-260INPU, and City of Fort Lauderdale Resolution No. 07-101, which can be viewed at

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/6038/635514782857730000>.

Copies may be also be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

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 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 (2025), 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 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 (2025), 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 Subconsultants

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

2.12.2 Consultants shall include in their responses the requested subconsultant 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 subconsultant(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 subconsultant, the services subconsultant will provide relative to any contract that may result from this RFQ, subconsultants' 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 shall, at its sole expense, 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 Contractor. Consultant shall provide the City a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies, in respect to the City's interests for this Agreement. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by Consultant shall not be interpreted as limiting Contractor'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 \$1,000,000 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 included 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.

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 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 included as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Professional Liability.
- g. The title of the Agreement, Bid/Contract number, or other identifying reference must be listed on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate Holder should read as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale
Public Works Department
401 SE 21st Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

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 including 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 for this Agreement, 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 Agreement 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 consultants and subconsultants comply with these insurance requirements. All coverages for independent consultants and subconsultants 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 RFQ EVENT NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON EACH CERTIFICATE, AND THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE 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 – Subconsultants

Consultant shall require all of its subconsultants 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 subconsultants 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 Contract Agreement

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

2.21 Contract Period

The contract term shall commence upon date of award by the City.

2.22 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 a Purchase Order or a Task Order or both shall be issued and provided to the Consultant(s) following Commission award.

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 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 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.

2.26 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.

2.27 Substitution of Personnel

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

2.28 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.

2.29 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.

2.30 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.

2.31 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 into the RFQ. The City will NOT be responsible for any oral instructions, clarifications, or other communications.

2.32 Non-Discrimination

The Consultant shall not discriminate against its employees based on the employee's race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected classification as defined by applicable law.

1. The Consultant certifies and represents that the Consultant offers the same health benefits to the domestic partners of its employees as are offered its employees' spouses or offers its employees the cash equivalent of such health benefits because it is unable to provide health benefits to its employees' domestic partners, and that the Consultant will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (2025), as may be amended or revised, ("Section 2-187"), during the entire term of this Agreement.
2. The failure of the Consultant 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 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.

2.33 E-Verify

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, the Consultant and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

1. The Consultant shall require each of its subconsultants, if any, to provide the Consultant with an affidavit stating that the subconsultant does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Consultant shall maintain a copy of the subconsultant's affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance with the public records requirements of this Agreement.
2. The City, the Consultant, 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 (2025), 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 (2025), as may be amended or revised, but that the Consultant otherwise complied with Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, shall promptly notify Consultant and order the Consultant to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor, and the Consultant shall comply with such order.
4. A contract terminated under Subparagraph 448.095(5)(c)1. or 2., Florida Statutes (2025), 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

(2025), as may be amended or revised, the Consultant may not be awarded a public contract for at least one year after the date on which the contract was terminated. The Consultant is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of termination of this Agreement.

5. Consultant shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any, the requirements set forth in this Section 2.33, including this subparagraph, requiring any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, to include all of the requirements of this Section 2.33 in their subcontracts. Consultant shall be responsible for compliance by any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

2.34 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING, KIDNAPPING, CUSTODY AND RELATED OFFENSES

Bidder, proposer, quoter, or any other respondent to any City solicitation/notice or serving as a City consultant, contractor, vendor or otherwise entering into any contract (including, without limitation, contract renewal, extension, amendment as applicable) with the City affirms and stipulates that it is not in violation of Section 787.06(13) of the 2025 Florida Statutes entitled "Kidnapping; Custody Offenses; Human Trafficking and Related Offenses." The entity (which includes any business entity however formed/ incorporated) intending to provide goods or services by submitting a response to a city solicitation further affirms to the City as a governmental entity defined in Section 287.138(1) of the 2025 Florida Statutes that it does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06 of the 2025 Florida Statutes.

2.35 SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

1. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the consultant is required to verify that none of the consultant's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
2. The consultant must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
3. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the City, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
4. The proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

2.36 BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

Consultants that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must certify that they have not and will not use federal funds to pay any person or organization to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, or other listed individuals in connection with obtaining any federal contract or award. The Consultant must complete and submit the required Certification Regarding Lobbying form with their response.

2.37 CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

In accordance clean air act and the federal water pollution control act, the Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), and will report violations to FEMA and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

2.38 ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Consultant shall provide the City, the State of Florida, FEMA, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor that are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of audit, examination, or administrative review.

2.39 PROHIBITION ON COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

The Consultant shall not procure or use covered telecommunications equipment or services as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 in the performance of this contract.

2.40 DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS

The Sub-Recipient must avoid duplication of benefits between the HMGP and any other form of assistance, as required by Section 312 of the Stafford Act, and further clarification in 44 CFR 206.191.(12) Sub-Recipient Management Costs (SRMC), implemented under the Disaster Relief and Recovery Act of 2018 (DRRA), amended Section 324 of the Stafford Act, and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Management Costs (Interim) FEMA Policy 104-11-1, provides 100% federal funding under HMGP to Sub-Recipients to efficiently manage the grant and complete activities in a timely manner.

- a) SRMC must conform to 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, applicable program regulations, and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance (2015), ensuring costs are reasonable, allowable, allocable and necessary to the overall project.
- b) Funding is for approved indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and administrative expenses associated with this specific project and shall have adequate documentation.
- c) SRMC cannot exceed 5% of the total project costs awarded.
- d) SRMC is 100% federally funded and will be reimbursed based on actual costs incurred for each individual Request for Reimbursement (RFR) submitted with the required documentation.
- e) SRMC shall be reconciled against actual costs on a quarterly basis and annual basis.
- f) If the Final Project Reconciliation results in a reduction of total project costs, any resulting SRMC overpayment shall be reimbursed back to the State for return to FEMA prior to FEMA Closeout.

END OF SECTION

SECTION III - SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 Purpose

The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Design Professional firms to develop 100% Construction Documents for a FEMA P-361–compliant hurricane safe room at the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at 2200 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. This Phase I design effort is funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), as approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (Division) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Sections 3.3 and 3.4 contain a list of services that may be required. This list shall not be construed as an exclusive list of activities that successful firm(s) 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 construction management consultants, and for which the firm(s) are experienced, qualified, and able to perform.

3.1.1 Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Safe Room and Generator – Phase I

The new hurricane safe room and generator is to be constructed in the same parcel where the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located at 2200 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

3.2 Scope of Services

The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified design professionals in response to this Request for Qualifications for the purpose of developing 100% construction documents for the Phase I design, which includes the engineering designs and calculations, surveys, permitting, and notices. The Phase I Construction Documents will be used to solicit bids for construction in Phase II.

3.3 Design Professional Firm’s Requirements, Responsibilities & Services

The selected Consultant shall develop concise, performance-oriented drawings and specifications with sufficient information to permit Construction/Construction Management firms to prepare a bid or proposal, or to permit the City to enter into a negotiated contract. The 100% design shall specify performance- based criteria for the project, including legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements.

3.4 Project Description

The City proposes constructing a new stand-alone hurricane safe room on the same parcel as the existing Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This request is for Phase I only, which includes (but is not limited to) surveying, engineering, design, plan preparation, permitting, and bidding assistance for the eventual construction (Phase II) of the project.

The design shall include a stand-alone hurricane safe room, certified by a licensed professional to meet or exceed FEMA P-361 standards. The proposed design should encompass approximately 15,000 square feet and provide near-absolute protection against wind events up to 200 MPH for 300 EOC personnel. Occupants will include command and control staff, planners, internal and external services personnel, community stability teams, public information officers, documentation staff, and EOC management.

The current EOC cannot adequately support or protect all personnel during emergencies,

resulting in delays in response operations. The new safe room will allow relocation of staff from the existing facility and ensure continued operations during severe weather events.

The project will also include backup power for the safe room, to be provided by a 500-kW diesel generator, or an appropriately sized alternative as determined during the bid process by the vendor and/or a licensed electrical engineer. The generator design shall include an automatic transfer switch (ATS), wind-rated enclosure, fuel tank, concrete pad, and all required electrical connections.

The facility and generator will enable the EOC to maintain operations and mitigate power loss during and after severe weather.

Design and construction shall adhere to the Department of Homeland Security's FEMA P-361, which references applicable ICC 500 and ASCE 7 standards. Construction documents for community safe rooms with more than 50 occupants, as well as for Risk Category IV buildings or facilities such as schools or daycares with over 16 occupants, must undergo peer review.

Allowable costs include new construction, retrofits, and dual-use facilities, provided they are directly related to the hazard mitigation purpose of ensuring immediate life-safety protection. Only eligible expenditures that are directly related to and necessary for the hazard mitigation purpose of providing immediate life-safety protection shall be reimbursed. Eligible and ineligible costs are outlined in the latest edition of the HMA Guidance Addendum, available at https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15_hma_addendum.pdf

All design and construction activities shall be completed in strict compliance with Federal, State and Local applicable Rules and Regulations.

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 the online strategic sourcing platform. Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the various vendor Guides and Tutorials available in the online strategic sourcing platform well in advance of their intention to submit 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 proposals in accordance with the requirements of this RFQ. Please read the entire solicitation before submitting a proposal. Proposers must provide a response to each requirement of the RFQ. Proposals 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 proposal to be rejected and deemed non-responsive.

The Proposer understands that the information contained in its 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 All proposals are the property of the City. Subject to certain statutory exemptions, all records made or received by the City in connection with this RFQ, including the Proposer's response to this RFQ, are public records subject to public inspection and copying. 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 or otherwise exempt from disclosure or confidential pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. In the event the Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is a trade secret or otherwise exempt from disclosure or confidential pursuant to Florida, the Proposer must clearly indicate that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt from disclosure or confidential. The Proposer must specifically identify the statutory authority for the exemption claimed. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to

the RF constitutes a trade secret or is otherwise exempt from disclosure or confidential. The City's determination of whether an exemption applies shall control, and the Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agents from and against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of any information submitted by the Proposer as a trade secret or otherwise exempt from disclosure or confidential and the City's treatment of any information submitted by the Proposer as public record. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected. EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS OR OTHERWISE CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFQ AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFQ OR ANY PART OF YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFQ AS COPYRIGHTED.

4.1.6 IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (2025), TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV, 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 1 EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 444, 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 (2025), 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 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.

4.1.7 By submitting a response, Proposer is confirming that the firm has not been placed on the convicted vendors list as described in Section 287.133(2)(a), Florida Statutes; that the only person(s), company or parties interested in the proposal as principals are named therein; that the proposal is made without collusion with any other person(s), company or parties submitting a proposal; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith, without collusion or fraud; and that the signer of the proposal has full authority to bind the firm.

4.2 Contents of the Proposal

The City deems certain documentation and information important in the determination of responsiveness and for the purpose of evaluating 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 proposal and meet the requirements of the scope of work and/or specifications. Additional documents and information should be provided as deemed appropriate by the respondent in response to specific requirements of 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 Qualifications and Experience of the Firm/Team

Respondents must provide documentation demonstrating their ability to meet all minimum qualification requirements. Firms should clearly establish their capability to perform architectural, engineering, and related professional services for the design of an Emergency Operations Center or similarly complex mission-critical facility. This includes identifying relevant professional licenses, certifications, and technical designations, along with demonstrating specialized expertise in resilient, hardened, or essential facility design, including compliance with ICC-500, FEMA P-361, and continuity-of-operations standards. A Standard Form 330 may be used to present this information.

Respondents must indicate the firm's years of experience performing professional services related to the work contemplated and describe internal practices or policies that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and resource conservation. Firms must identify their business structure (e.g., Corporation, Partnership, LLC), verify legal registration to conduct business in the State of Florida, and disclose applicable Minority- or Woman-Owned Business status. Submissions must include the firm's primary address, contact details, website, and the names of designated point(s) of contact, along with the firm's relative size and pertinent professional licenses.

Respondents must also identify the members of the proposed project team, which may be presented using a Standard Form 330. An organizational chart is recommended to show team structure and assigned responsibilities. For each individual—including subconsultants—provide a concise résumé (maximum two pages) outlining education, relevant experience, professional licenses, and specific responsibilities on the project. Each

résumé must clearly describe the individual's role, capacity, and anticipated level of involvement. Additional documentation may be included to demonstrate compliance with minimum qualification requirements; submittals lacking such information may be deemed non-responsive.

A comprehensive summary must also be provided for the individual(s) proposed to serve as the Project Manager, detailing their qualifications, leadership abilities, and demonstrated success managing projects of similar size, complexity, and mission-critical public-sector function.

4.2.4 Approach to Scope of Work

Respondents must provide a concise narrative demonstrating their understanding of the City's objectives for Phase I, including the development of complete (100%) construction documents for a standalone, approximately 15,000-square-foot FEMA P-361 safe room designed to protect 300 EOC personnel against wind events up to 200 MPH, and the design of an associated backup power system, including a 500-kW generator, automatic transfer switch (ATS), wind-rated enclosure, fuel system, pad, and all required electrical components. The narrative shall reflect familiarity with the hazard-mitigation purpose of the project, HMGP requirements, and all applicable Federal, State, and Local regulations governing design, documentation, cost eligibility, and compliance verification.

Respondents must describe their technical approach and methodology for completing the full Phase I Scope of Services, including surveying, engineering analyses, architectural and structural design, calculations, performance-based specifications, site development requirements, stormwater and drainage planning, parking and access considerations, utility coordination, permitting, and preparation of bid-ready construction documents consistent with the Scope of Work. The approach shall describe how peer-review requirements for community safe rooms with more than 50 occupants will be integrated into the project workflow and how compliance with FEMA P-361 certification criteria will be achieved and documented.

Respondents must present a project management plan that describes stakeholder coordination, internal quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures, constructability considerations, risk identification and mitigation strategies, and methods for ensuring accuracy and completeness of the final deliverables. A realistic, logically sequenced schedule must be provided from Notice to Proceed through the delivery of 100% construction documents, including major tasks, milestones, review periods, permitting durations, and integration of peer review. The schedule shall reflect the City's expectation for expeditious completion of Phase I.

Respondents must summarize their current and anticipated workload and demonstrate how this project will be prioritized within their organization, including the availability and commitment of key personnel and the firm's capacity to allocate necessary resources throughout the design process.

Finally, firms shall describe the facilities, technological capabilities, and specialized resources that will support the execution of this project, such as advanced modeling and analysis tools, secure communication systems, and other technical assets that contribute to efficient, compliant, and accurate development of the construction documents.

4.2.5 History and Past Performance of the Firm / References

Respondents shall provide a documented record of past performance on projects demonstrating reliability, effectiveness, and the ability to deliver accurate, biddable construction documents for complex public-sector facilities. Submittals should highlight experience with hazard-mitigation projects, mission-critical or hardened facilities, Risk Category IV buildings, and projects requiring compliance with FEMA P-361, ICC 500, ASCE 7, or comparable high-resilience standards.

Respondents must provide summaries of at least three representative projects completed within the past ten (10) years. Each summary must identify the firm's role, project scope, key technical features, and performance outcomes, including schedule adherence, budget accuracy, design quality, permitting success, coordination of peer review (if applicable), and client responsiveness. This information should demonstrate the firm's ability to support the City through design, permitting, peer review, and bidding phases.

Complete reference information must be provided for each project, preferably for government agency clients. Each reference shall include the client's name, address, contact person, telephone number, and e-mail address; a description of the work performed; the firm's involvement; the year(s) of completion; and the total construction cost, including both estimated and actual amounts.

The City reserves the right to contact listed references and other project owners not identified in the submittal to verify the respondent's past performance and service quality.

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

4.2.6 Risk Management & Hazard Mitigation Design Approach

Respondents must describe their overall philosophy and methodology for identifying, assessing, and managing risks associated with the design and development of a FEMA P-361-compliant safe room and generator system. The response should demonstrate a thorough understanding of the project's critical operational requirements, potential hazards, and technical challenges.

Respondents shall identify anticipated risks—including structural, environmental, regulatory, schedule, and coordination-related risks—and provide specific strategies for addressing or mitigating those risks through design decisions, documentation practices, coordination protocols, and quality control procedures. Respondents shall describe how hazard-mitigation principles, site-specific hazard assessments, redundancy planning, and continuity-of-operations considerations will be incorporated into the design.

The submission must also outline internal controls, risk-monitoring practices, and procedures for early identification and resolution of issues that could affect safety, compliance, cost eligibility, or project schedule. The firm should demonstrate experience applying HMGP requirements, FEMA P-361 and ICC 500 criteria, HMA/HMGP guidance, and other relevant Federal and State regulations to ensure that the project meets all technical, documentation, and funding compliance requirements.

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 Subconsultants

Consultant must clearly identify any subconsultants 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

c. Non-Discrimination Certification Form

d. E-Verify Affirmation Statement

e. Contract Payment Method

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

f. Bid/Proposal Certification

g. Affidavit of Compliance with Foreign Entity Laws

h. Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

i. Drug Free Workplace Certification

j. Certification Regarding Lobbying

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 proposal as submitted. Evaluation procedures shall be governed by the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised. 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 fewer than three (3) submittals, assuming that three or more submittals have been received, that it deems 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** In accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2025), 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 City, 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 City may request, accept, and consider proposals for the compensation to be paid under the contract only during competitive negotiations under Subsection 287.055(5), Florida Statutes (2025).
- 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

Criteria	Percentage
1. Qualifications and Experience of Firm / Team <i>Demonstrate experience providing architectural, engineering, and related professional services for complex, mission-critical, and hazard-mitigation facilities, including FEMA P-361–compliant safe rooms. Document the firm’s professional licenses, certifications, technical expertise, and years of relevant experience, with emphasis on public-sector projects of comparable size, scope, and complexity. Identify the proposed project team, including key personnel and subconsultants, and include concise résumés outlining education, relevant experience, roles, responsibilities, and anticipated level of involvement. Provide a detailed summary of the Project Manager’s qualifications, leadership experience, and demonstrated success in managing similar projects.</i>	20
2. Approach to Scope of Work <i>Demonstrate understanding of the City’s objectives for Phase I, including development of 100% construction documents for the standalone FEMA P-361 safe room and associated generator. Describe methodology, technical strategies, project management approach, and QA/QC procedures to ensure compliance with all Federal, State, and Local requirements. Provide a realistic, logically sequenced schedule showing allocation of key personnel and resources to complete the project efficiently. Identify available facilities, technological capabilities, and other resources to support accurate, timely, and high-quality project delivery.</i>	30
3. History and Past Performance of the Firm <i>Provide documented history of past performance on projects of similar size, complexity, and regulatory requirements, emphasizing hazard-mitigation, mission-critical, or hardened facilities. Include at least three representative projects completed within the last ten years, describing the firm’s role, project scope, key technical elements, and performance outcomes, including adherence to schedule and budget, quality of deliverables, permitting success, and client responsiveness. Provide complete reference information, preferably for government clients, including contact details and total project costs. Demonstrate ability to deliver accurate, biddable construction documents and effective support throughout design, permitting, and procurement phases.</i>	25

4. **Risk Management & Hazard Mitigation Design Approach** 25

Describe philosophy and methodology for identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks associated with the design and development of the FEMA P-361 safe room and generator system. Identify structural, environmental, regulatory, schedule, and coordination-related risks, and outline strategies to minimize their impact through design, documentation, coordination, and QA/QC measures. Demonstrate experience applying hazard-mitigation principles, FEMA P-361, ICC 500, HMA/HMGP guidance, and other relevant standards to ensure safety, compliance, and operational continuity. Describe internal controls and procedures for early identification and resolution of potential risks to maintain schedule, cost, and quality objectives.

TOTAL

100%

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 the 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)

RFQ Event No. _____

AGREEMENT

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____day of _____, 202__, 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 _____, 202__, authorized by motion the execution of this Agreement between CONSULTANT and CITY authorizing the performance of Design Services for Emergency Operations Center, RFQ No. 536, 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 AGREEMENT: Means this document between the CITY and CONSULTANT dated _____, 202__, and any duly authorized and executed Amendments to Agreement.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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 on the Project.
- 1.4 CHANGE ORDER: A written order executed by both Parties to the CONSULTANT 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.
- 1.5 CITY: The City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality.
- 1.6 CITY MANAGER: The City Manager of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- 1.7 COMMISSION: The City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which is the governing body of the CITY government.
- 1.8 CONSTRUCTION COST: The total construction cost to CITY of all elements of the Project designed or specified by CONSULTANT.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 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.
- 1.11 CONSULTANT: [REDACTED], the CONSULTANT selected to perform professional services pursuant to this Agreement.
- 1.12 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: The Public Works 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.
- 1.13 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Any or all of the following documents: The Solicitation (City of Fort Lauderdale Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Event No.536), this Agreement, all Exhibits attached to this Agreement, City approved Change Orders, Addenda or Amendments to all related documents to the Change Orders, Specifications (quality) and drawings (location and quantity) of CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT'S response to City of Fort Lauderdale RFQ Event No.536.
- 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 Public Works Director 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.
- 1.24 RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: Individuals or entities selected, employed, compensated by and directed to perform services on behalf of CITY, in monitoring the Construction Phase of the Project to completion.
- 1.25 SUBCONTRACTOR/SUBCONSULTANT: A person or an entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration, as defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025).
- 1.26 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION: The CITY will consider the work substantially complete when the Contractor submits nearly 100% complete of major deliverables (i.e. Drawings, Specifications, Reports, Renderings) as described in this Agreement to the satisfaction of the City.
- 1.27 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.
- 1.28 TIME OF COMPLETION: Time in which the entire work shall be completed for this Agreement.

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 (2025), as may be amended or revised, CITY formed a Committee to evaluate CONSULTANT's statement of qualifications and performance data to ensure that CONSULTANT met the requirements of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, as set forth in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised and selected CONSULTANT to perform services hereunder.

ARTICLE 3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 3.1 The CONSULTANT shall perform the following professional services: Professional Design Services for Emergency Operations Center, as more specifically described in Exhibit "A," Scope of Services, attached hereto and incorporated herein. CONSULTANT shall provide all services set forth in Exhibit "A" including all necessary, incidental and related activities and services required by the Scope of Services and contemplated in CONSULTANT's level of effort. CONSULTANT will perform the Services in accordance with standard industry practices, with the care, knowledge and skill expected of similar engineering firms. No other warranties, express or implied are made or intended.
- 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, and at CONSULTANT's sole risk.
- 3.3 CITY and CONSULTANT acknowledge that Basic Services described in Exhibit "A" are included in the fee agreed upon. The CITY and CONSULTANT may negotiate additional scopes of services, compensation, time of performance and other related matters for future phases of Project. If CITY and CONSULTANT cannot contractually agree, CITY shall have the right to immediately terminate negotiations at no cost to CITY and procure services for future Project phases from another source.

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 (2025), as may be amended or revised, and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiation.
- 4.2 CONSULTANT shall include CITY's specific agreement number and title 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, Addenda or Amendments to all related documents.

Second priority: Specifications (quality) and Drawings (location and quantity) of CONSULTANT.

Third priority: This AGREEMENT.

Fourth priority: City of Fort Lauderdale Request for Qualifications No. RFQ 536.

Fifth priority: CONSULTANT's response to City of Fort Lauderdale Request for Qualifications No. RFQ 536.

- 5.2 Anything shown on the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications, 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 TERM OF AGREEMENT; TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

- 6.1 CONSULTANT shall perform the basic services described in Exhibit "A". The Project Activities and Time Schedule shall be automatically incorporated into this Agreement. Said time periods shall commence from the date of the Notice to Proceed for such services.
- 6.2 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 for the Contract Administrator's review.

- 6.3 In the event CONSULTANT is unable to complete the above 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 and shall provide reasonable compensation, if appropriate. 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.
- 6.4 In the event Contractor fails to substantially complete the Project on or before the substantial completion date specified in the project schedule with CITY or if Contractor is granted an extension of time beyond said substantial completion date, and CONSULTANT's services are extended beyond the substantial completion date, through no fault of CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT shall be compensated in accordance with Article 7 for all services rendered by CONSULTANT beyond the substantial completion date.
- 6.5 The term of this Agreement shall be limited to the time duration required to complete the basic services of the aforementioned project and any additional project related for additional services.

ARTICLE 7 COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

7.1 AMOUNT AND METHOD OF COMPENSATION

7.1.1 Not-To-Exceed Amount Compensation

CITY agrees to pay CONSULTANT as compensation for performance of basic services as related to Exhibit "A" required under the terms of this Agreement up to a Not-to-Exceed Amount of **(AGREEMENT TOTAL IN WORDS) (\$AGREEMENT TOTAL IN NUMBERS)**. 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 Exhibit "A" for total compensation in the amount of or less than that stated above. Compensation to be in accordance with the Cost Schedule and hourly billing rate schedule shown in Exhibit "B."

Except as required and provided for by the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, CITY shall not be liable for interest for any reason, whether as prejudgment interest or for any other purpose, and in furtherance thereof Consultant waives, rejects, disclaims and surrenders any and all entitlement it has or may have to receive interest in connection with a dispute or claim based on or related to this Agreement.

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 and profit. .

7.2 METHOD OF BILLING

7.2.1 Not-To-Exceed Amount Compensation

CONSULTANT shall submit billings, which are identified by the specific project number and title in a timely manner for all salary costs 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, 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, title, 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 CONSULTANT to modify the invoice or receipt by adding a project number, title 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.

7.3 REIMBURSABLES

7.3.1 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 this agreement only up to the Not-to-Exceed Amount of (REIMBURSABLE TOTAL IN WORDS) (\$REIMBURSABLE TOTAL IN NUMBERS). . Any reimbursable or portion thereof which, when added to the Reimbursables related to this agreement previously billed, exceeds the amount allocated above for this agreement 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).

- 7.3.2 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. Travel to and from the Project site or within the Tri-County Area will not be reimbursed.
- 7.3.3 It is acknowledged and agreed to by CONSULTANT that the dollar limitation set forth in this section 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.

7.4 METHOD OF PAYMENT

- 7.4.1 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.
- 7.4.2 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 mail 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.
- 7.4.3 Payments are scheduled to be made by CITY to CONSULTANT using a credit card/CITY Procurement Card (P-Card) or via check, whichever method is applicable to this agreement as determined by the solicitation. Payment will be made to CONSULTANT at:

(CONSULTANT's ADDRESS – include name of President etc., title, company name, address, telephone, e-mail)

ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 CITY or CONSULTANT may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services to be provided under this Agreement. 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 Agreement including the initiation of any additional services. CITY shall compensate CONSULTANT for such additional services as provided in Article 7.
- 8.3 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 8.2 above. During the pendency of any dispute, CONSULTANT shall promptly perform the disputed services.

ARTICLE 9 CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 Should the low or lowest responsive, responsible 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.

- 9.4 The CONSULTANT may be requested to provide the CITY with a list of recommended, prospective proposers.
- 9.5 The CONSULTANT may be asked to attend all pre-bid/proposal conferences.
- 9.6 The CONSULTANT shall recommend any addenda, through the Contract Administrator, as appropriate to clarify, correct, or change proposal/bid documents.
- 9.7 If pre-qualification of proposers is required as set forth in the request for qualification, CONSULTANT shall assist the CITY, if requested, in developing qualification criteria, review qualifications and recommending acceptance or rejection of the proposers. If requested, CONSULTANT shall evaluate responses and respondents and make recommendations regarding any award by the CITY.
- 9.8 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.
- 9.9 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.
 - 9.9.1 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.
 - 9.9.2 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.

- 9.9.3 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.
- 9.9.4 To obtain such recovery, the CITY shall deduct from CONSULTANT's fee a sufficient amount to recover all such additional cost to the CITY.
- 9.9.5 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.
- 9.9.6 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 10 CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 CITY shall review the itemized deliverables/documents identified per Exhibit A..
- 10.4 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 11 MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 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), as may be amended or revised. 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 subconsultants. 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.

11.2 TERMINATION

11.2.1 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 11.27. 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 the 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 11.27, 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 11.27, NOTICES.

11.2.2 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.

11.2.3 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.

11.3 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.

11.4 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.

11.5 MINORITY PARTICIPATION

The CONSULTANT shall make a good faith effort to help the CITY maintain and encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprise(DBE) participation levels consistent with such historical levels and market conditions. The CONSULTANT may 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.

11.6 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES ACT

In accordance with the Public Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2025), 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 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), 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.

11.7 SUBCONSULTANTS

11.7.1 CONSULTANT may subcontract certain items of work to 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.

11.7.2 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 SUBCONSULTANTS HERE)

11.8 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 11.7.

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.

11.9 INDEMNIFICATION OF CITY

11.9.1 CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless CITY, 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 intentional misconduct of CONSULTANT and persons employed or utilized by CONSULTANT in the performance of this Agreement. These indemnifications shall survive the term of this Agreement. In the event that any action or proceeding is brought against CITY by reason of any such claim or demand, CONSULTANT shall, upon written notice from CITY, resist and defend such action or proceeding by counsel approved by the CITY.

11.9.2 To the extent considered necessary by the 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.

11.9.3 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 11.9.1 above that may be brought against CITY whether performed by CONSULTANT, or persons employed or utilized by CONSULTANT

11.10 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 (2025), as may be amended or revised, or to extend the CITY's liability beyond the limits established in said Section 768.28 (2025), 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 11.10 do not apply to monies owed, if any, for services rendered to CONSULTANT by the CITY under the provisions of this Agreement.

11.11 INSURANCE

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11.12 REPRESENTATIVE OF CITY AND CONSULTANT

11.12.1 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.

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

11.13 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.

11.14 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.

11.15 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

CONSULTANT is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by CONSULTANT shall be subject to the supervision of CITY. 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.

11.16 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.

11.17 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.

11.18 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.

11.19 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.

11.20 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.

11.21 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.

11.22 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.

11.23 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 1-11 of this Agreement shall prevail and be given effect.

11.24 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.**

11.25 SOLICITATION AND EXHIBITS

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

11.26 ONE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

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

11.27 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: _____ (Public Works Directors Name))
Public Works Department
City of Fort Lauderdale
101 N.E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 2100
Fort Lauderdale, FL _____
Telephone: (954) 828-_____
E-mail: _____

With a copy to: City Manager
City of Fort Lauderdale
101 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Suite 2100
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

City Attorney
City of Fort Lauderdale
1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 1320
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

CONSULTANT: NAME _____
TITLE _____
COMPANY NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
STATE AND ZIP _____
Telephone: (____) _____
Email: _____

11.28 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.

11.29 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.

11.30 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.

11.31 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.

11.32 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 contract.

11.33 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 DBE participation in CITY projects, when applicable. 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.

11.34 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.

11.35 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 Iran Terrorism Sectors List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), 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 (2025), 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 (2025), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or been placed on a list created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, relating to scrutinized active business operations in Iran, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2025), 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 (2025), as may be amended or revised.

11.36 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, 1 EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 444,, 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.
3. 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.

11.37 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/proposal prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

11.38 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.

11.39 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.

11.40 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.

11.41 E-VERIFY

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, the CONSULTANT and its subconsultants shall register with and use the E-Verify system to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

1. The CONSULTANT shall require each of its subconsultants, if any, to provide the CONSULTANT with an affidavit stating that the subconsultant does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The CONSULTANT shall maintain a copy of the subconsultant's affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance with the public records requirements of this Agreement.
2. The CITY, the CONSULTANT, or any subconsultant who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, shall terminate the Agreement with the person or entity.
3. The CITY, upon good faith belief that a subconsultant knowingly violated the provisions of Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, but that the CONSULTANT otherwise complied with Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, shall promptly notify CONSULTANT and order the CONSULTANT to immediately terminate the contract with the subconsultant, and the CONSULTANT shall comply with such order.
4. An Agreement terminated under Sections 448.095(5)(c)1. or 2., Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the CITY terminates this Agreement under Section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, the CONSULTANT may not be awarded a public contract for at least one year after the date on which the Agreement was terminated. The CONSULTANT is liable for any additional costs incurred by the CITY as a result of termination of this Agreement.
5. CONSULTANT shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any, the requirements set forth in this Section, including this subparagraph, requiring any and all subconsultants, as defined in Section 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, to include

all of the requirements of this Section—in its subcontracts. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for compliance by any and all subconsultants, as defined in Section 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

11.42 ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT shall provide the City with an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the CONSULTANT under penalty of perjury attesting that the CONSULTANT does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes as may be amended or revised.

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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: _____
Rickell Williams
City Manager

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
DAVID R. SOLOMAN
City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form and correctness:
D'Wayne Spence, Interim City Attorney

By: _____
Rhonda Montoya Hasan
Senior Assistant City Attorney

WITNESSES:

COMPANY NAME),
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 _____, 202__, by (NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER) as _____ (TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER) for _____ (NAME OF COMPANY), 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

EXHIBIT "B"
HOURLY BILLING RATES

Executive Summary Report

of

Event: 536-1 - Design Services for Emergency Operations Center

Buyer: MICHELLE LEMIRE

Date Range: 12/03/2025 02:00:00 PM - 01/28/2026 02:00:00 PM

Suppliers Notified: 600

Notified Suppliers 7
Responding:

All Suppliers 12
Responding:

Suppliers Responding

Supplier	Contact	Phone Number	E Mail	City	State Or Province	Total Bid Amount	Total Awarded	Response Attachment Exists
Walters Zackria Associates, PLLC	Abbas Zackria	954-522-4123	admin@wza-architects.com	Fort Lauderdale	FL	1.00	0.00	Yes
CPZ Architects, Inc.	Joseph Barry	9547928525	joe@cpzarchitects.com	PLANTATION	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	Patricia Bryant	6317568000	pbryant@h2m.com	Boca Raton	FL	1.00	0.00	Yes
Justin Architects, P.A.	Juan Justiniano	9547712724	marketing@justinarc.com	Fort Lauderdale	FL	1.00	0.00	Yes
Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc.	Charles Michelson	9542662700	marketing@saltzmichelson.com	Fort Lauderdale	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
West Architecture + Design, LLC	Matthew F. West	561-588-2027	pganci@west-arch.com	Lantana	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
Gurri Matute PA	Daphne Gurri	3056610069	gmpamarketing@gurri-matute.com	Miami	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
The Tamara Peacock Company Architects of Florida Inc.	Cristin Peacock	9547288000	cristin@peacockarchitect.com	Fort Lauderdale	FL	1.00	0.00	Yes
Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc.	William Bethea	941-231-8976	william.bethea@teamduct.com	Sarasota	FL	1.00	0.00	Yes
OLC	Victoria Swidarski	4079920470	vswidarski@olcdesigns.com	Orlando	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes

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Kaller Architecture	Laurie Yoder	954-920-5746	laurie@kallerarchitects.com	Hollywood	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes
Stratus Team, LLC	Mark Archer	954-961-6806	mark.archer@stratusteam.com	Fort Lauderdale	FL	0.00	0.00	Yes

Event Lines And Responses

Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER-	Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Safe Room and Generator - Phase I The new hurricane safe room and generator is to be constructed in the same parcel where the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located at 2200 Executive Airport Way, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.	EA	1.0000

Responses

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Walters Zackria Associates, PLLC	1.0000	EA	1.000	0.00
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H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	1.0000	EA	1.000	0.00
Justin Architects, P.A.	1.0000	EA	1.000	0.00
Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc.	1.0000	EA	0.000	0.00
West Architecture + Design, LLC	1.0000	EA	0.000	0.00
Gurri Matute PA	1.0000	EA	0.000	0.00
The Tamara Peacock Company Architects of Florida Inc.	1.0000	EA	1.000	0.00
Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc.	1.0000	EA	1.000	0.00
OLC	1.0000	EA	0.000	0.00
Kaller Architecture	1.0000	EA	0.000	0.00

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Responses				
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Stratus Team, LLC	1.0000	EA	0.000	0.00

Header Questions And Responses

QUESTION

Required Forms: Did you complete the Required Forms Package? Please upload the completed forms here.

Question Responses		
Supplier	Name	Answer
58	Walters Zackria Associates, PLLC	Yes
300	CPZ Architects, Inc.	Yes
1192	H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	Yes
1794	Justin Architects, P.A.	Yes
1870	Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc.	Yes
3708	West Architecture + Design, LLC	Yes
4498	Gurri Matute PA	Yes
4685	The Tamara Peacock Company Architects of Florida Inc.	Yes
5368	Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc.	Yes
5390	OLC	Yes
5396	Kaller Architecture	Yes
5501	Stratus Team, LLC	Yes

QUESTION

Licensing Requirements: Do you meet the licensing requirements of this solicitation? Please upload supporting documentation here.

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Q And A

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Diversified Technology Consultants, Inc.	On the Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit under the notary section is shows 2024 for the date. Can we cross that off and type in 2025?	Yes, you may update the date on the Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit to reflect the date of execution.
H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	Can the City provide the construction budget and total budget for this project?	The budget is \$11,500,000 for design and construction.
H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	Please confirm that the peer reviewer described in the RFP is the responsibility of the City and independent of the selected consultant team.	Confirmed. The City will be responsible for the peer review.
H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	Is there a date that work must be completed per the grant?	In accordance with the HMGP grant, the due date for 100% design is July 31, 2026. The due date for construction has not been established at this stage.

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H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	We understand the Human Trafficking Affidavit must have a wet signature. Should we deliver an original form to the City's office, or is simply uploading via the portal sufficient?	You may upload via the portal. Original wet signature pages will be requested from the awarded consultant at contract execution.
OLC	Can a copy of the drawings of the existing EOC/Fire Station project be provided?	As-built drawings of the existing EOC may be obtained by completing the attached Plans Request Form and submitting as instructed.
OLC	Does the City have a more detailed space program (room list, functional adjacencies, or target square footages) available for the proposed facility? Or, is detailed Programming to be included as part of the design scope?	Detailed programming is part of the design scope and must be contemplated in proposals.
OLC	Is the City anticipating the relocation of the command and operations center from the existing area to the new building? And if so, what is the intended use of the existing space in the Fire Station? Is the repurposing/renovation of that existing sp	The current EOC remain to be utilized as an alternate location/training and conference space.
OLC	Will the spaces within the new safe room function as active operational offices before or after hurricane or emergency events? Or are they intended solely for significant life-safety threats, emergency operations and situations only?	Yes, the spaces in the safe room will function as active operational offices on a regular basis.
OLC	Are any spaces anticipated to be used for temporary sleeping or resting (such as conference or multipurpose rooms) during extended emergency operations? If so, approximately how many personnel are anticipated to be accommodated at any given time?	Yes. Ideally the space would accommodate approximately 30 personnel during a lockdown event.
OLC	Is the inclusion of staff support spaces, such as a break room, dining area, or food service support, anticipated as part of the program for extended occupancy events?	Yes.
OLC	Is the expansion of the site to the west a possibility? (Transfer land from the Airport to this project, relocate detention pond).	The City has not contemplated expansion of the site to include the retention pond. This may be discussed with leadership if the selected design recommends it.
SGM Engineering, Inc.	Can you share the sign-in sheet from the pre-proposal meeting?	Please see attached.
H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc.	Is there a date that design and bid work (Phase I) must be completed per the grant? Is there a date by which construction (Phase II) must be completed per the grant?	In accordance with the HMGP grant, the due date for 100% design is July 31, 2026. The due date for construction has not been established at this stage.

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EXP US Services	Can the Sign in sheet from the prebid meeting be uploaded?	Please see attached.
OLC	Are the use of SF 330 forms required or preferred? If so, would it just be Part I - A, B, C, D and E?	The City has no preference regarding the format used to submit qualifications. Firms may submit their qualifications in any format they choose. However, if a firm elects to submit an SF 330, both Part I and Part II should be included in the submission.
Gurri Matute PA	Would the City consider extending the deadline due to holidays? Coordinating deliverables has been challenging due to varying vacations.	The opening date has been changed to January 28, 2026. Refer to addendum No. 1.

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

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

PART I BIDDER PROPOSAL PAGE(S) CONDITIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1.10 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:** It is the desire of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the City does not have any preference or set

aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms. Proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishments and intended actions in this area. If proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties have to be identified in the proposal. If a proposer is considered for award, he or she will be asked to meet with City staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation can be formalized and included in the subsequent contract.

1.11 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES: As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, 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. As a condition precedent to any contract for goods or services of any amount and as a condition precedent to the renewal of any contract for goods or services of any amount, the Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2022), 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.

1.12 DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED BIDDERS OR PROPOSERS

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

Part II DEFINITIONS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSAL – a proposal received in response to an RFP.

BIDDER – Person or firm submitting a Bid.

PROPOSER – Person or firm submitting a Proposal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSULTANT – A firm providing professional services for the city.

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

PART III BIDDING AND AWARD PROCEDURES:

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

3.02 MODEL NUMBER CORRECTIONS: If the model number for the make specified in this ITB is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bidder proposal page. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.

3.03 PRICES QUOTED: Deduct trade discounts and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. In the case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price quoted will govern. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears

freight charges, Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Each item must be bid separately. No attempt shall be made to tie any item or items contained in the ITB with any other business with the City.

- 3.04 TAXES:** The City of Fort Lauderdale is exempt from Federal Excise and Florida Sales taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. Exemption number for EIN is 59-6000319, and State Sales tax exemption number is 85-8013875578C-1.
- 3.05 WARRANTIES OF USAGE:** Any quantities listed in this ITB as estimated or projected are provided for tabulation and information purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.
- 3.06 APPROVED EQUAL:** When the technical specifications call for a brand name, manufacturer, make, model, or vendor catalog number with acceptance of APPROVED EQUAL, it shall be for the purpose of establishing a level of quality and features desired and acceptable to the City. In such cases, the City will be receptive to any unit that would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal. In that the specified make and model represent a level of quality and features desired by the City, the Bidder must state clearly in the bid any variance from those specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information, in the bid, to enable the City to ensure that the bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the bid, it may be rejected. The City will be the sole judge in determining if the item bid qualifies as an approved equal.
- 3.07 MINIMUM AND MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:** The technical specifications may include items that are considered minimum, mandatory, or required. If any Bidder is unable to meet or exceed these items, and feels that the technical specifications are overly restrictive, the bidder must notify the Procurement Services Division immediately. Such notification must be received by the Procurement Services Division prior to the deadline contained in the ITB, for questions of a material nature, or prior to five (5) days before bid due and open date, whichever occurs first. If no such notification is received prior to that deadline, the City will consider the technical specifications to be acceptable to all bidders.
- 3.08 MISTAKES:** Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, delivery instructions and special conditions pertaining to the ITB. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle the bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed in the contract.
- 3.09 SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in Special Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.
- 3.10 LIFE CYCLE COSTING:** If so specified in the ITB, the City may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using Life Cycle Costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. The City reserves the right to use those or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.
- 3.11 BIDDING ITEMS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT:** In addressing environmental concerns, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages Bidders to submit bids or alternate bids containing items with recycled content. When submitting bids containing items with recycled content, Bidder shall provide documentation adequate for the City to verify the recycled content. The City prefers packaging consisting of materials that are degradable or able to be recycled. When specifically stated in the ITB, the City may give preference to bids containing items manufactured with recycled material or packaging that is able to be recycled.
- 3.12 USE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTS:** The City reserves the right to reject any part or all of any bids received and utilize other available governmental contracts, if such action is in its best interest.
- 3.13 QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION:** Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement Director reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.
- 3.14 BID SURETY:** If Special Conditions require a bid security, it shall be submitted in the amount stated. A bid security can be in the form of a bid bond or cashier's check. Bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after opening of bids. Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder after acceptance of the performance bond, if required; acceptance of insurance coverage, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; or conditions as stated in Special Conditions.
- 3.15 PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS/COPYRIGHT:** The Proposer's response to the RFP is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFP, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents, 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 bearing copyright symbols or otherwise purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part may 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 RFP AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.

3.16 PROHIBITION OF INTEREST: No contract will be awarded to a bidding firm who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the bidding firm has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidders must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's bidder lists and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City.

3.17 RESERVATIONS FOR AWARD AND REJECTION OF BIDS: The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variations to specifications contained in bids, and minor irregularities in the bidding process. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on a split order basis, lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB and whose bid is considered to best serve the City's interest. In determining the responsiveness of the offer and the responsibility of the Bidder, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform as required; whether the Bidder can perform promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder; the quality of past performance by the Bidder; the previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with related laws and ordinances; the sufficiency of the Bidder's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Bidder's supplies or services to the required use; the ability of the Bidder to provide future maintenance, service or parts; the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

If the ITB provides for a contract trial period, the City reserves the right, in the event the selected bidder does not perform satisfactorily, to award a trial period to the next ranked bidder or to award a contract to the next ranked bidder, if that bidder has successfully provided services to the City in the past. This procedure to continue until a bidder is selected or the contract is re-bid, at the sole option of the City.

3.18 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

3.19 BID PROTEST PROCEDURE: Any proposer or bidder who is not recommended for award of a contract and who alleges a failure by the city to follow the city's procurement ordinance or any applicable law may protest to the chief procurement officer, by delivering a letter of protest to the director of finance within five (5) days after a notice of intent to award is posted on the city's web site at the following url: <https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/finance/procurement-services/notices-of-intent-to-award>

The complete protest ordinance may be found on the city's web site at the following url: https://library.municode.com/fl/fort_lauderdale/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeid=cor_ch2ad_artvfi_div2pr_s2-182direpr

PART IV BONDS AND INSURANCE

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

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

4.02 INSURANCE: The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in Special Conditions.

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

PART V PURCHASE ORDER AND CONTRACT TERMS:

5.01 COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, LATE DELIVERIES/PENALTIES: Items offered may be tested for compliance with bid specifications. Items delivered which do not conform to bid specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense. Any violation resulting in contract termination for cause or delivery of items not conforming to specifications, or late delivery may also result in:

- Bidder's name being removed from the City's bidder's mailing list for a specified period and Bidder will not be recommended for any award during that period.
- All City Departments being advised to refrain from doing business with the Bidder.
- All other remedies in law or equity.

5.02 ACCEPTANCE, CONDITION, AND PACKAGING: The material delivered in response to ITB award shall remain the property of the Seller until a physical inspection is made and the material accepted to the satisfaction of the City. The material must comply fully with the terms of the ITB, be of the required quality, new, and the latest model. All containers shall be suitable for storage and shipment by common carrier, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging. The City will not accept substitutes of any kind. Any substitutes or material not meeting specifications will be returned at the Bidder's expense. Payment will be made only after City receipt and acceptance of materials or services.

5.03 SAFETY STANDARDS: All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of the Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended.

- 5.04 ASBESTOS STATEMENT:** All material supplied must be 100% asbestos free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies that if awarded any portion of the ITB the bidder will supply only material or equipment that is 100% asbestos free.
- 5.05 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, the bidder may, if the bidder has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.
- 5.06 VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PROCEDURE:** No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any City employee. Only those communications which are in writing from an authorized City representative may be considered. Only written communications from Contractors, which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.
- 5.07 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Proposer shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in this ITB, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.
- 5.08 INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** Contractor shall protect and defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, 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 act or omission by the Contractor or by any officer, employee, agent, invitee, subcontractor, or sublicensee of the Contractor. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.
- 5.09 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the provisions of this Agreement, the City may upon written notice to the Contractor terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, or with such part or parts of the Agreement as to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused to the City by reason of such default and termination. In the event of such termination, any completed services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of the City, become the City's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the City. The Contractor, however, shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by reason of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor can be determined.
- 5.10 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City reserves the right, in the City's best interest as determined by the City, to cancel any contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
- 5.11 CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:** The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 5.12 RECORDS/AUDIT:** The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City Auditor or the City Auditor's designee, during normal business hours and in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports, and records relating to this contract. The Contractor shall retain all books of account, reports, and records relating to this contract for the duration of the contract and for three years after the final payment under this Agreement, until all pending audits, investigations or litigation matters relating to the contract are closed, or until expiration of the records retention period prescribed by Florida law or the records retention schedules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Florida Department of State, whichever is later.
- 5.13 PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES:** The successful Contractor shall, at his/her/its own expense, obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to business to be carried out under this contract.
- 5.14 LAWS/ORDINANCES:** The Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances rules and regulations that would apply to this contract.
- NON-DISCRIMINATION:** The Contractor shall not, in any of its activities, including employment, discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, 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 Contractor certifies and represents that the Contractor will comply with Section 2-187, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, (2019), as may be amended or revised, ("Section 2-187"), during the entire term of this Agreement.
 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.
- 5.15 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If during a contract term where costs to the City are to remain firm or adjustments are restricted by a percentage or CPI cap, unusual circumstances that could not have been foreseen by either party of the contract occur, and those circumstances significantly affect the Contractor's cost in providing the required prior items or services, then the Contractor may request adjustments to the costs to the City to reflect the changed circumstances. The circumstances must be beyond the control of the Contractor, and the requested adjustments must be fully documented. The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City will reserve the following options:

1. The contract can be canceled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor with no penalty to the City or Contractor. The Contractor shall fill all City requirements submitted to the Contractor until the termination date contained in the notice.
2. The City requires the Contractor to continue to provide the items and services at the firm fixed (non-adjusted) cost until the termination of the contract term then in effect.
3. If the City, in its interest and in its sole opinion, determines that the Contractor in a capricious manner attempted to use this section of the contract to relieve Contractor of a legitimate obligation under the contract, and no unusual circumstances had occurred, the City reserves the right to take any and all action under law or equity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, declaring the Contractor in default and disqualifying Contractor from receiving any business from the City for a stated period of time.

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

5.16 ELIGIBILITY: If applicable, the Contractor must first register with the Florida Department of State in accordance with Florida Statutes, prior to entering into a contract with the City.

5.17 PATENTS AND ROYALTIES: The Contractor, without exception, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's employees, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including their use by the City. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include any and all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

5.18 ASSIGNMENT: Contractor shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this ITB without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this ITB, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City Commission or the City Manager or City Manager's designee, depending on original award approval.

5.19 GOVERNING LAW; VENUE: The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any lawsuit by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of the Contract, and for any other legal proceeding, shall be in the courts in and for Broward County, Florida, or in the event of federal jurisdiction, in the Southern District of Florida.

5.20 PUBLIC RECORDS:

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV, 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ONE EAST BROWARD BOULEVARD, SUITE 444, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.

Contractor shall comply with public records laws, and Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the City 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 (2019), 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 the contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

ADDENDUM NO. 1

RFQ No. 536
Design Services for Emergency Operations Center

ISSUED: January 6, 2026

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

1. The opening date has been changed to January 28, 2026.

All other terms, conditions, and specifications remain unchanged.

Michelle Lemire
Procurement Administrator

Company Name: _____
(please print)

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____