

**NASSAU COUNTY
FLORIDA**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO CREATE VISION PLAN AND PROVIDE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION SERVICES**

RFP NO. NC23-028

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN

April 26th @ 10:00 A.M.

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 INTRODUCTION:

Nassau County is located on the northeast coast of Florida and serves as the “Gateway to the Sunshine State.” The County is known as the birthplace of the modern shrimping industry and boasts a unique history and culture.

Nassau County, established in 1824, consists of 726 square miles of natural beauty located in the northeast corner of Florida along the Atlantic Ocean and Interstate 95. Nassau County borders Duval County (Jacksonville) and is less than 10 miles from the Jacksonville International Airport. Nassau has a county-wide population of 95,809, welcomes close to 1,000,000 visitors a year, and is a critical part of the Jacksonville MSA which boasts a full-time population of over 1.6 million. The Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) estimates that Nassau County grew by 4.21% from 2020-2021 ranking as the 4th fastest-growing county, by percent growth, in Florida. From 2020 to 2035, BEBR predicts Nassau County will be the seventh fastest-growing county in the State of Florida with a projected population expansion of 47.5% resulting in over 137,200 people calling Nassau County home. By 2050, BEBR predicts Nassau will be home to over 173,000 people. In addition, according to Lightcast's Talent Attraction Scorecard, from **2016-2020, Nassau County ranked as the #1 small county [<100,000 pop] in the Nation for Net Migration and Talent Attraction**

The County is in the midst of extraordinary change. Rapid urbanization has altered not only the physical and natural environment but also the social and cultural dynamics of the community. Residents of the County desire a balanced, thoughtful, and intentional path forward over the coming decades.

SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

2.1 OVERVIEW:

As part of Nassau County's (the County) bicentennial celebration, the community is embarking on an exciting and critical County-wide visioning exercise which will be the basis of a rewrite of the County's Comprehensive Plan. The visioning exercise, which is considered Phase One of the project, will have a planning horizon of 2050¹ and an intent to serve as a foundational document in rewriting the County's Comprehensive Plan which is considered Phase Two of this project. The budget to execute Phase One, visioning exercise, is \$500,000. The budget for Phase Two will be defined upon completion of Phase One and will be dependent upon the work necessary to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan and prepare preliminary documents/material for updating local land development regulations. In Nassau County, these preliminary documents/materials that serve as a precursor to drafting implementing legislation, e.g., updates to land development regulations, are referred to as the 'preliminary implementation framework'(PIF). The PIF forces staff to contemplate implementation during the formulation of the Comprehensive Plan's Goals, Objectives, and Policies to ensure any policy recommendation is implementable.

¹ The planning horizon is subject to change based on discussions with the selected firm. However, it is the intent of Nassau County is to craft a 2050 Comprehensive Plan. As such, it is the County's intent that the visioning document and Comprehensive Plan will have the same planning horizon be it 2050, 2055, 2060, etc. It is anticipated that the planning horizon will likely be tied to the North Florida Transportation Organization's long-range transportation model as that model will likely drive certain aspects of the Comprehensive Plan update.

The County is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to lead the community-wide Vision 2050 exercise and manage the necessary revisions of its Comprehensive Plan, also with a planning horizon of 2050. It is expected that the selected Consultant will have extensive experience executing community visioning exercises and crafting comprehensive plan elements in the State of Florida and in a manner consistent with Florida Law.

SECTION 3: SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES

Nassau County seeks to retain a highly qualified, dynamic, creative, and energetic Consultant with a positive and uplifting culture to guide the community through the visioning exercise and the subsequent update to the County's Comprehensive Plan. The selected Consultant will not only have tangible experience in executing effective civic engagement exercises across a broad spectrum of stakeholders with competing interests but will also have the technical knowledge and functional experience to produce a County-wide Vision Plan and execute a potentially substantial rewrite of the County's Comprehensive Plan in a manner consistent with Florida Law.

The visioning process must be transparent, engaging, and extensive to reach a broad audience with the use of innovative outreach efforts to be completed during the County's Bicentennial Celebration (1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024) with preliminary work beginning in the Summer of 2023. The visioning exercise will include extensive civic engagement. The selected Consultant will use a variety of effective, innovative, creative, and cutting-edge techniques to engage community stakeholders and ensure engagement with and participation by a broad and deep cross section of the community. The selected Consultant will have experience facilitating workshops, small and large community meetings, interactive exercises, design charrettes, and focus groups as well as other strategies aimed at capturing widespread public input in order to create an accurate framework for future decision-making. **The data collected will be the foundation of the subsequent amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan, and ultimately, land development regulations.**

The Comprehensive Plan, which is required by state law, includes principles, guidelines, standards, and strategies for the orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development of our community. The goals, objectives, and policies of the Plan reflect the County's commitment to implement the Plan and its elements. The County's Comprehensive Plan helps to guide future decisions and describes how the County's programs, activities, and land development regulations will be initiated, modified, or continued to be implemented as outlined within the Comprehensive Plan consistently.

The selected Consultant will understand the nuances of Florida Law and the necessary data for executing the rewrite of the County's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Consultant efforts shall, at a minimum, include the following. Respondents should review the narrative in the other sections of this document as well:

- Coordinated project management for this effort at the County's direction;

- Production and management of a project website that will be used to catalogue project progress, provide transparency and easy access to material for the public, serve as a repository of data, and house the digital/interactive version of the Plans adopted by the Board of County Commissioners;
- Creation of a project logo, tagline and other marketing material;
- Coordinate and facilitate a comprehensive and effective civic engagement program;
- Review and incorporation of foundational studies and documents completed within the last five years, and as otherwise identified by staff, into the Vision Plan;
- A comprehensive catalogue of the community sentiment, including the various engagement efforts, accurate analysis of the findings/outcomes, and all supporting data/material;
- Develop a Vision Plan and subsequently create goals, objectives and policies to be adopted into the County's Comprehensive Plan **that are based on the Vision Plan and are practical, implementable, obtainable in the State of Florida, and consistent with the directives of the Board of County Commissioners;**
- Presentation(s) of updates, final report, findings, and recommendations to Board of County Commissioners; and
- All native files, data, presentations, surveys, renderings, graphics, artwork, designs, and any other related material utilized to execute the assignment shall be delivered to Nassau County in their native format and shall be "unlocked" and accessible to the County for use. Nassau County shall have full legal authority and right to use any and all material as needed to further the needs of the County.

Consultants are encouraged to submit a proposal that addresses the essential elements described in the Scope of Work and captured in the various narrative sections within the RFP. Additional elements may be proposed that will improve the project outcome.

Both the core proposals and any additive alternatives and cost-efficiency measures must provide a clear description of the work, reasoning for consideration, timeline of tasks, and a fee proposal.

3.1.1 Services to be provided may include, but are not limited to:

- A comprehensive civic engagement program, execution of said program, and, upon completion of the project, a comprehensive catalogue of all civic engagement activity, feedback, and findings;
- Creation of a project logo, tagline and other marketing material;
- Production and management of a project website that will be used to catalogue project progress, provide transparency and easy access to material for the public, serve as a repository of data for use in Phase Two of the project, and house the digital/interactive version of the Vision Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners;
- A Vision Plan that documents the identified community values and a community vision statement along with key components supporting the vision;
- A digital/interactive Vision Plan hosted on the Vision 2050 website;
- Evaluation and revision of the County's Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Vision, any new legislation (since 2023), community resilience strategies, emerging planning trends, appropriateness of level of service standards, and other aspects deemed proper by the County. This will include the creation of **goals, objectives, and policies that are based on the Vision Plan and are practical, implementable, and obtainable in the State of Florida;**

- Condensed physical documents, also in pdf format, of both the Vision and Comprehensive Plan that can be easily distributed;
- Various workshops, meetings and presentations of updates, final report, findings, and recommendations as part of the Vision Plan adoption and Comprehensive Plan revision process;
- Attendance and delivery of expert testimony in the public hearing/adoption hearing process of the Vision Plan and Comprehensive Plan.
- An organized, efficient and comprehensive catalogue of all data used in the execution of the Vision Plan and Comprehensive Plan amendment.
- All native files, data, presentations, surveys, renderings, graphics, artwork, designs, and any other related material utilized to execute the assignment shall be delivered to Nassau County in their native format and shall be “unlocked” and accessible to the County for use. Nassau County shall have full legal authority and right to use any and all material as needed to further the needs of the County.

3.1.3 Performance Schedule

- The County requires the Consultant to be responsive and timely in the performance of the work and responding to general phone calls and emails from County project manager(s).
- The Consultant shall submit Monthly Progress Reports to the County project manager(s).
- The performance schedule required from the Consultant will be defined in the Agreement for Professional Services. However, it is expected that the selected Consultant will complete major project milestones in accordance with the Project Schedule in section 3.1.4 of this RFP unless otherwise negotiated.
- Finalization of the Vision Plan and Comprehensive Plan along with supporting data and analysis available for public consumption on the web and for physical reproduction, as well as an electronic version of all material including the Vision and Comprehensive Plans and support documents in ADA-compliant format for web-based publication.

3.1.4 Project Schedule

Summer of 2023: On or around 7/15/23, it is expected that the Consultant commence the necessary preparatory work to launch the outward facing portion of the visioning exercise on 1/1/24. This will include among other activities:

- Meetings and coordination with County management and technical staff,
- Review of the County’s Foundational Documents, Studies, and Publications,
- Review and research of community demographics, traditions, culture, and known preferences and priorities,
- Preparation of vision logo, tagline, and marketing material,
- Development of project website,
- Preparation of a civic engagement program,
- Coordination with the Bicentennial Celebration events for Nassau County and the City of Fernandina Beach,
- Other activities necessary to have a refined outward facing Vision Plan development process ready for activation on 1/1/24.

Recognizing the schedules of County Leadership, the Consultant's need to review existing foundational studies and documents for inclusion in the Vision Plan, and program development, project planning and pre-work/research shall commence in July, no later than August, of 2023 to give adequate time to ensure a thoughtful and intentional launch on 1/1/2024. Given the diverse attributes of the County, we expect the Consultant to spend adequate time, in person, understanding the dynamics of the community, speaking face-to-face with community leaders, and reviewing recent foundational studies/documents which shall be incorporated into the Vision Plan.

1/1/24 – 12/31/24: The public stage of the visioning process will coincide with a year-long celebration of the County's bicentennial anniversary running from 1/1/24-12/31/24. . Throughout the year, events will be held in celebration of this anniversary in different parts of the County. While we celebrate the past 200 years, it is imperative that we plan for the next 200 years. These events and celebration communications should serve as civic engagement opportunities.

12/1/24: It is Nassau County's intent to have a final draft of the Vision Plan published at the end of the Bicentennial Celebration year. As we start the next 200 years on 12/1/24, the Vision Plan must be ready for public display by that date. The final draft shall be in final form and ready to commence the public hearing process for adoption. It is expected that the adoption process of the Vision Plan will be completed no later than June of 2025 and Phase One, the vision plan, of the project be fully closed out.

1/1/25 – 12/31/26: It is expected that work on rewriting the County's Comprehensive Plan and developing the preliminary implementation framework will commence immediately upon finalizing the draft vision document. It is the County's target to conclude the adoption hearings for the Comprehensive Plan by 12/31/26. However, the date of adoption hearings can be adjusted based on the work necessary to execute the task and coordination with State agencies. A separate, more detailed project schedule for Phase Two will be developed as part of the professional services agreement for the work associated with Phase Two.

After contract award, the selected Consultant will be responsible for the preparation of a project schedule which shows a breakdown of all tasks to be performed and associated costs, and their relationship in achieving the completion of each phase of the services. The schedule will include a Gantt Chart identifying the critical path, progress of each task, and milestones. If both parties agree on the proposed schedule, a final schedule will be submitted within ten (10) working days of the notice to proceed on all assignments. The billing of services will include a progress update report, a revised schedule showing current percent complete by task/phase, and a detailed invoice showing billings per task/phase outlined in the approved work authorization. If County staff request a change of scope, the Consultant shall notify the County within ten (10) working days of the change and the associated cost impact. The Consultant will not proceed with additional services until receiving written approval from County.

SECTION 3: CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The County is seeking Consultants with relevant knowledge and experience developing Vision Plans and Comprehensive Plans to work in a collaborative framework with other team members, the public, elected officials and staff.

SECTION 4: INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION TO RESPONDENTS

4.1 SCHEDULE OF SELECTION PROCESS/KEY DATES:

Listed below are the dates and time by which stated actions will be taken or completed. The County may determine, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to change any of these dates and times. All listed times are eastern standard times.

Event	Date	Time
-RFP Available on Planet Bids	March 24, 2023	
Deadline for Questions	April 10, 2023	by 4:00 p.m.
County Responses to Questions Posted to Planet Bids	April 14, 2023	
RFP Responses Due Date/Time and RFP Opening Date/Time	April 26, 2023	by 10:00 a.m.
Evaluation Committee (Evaluate/Rank Consultant's)	Week of May 1, 2023	TBD
Interviews of Shortlisted Consultant's, if needed	Week of May 15, 2023 (if needed)	TBD

4.2 SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

Proposals must be submitted to the County's eProcurement system, [PlanetBids Vendor Portal](#). The County will not accept proposals by facsimile, paper (hand-carry), email, or any other method. **Proposals must be received no later than the date and time specified in Section 4.1.**

4.3. Any proposals received after this date and time will be rejected and considered non-responsive. Proposals will be publicly read and recorded at the office of the Ex-Officio Clerk, Nassau County on date and time specified in Section 4.1. By submitting a response, Consultant represents that it has thoroughly examined and become familiar with the work required under this RFP and that it is capable of performing quality work to achieve the County's objectives, as described under Scope of Work and Consultant is prepared to comply with all statutes and regulations applicable to the work to be performed.

- Nassau County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, or any item or part thereof, or to waive any informalities or irregularities in any proposals.
- Nassau County reserves the right to amend, withdraw or cancel this RFP at any time without prior notice and it makes no representations that any contract will be awarded to any Consultant responding to this RFP.
- Nassau County reserves the right at its sole discretion to modify this RFP should Nassau County deem that it is in the best interests to do so.
- Proposals received by Nassau County are public information and will be made available to any person upon request, after the entire proposal evaluation process has been completed. Submitted proposals are not to be copyrighted.

4.3 Respondents are directed to not contact evaluating committee members, County Commissioners, County departments or divisions until award has been made by the Board of County Commissioners. ALL QUESTIONS FROM RESPONDENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING AND SUBMITTED TO THE NASSAU COUNTY'S EPROCUREMENT SYSTEM, [PLANETBIDS VENDOR PORTAL](#)

4.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ADDENDA: Any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omissions or other error discovered in this solicitation must be reported immediately and a request made for modifications or clarification. Request for additional information or clarifications must be made in writing and submitted to NASSAU COUNTY'S EPROCUREMENT SYSTEM, [PLANETBIDS VENDOR PORTAL](#) by the question deadline identified in Section 4.1.

The County will issue responses to inquiries and any other corrections or amendments it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the RFP opening date. Respondents should not rely on any representations, statements or explanations other than those made in this solicitation or in any addendum to this solicitation. Where there appears to be a conflict between the RFP and any addenda issued, the last addendum issued will prevail.

It is the Respondent's responsibility to be sure all addenda were received. The Respondent should verify with the designated contact person prior to submitting a proposal that all addenda have been received. Respondents are required to acknowledge the number of addenda received as part of their submission of the proposal. Respondents shall submit the Addendum Acknowledgment form attached hereto as Attachment "A".

4.5 PROPOSALS AND PRESENTATION COST: The County will not be liable in any way for any cost incurred by the Respondent in the preparation of their proposal in response to this RFP nor for the presentation of their proposals or participation in any discussions or negotiations.

4.6 RESPONSE FORMAT. To facilitate and expedite review, the County asks that all Respondents follow the response format outlined below. Failure to submit your response in the format requested may result in the reduction of your overall evaluation score. To assist you in preparing your response, the County's selection procedures are also described herein. Please abide by all requirements set forth to avoid any risk of disqualification.

TAB 1 – Cover Letter

Provide a cover letter no longer than two (2) pages in length, signed by an authorized representative of your Consultant that can legally bind the company and provide, his/her title, address, phone number, and email address. Provide a positive commitment to perform the required work. Proposer should also provide the primary contact person for this solicitation including his/her title, phone number, and email address. A table of contents should follow the cover letter.

TAB 2 – Table of Contents

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

TAB 3 – Experience and Qualifications

Proposers should include:

- Provide a brief description of your Consultant's organization, structure and philosophy.
- Provide Consultant's years of experience and applicable project experience.
- Include Consultant's overall experience specific to this solicitation, including public involvement, and size/scale of geographic areas of previous projects.
- Knowledge of and compliance with state and local laws pertaining to this solicitation.

TAB 4 – Key Proposed Project Team Personnel

- Consultant/Team Organizational Chart
- Indicate the proposed project team key personnel for Consultant, consultants, and/or professional/technical staff. For each individual listed, show discipline(s) of licensure/training. Indicate each team member's availability (as a percentage of their total work effort) to commit to the County's effort.
- Include resumes for all key proposed project team personnel that identify pertinent experience and expertise relevant to this project.

TAB 5 – Project Delivery and Approach

- Describe the project delivery plan for the project including the communication plan, how project will be managed to meet schedule, and budget requirements.
- Include a detailed time schedule for start and completion of project.
- Describe/ demonstrate team's understanding of the County's needs and challenges
- Include any innovative approaches to providing the described services.

TAB 6 – References

Provide a minimum of three (3) examples of similar awards with applicable reference information. References should include the following information:

- Client name, address **AND** phone, numbers, and e-mail addresses
- Description of all services provided
- Performance period
- Total contract value

The list of references for which similar work has been performed shall be included and the list shall include all similar contracts performed by the Respondent within the past five years. The evaluators will randomly select at least three of these references, but the evaluators reserve the right to contact all the references listed, if information from the three references contacted warrant further inquiry. The failure to list all similar contracts in the specified period may result in the rejection of the Respondent's proposal. The evaluators may check all public sources to determine whether Respondent has listed all contracts for similar work within the designated period. If the evaluators determine that references for other public contracts for similar contracts were not listed, the evaluators may contact the public entities to make inquiry into Respondent's performance of those contracts and the information obtained may be considered in evaluating Respondent's proposal.

TAB 7 – CURRENT WORKLOAD

In this section, list your Consultant's current projects/workload and schedules for completion. and whether you are the prime or sub-consultant.

TAB 8 – TECHNOLOGY

Respondents should use this section to list any innovative strategies and creative processes that is used as a tool for successful project planning.

TAB 9 – HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE

Consultant's should submit an hourly rate schedule for this effort. Qualifications and hourly rates will be evaluated as part of the evaluation process.

TAB 10 – Attachments/Administrative Information

All Attachment/Forms required by the RFP shall be fully completed and executed an authorized representative that can legally bind the Consultant. Respondent shall submit all information in the above order. Failure to do so may diminish your score.

4.8 It is expressly understood that the Board's preference/selection of any proposal does not constitute an award of a Contract with the County. It is further expressly understood that no Contractual relationship exists with the County until a Contract has been formally executed by both the County, and the selected Consultant. It is further understood, no Consultant may seek or claim any award and/or reimbursement from the County for any expenses, costs, and/or fees (including attorneys' fees) borne by any Proposer, during the entire RFP process. Such expenses, costs, and/or fees (including attorneys' fees) are the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

4.9 Public Entities Crimes. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted Vendors list following a conviction for public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or Proposer under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statutes, Section 287.017, for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted Vendor list. By signature on this solicitation and confirmation on the attached form, proposer certifies that they are qualified to do business with Nassau County in accordance with Florida Statutes.

4.10 The Consultant, by submission of their proposal, warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Proposer to solicit or secure this agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or Consultant other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Proposer any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, the County shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

SECTION 5. EVALUATION/SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 Evaluation/Selection Committee.** The Procurement Director will facilitate the evaluation process. The evaluation/selection committee will be responsible for evaluating and ranking each Consultant based upon the Request for Proposals proposal submitted.
- 5.2** The Evaluation/Selection Committee shall evaluate the responses to the RFP and rank the Consultant's based on the evaluation criteria contained herein. The Committee may select a short-list of up to five (5) top-ranked Firms.
- 5.3 Evaluation Criteria.** A 100-point formula scoring system will be utilized based upon the following criteria:

Evaluation Factor	Maximum Points
Knowledge and qualifications of project manager and key staff	15
Understanding and vision of the project	25
Prior experience creating vision plans and writing comprehensive plan elements in the State of Florida	20
Demonstrated civic engagement experience and functional application of technique	15
Work program/Work plan	15
Cost-effectiveness of proposal – Value of proposal versus the cost of the proposal. In other words, the lowest bidder isn't necessarily the highest scorer. It is a matter of providing value.	10

- 5.4** The County reserves the right to make selections based on the submittals only or to request oral presentations or questions/answer sessions with the top ranked Consultant's before determining the final ranking.
- 5.5** If the County request oral presentations from the top ranked Consultant's, a separate evaluation process will be conducted. Any scores from the initial evaluation process for short-ranking purposes will not be used or added to the oral presentation scoring. The evaluation criteria and scoring that will be used for the ranking of the oral presentations will be provided prior to the presentation date.

SECTION 6. CONTRACT PROCEDURES

- 6.1 Presentation to the Board:** The Procurement Department shall submit an agenda item for presentation to the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners requesting consideration and approval to award based on the recommendation of the evaluation committee according to the overall ranking and authorization to negotiate a contract with the top-ranked Consultant.
- 6.2 Competitive Negotiations:** Approval of the recommendation to award by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners will constitute authorization to negotiate with the top-ranked Consultant. The proposal package, signed by the successful proposer, along with documentation included in the proposal as required by this RFP and other additional materials submitted by the proposer, and accepted by the County, shall be the basis for

negotiation of a contract. Nassau County shall negotiate a contract with the top ranked Consultant's for professional services at compensation which Nassau County determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable. The Consultant receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. During contract negotiations, the County will negotiate fee schedules with the goal of establishing standardized rates. The Board of County Commissioners will have final approval of the terms negotiated.

- 6.3 Unable to Negotiate:** Should Nassau County be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the top ranked Consultant, negotiations with that Consultant must be formally terminated. The County shall then undertake negotiations with the second ranked Consultant. Failing accord with the second ranked Consultant, the agency must terminate negotiations. The County shall then undertake negotiations with the third ranked Consultant. Should the County be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected Consultants, the County shall select additional Consultants in the order of their competence and qualification and continue negotiations in accordance with this paragraph until an agreement is reached, or the County reserves the right to terminate all negotiations and reissue a new Request for Proposals.

SECTION 7. STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The contract that the County intends to use for award is attached as Attachment "K" for reference Only. Any exceptions to this standard contract must be clearly indicated by return of the standard contract with the proposal, with exceptions clearly noted. The County has the right to require the selected respondent to sign the attached contract or to negotiate revisions to the contract language prior to execution of the contract, at its sole discretion. Modification or alteration of the documents contained in the solicitation or contract shall only be valid if mutually agreed to in writing by Consultant and the County.

**ATTACHMENT “A”
ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Acknowledgment is hereby made of receipt of addenda issued during the solicitation period. SOLICITATION NUMBER: NC23-025-RFP	Addendum # _____ through # _____ Date:
Signature of Person Completing:	
Printed Name:	Title:

>>>Failure to submit this form may disqualify your response<<<

**ATTACHMENT “B”
SWORN STATEMENT
UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 287.133(3)(a) ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

THIS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER
AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS

1. This sworn statement is submitted with Response, Proposal or Contract for _____.
2. This sworn statement is submitted by _____ (entity submitting sworn statement), whose business address is _____ and its Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN) is _____. (If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: _____.)
3. My name is _____ (please print name of individual signing), and my relationship to the entity named above is _____.
4. I understand that a “public entity crime” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any response or contract for goods or services, any leases for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
5. I understand that “convicted” or “conviction” as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction or a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
6. I understand that an “affiliate” as defined in paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
 - a) A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - b) An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term “affiliate” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not to fair market value under an arm’s length agreement, shall be prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.
7. I understand that a “person” as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which responses or applies to response on contracts let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term “person” includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

8. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies.)

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one of more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989, and (Please indicate which additional statement applies.)

_____ There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the Hearing Officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

_____ The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)

_____ The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list. (Please describe any action taken by or pending with the Department of General Services.)

Signature

Date

State of: _____

County of: _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ____ physical presence or ____ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____ by _____ who is ____ personally known to me or ____ produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

ATTACHMENT "C"
EXPERIENCE OF RESPONDENT

The following questionnaire shall be answered by the respondent for use in evaluating the response to determine the lowest, responsive, and responsible respondent, meeting the required specifications.

- 1. FIRM NAME:** _____
Address: _____
County/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Name of primary contact responsible for work performance: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

- 2. INSURANCE:**
Surety Company: _____
Agent Company: _____
Agent Contact: _____
Total Bonding CapaCounty: \$ _____ Value of Work Presently Bonded: \$ _____

- 3. EXPERIENCE:**
Years in business: _____
Years in business under this name: _____
Years performing this type of work: _____
Value of work now under contract: _____
Value of work in place last year: _____
Percentage (%) of work usually self-performed: _____
Name of subvendors you may use: _____
Has your firm: Failed to complete a contract: ___ Yes ___ No
Been involved in bankruptcy or reorganization: ___ Yes ___ No
Pending judgment claims or suits against firm: ___ Yes ___ No

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4. PERSONNEL

How many employees does your company employ: _____

Position/Category (List all)	Full-time	Part-time
Management		

5. WORK EXPERIENCE:

List your three (3) most significant commercial accounts where the contract was similar in scope and size to this response.

Reference #1:

Company/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Contract Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Description: _____

Contract \$ Amount: _____

Date Completed: _____

Reference #2:

Company/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Contract Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Description: _____

Contract \$ Amount: _____

Date Completed: _____

Reference #3:

Company/Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Contract Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Description: _____

Contract \$ Amount: _____

Date Completed: _____

REMINDER:

**THIS FORM IS TO BE INCLUDED WITH RESPONSE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALONG WITH
RESPONSE MAY BE CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION.**

ATTACHMENT "D"
DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087, hereby certify that _____
_____ (print or type name of firm)

1. Publishes a written statement notifying that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in the workplace named above, and specifying actions that will be taken against violations of such prohibition.
2. Informs employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the firm's policy of maintaining a drug free working environment, and available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug use violations.
3. Gives each employee engaged in providing commodities or contractual services that are under response or proposal, a copy of the statement specified above.
4. Notifies the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under response or proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893, or any controlled substance law of the State of Florida or the United States, for a violation occurring in the work place, no later than five (5) days after such conviction, and requires employees to sign copies of such written statement to acknowledge their receipt.
5. Imposes a sanction on, or requires the satisfactory participation in, a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through the implementation of a drug free workplace program.

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“As a person authorized to sign a statement, I certify that the above-named business, firm, or corporation complies fully with the requirements set forth herein.”

Authorized Signature

Date Signed

State of: _____

County of: _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ____ physical presence or ____ online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____ by _____ who is ____ personally known to me or ____ produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

ATTACHMENT "E"

NASSAU COUNTY E-VERIFY FORM UNDER SECTION 448.095, FLORIDA STATUTES

Project Name: _____

Bid No./Contract No.: _____

DEFINITIONS:

“Contractor” means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies, or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration. “Contractor” includes, but is not limited to, a vendor or consultant.

“Subcontractor” means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.

“E-Verify System” means an internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

Effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-Verify System in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

- a) All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
- b) All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with Nassau County. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with Nassau County; and
- c) Should vendor become the successful Contractor awarded for the above-named project, by entering into the contract, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, “Employment Eligibility”, as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to, registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Contractor shall also execute the attached affidavit (Attachment “A”) attesting that the Contractor does not employ, contract with, or

subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract; and

- d) Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to execute the attached affidavit (Attachment "B") attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract.

CONTRACT TERMINATION:

- a) If Nassau County has a good faith belief that a Contractor has knowingly violated §448.09(1) or §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, the contract shall be terminated.
- b) If Nassau County has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated §448.09(1) or §448.095(2), Florida Statutes, but the Contractor otherwise complied with Chapter 448, Florida Statutes, Nassau County shall promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- c) A contract terminated under subparagraph a) or b) is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such.
- d) Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination.
- e) If the contract is terminated for a violation of the Statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

ATTACHMENT "E-1"

CONTRACTOR E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that _____ (Contractor Company Name) does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of _____ (Contractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ (Date) by _____ (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of _____ (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a _____ (State or Place of Incorporation) Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

Printed Name

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT "E-2"

SUBCONTRACTOR E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

I hereby certify that _____ (Subcontractor Company Name) does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, and is otherwise in full compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes.

All employees hired on or after January 1, 2021 have had their work authorization status verified through the E-Verify system.

A true and correct copy of _____ (Subcontractor Company Name) proof of registration in the E-Verify system is attached to this Affidavit.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ (Date) by _____ (Name of Officer or Agent, Title of Officer or Agent) of _____ (Name of Contractor Company Acknowledging), a _____ (State or Place of Incorporation) Corporation, on behalf of the Corporation. He/She is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

Printed Name

My Commission Expires: _____

ATTACHMENT “F”

GENERAL INFORMATION AND MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS



COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain at the Contractor/Vendor’s expense Commercial General Liability insurance coverage (ISO or comparable Occurrence Form) for the life of this Contract. Modified Occurrence or Claims Made forms are not acceptable.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits:

Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000
Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$2,000,000
General Aggregate Limit (other than Products & Completed Operations) Applies Per Project	\$2,000,000

General liability coverage shall continue to apply to “bodily injury” and to “property damage” occurring after all work on the Site of the covered operations to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insureds has been completed and shall continue after that portion of “your work” out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER’S LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain at the Contractor/Vendor’s expense Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits:

Part One – Workers’ Compensation Insurance – Unlimited Statutory	
Benefits as provided in the Florida Statutes and	
Part Two – Employer’s Liability Insurance	
Bodily Injury By Accident Accident	\$500,000 Each
Bodily Injury By Disease Limit	\$500,000 Policy
Bodily Injury By Disease Employee	\$500,000 Each

*If leased employees are used, policy must include an Alternate Employer’s Endorsement

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain at the Contractor/Vendor’s expense Automobile Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

The Limits of this insurance shall not be less than the following limits:

Combined Single Limit – Each Accident \$1,000,000

Covered Automobiles shall include any auto owned or operated by the insured Contractor/Vendor, insured Sub- Contractor/Vendor including autos which are leased, hired, rented or borrowed, including autos owned by their employees which are used in connection with the business of the respective Contractor/Vendor or Sub- Contractor/Vendor.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (ERRORS & OMISSIONS)

This additional coverage will be required for all projects involving consultants, engineering services, architectural or design/build projects, independent testing firms and similar exposures.

The Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain at the Contractor/Vendor's expense Professional Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

If the contract includes a requirement for Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions insurance, the minimum amount of such insurance shall be as follows:

Each Occurrence/Annual Aggregate \$1,000,000

Design Professional Liability coverage will be provided on an Occurrence Form or a Claims Made Form with a retroactive date to at least the first date of this Agreement. If provided on a Claims Made Form, the coverages must respond to all claims reported within three years following the period for which coverage is required and which would have been covered had the coverage been on an occurrence basis.

CRIME/FIDELITY COVERAGE

This additional coverage will be required for all service providers involving information technology services, consulting and administration services with access to technology systems, and similar exposures.

The Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain at the Contractor/Vendor's expense Crime/Fidelity and/or Fiduciary Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

If the contract includes a requirement for expense Crime/Fidelity and/or Fiduciary Liability insurance, the minimum amount of such insurance shall be as follows:

Third Party Employee Dishonesty \$1,000,000

CYBER AND DATA SECURITY LIABILITY

This additional coverage will be required for all projects involving information technology services, software providers, programmers and similar exposures.

The Contractor/Vendor shall purchase and maintain at the Contractor/Vendor's expense Cyber and Data Security Liability insurance coverage for the life of this Contract.

If the contract includes a requirement for Cyber and Data Security Liability insurance, the minimum amount of such insurance shall be as follows:

Technology Errors and Omissions Liability coverage	\$2,000,000
Media	\$2,000,000
Network and Data (Information) Security	\$2,000,000

Policy coverage must include Third Party Liability coverage.



Contractor/Vendor shall require each of his Sub-Contractor/Vendors to likewise purchase and maintain at their expense Commercial General Liability insurance, Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability coverage, Automobile Liability insurance and Professional Liability (as applicable) insurance coverage meeting the same limit and requirements as the Contractor/Vendors insurance.

Certificates of Insurance acceptable to Nassau County Board of County Commissioners for the Contractor/Vendor’s insurance must be received within ten (10) days of Notification of Selection and at time of signing Agreement.

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain an endorsement that coverage afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or allowed to expire until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement will include a provision that policies, *except Workers’ Compensation and Professional Liability*, are primary and noncontributory to any insurance maintained by the Contractor/Vendor.

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners must be named as an Additional Insured and endorsed onto the Commercial General Liability (CGL), Auto Liability policy (ies). A copy of the endorsement(s) must be supplied to Nassau County Board of County Commissioners thirty (30) days following the execution of the agreement or prior to the first date of services, whichever comes first.

CGL policy Additional Insured Endorsement must include Ongoing and Completed Operations (Form CG2010 11 84 **OR** Form CG2010 04 13 and GC2037 04 13 edition or equivalent). Other Additional Insured forms might be acceptable but only if modified to delete the word “ongoing” and insert the sentence “Operations include ongoing and completed operations”.

CGL policy shall not be endorsed with Exclusion - Damage to Work performed by SubContractor/Vendors on Your Behalf (CG2294 or CG2295)

CGL policy shall not be endorsed with Contractual Liability Limitation Endorsement (CG2139) or Amendment of Insured Contract Definition (CG 2426)

CGL policy shall include broad form contractual liability coverage for the Contractor/Vendors covenants to and indemnification of the Authority under this Contract

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain a provision under General Liability, Auto Liability and Workers' Compensation to include a Waiver of Subrogation clause in favor of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

All Certificates of Insurance shall be dated and shall show the name of the insured Contractor/Vendor, the specific job by name and job number, the name of the insurer, the policy number assigned its effective date and its termination date and a list of any exclusionary endorsements.

All Insurers must be authorized to transact insurance business in the State of Florida as provided by Florida Statute 624.09(1) and the most recent Rating Classification/Financial Category of the insurer as published in the latest edition of "Best's Key Rating Guide" (Property-Casualty) must be at least A- or above.

All of the above referenced Insurance coverage is required to remain in force for the duration of this Agreement and for the duration of the warranty period. Accordingly, at the time of submission of final application for payment, Contractor/Vendor shall submit an additional Certificate of Insurance evidencing continuation of such coverage.

If the Contractor/Vendor fails to procure, maintain or pay for the required insurance, Nassau County Board of County Commissioners shall have the right (but not the obligation) to secure same in the name of and for the account of Contractor/Vendor, in which event, Contractor/Vendor shall pay the cost thereof and shall furnish upon demand, all information that may be required to procure such insurance. Nassau County Board of County Commissioners shall have the right to back-charge Contractor/Vendor for the cost of procuring such insurance. The failure of Nassau County Board of County Commissioners to demand certificates of insurance and endorsements evidencing the required insurance or to identify any deficiency in Contractor/Vendors coverage based on the evidence of insurance provided by the Contractor/Vendor shall not be construed as a waiver by Nassau County Board of County Commissioners of Contractor/Vendor's obligation to procure, maintain and pay for required insurance.

The insurance requirements set forth herein shall in no way limit Contractor/Vendors liability arising out of the work performed under the Agreement or related activities. The inclusions, coverage and limits set forth herein are minimum inclusion, coverage and limits. The required minimum policy limits set forth shall not be construed as a limitation of Contractor/Vendor's right under any policy with higher limits, and no policy maintained by the Contractor/Vendor shall be construed as limiting the type, quality or quantity of insurance coverage that Contractor/Vendor should maintain. Contractor/Vendor shall be responsible for determining appropriate inclusions, coverage and limits, which may be in excess of the minimum requirements set forth herein.

If the insurance of any Contractor/Vendor or any Sub-Contractor/Vendor contains deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured retention(s), the Contractor/Vendor or Sub-Contractor/Vendor whose insurance contains such provision(s) shall be solely responsible for payment of such deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured

retention(s).

The failure of Contractor/Vendor to fully and strictly comply at all times with the insurance requirements set forth herein shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement.

ATTACHMENT “G” FEDERAL PROVISIONS

In performing under this Agreement, contractor shall comply with the following federal requirements, as applicable:

1. **Drug Free Workplace Requirements:** All contractors entering into Federal funded contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold (as defined at 41 U.S.C. § 134) must comply with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8102), which requires the contractor to take certain actions to provide a drug-free workplace.
2. **Davis-Bacon Act:** If applicable, the contractor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3136-3148), and to require all of its contractors performing work under this Agreement to adhere to same. The CONSULTANT are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the CONSULTANT are required to pay wages not less than once a week. If the grant award contains Davis Bacon provisions, the contractor shall place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in the solicitation documents. The decision to award a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The CONSULTANT must report all suspected or reported violations of the Davis-Bacon Act to the County.
3. **Copeland Anti Kick Back Act:** CONSULTANT shall comply with all the requirements of the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act (18 U.S.C. § 874 and 40 U.S.C. § 3145, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 CFR Part 3), which are incorporated by reference to this Agreement. CONSULTANT are prohibited from inducing by any means any person employed in the construction, completion or repair of public work to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.
4. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701–3708):** Where applicable, all contracts awarded in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must be in compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each CONSULTANT is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
5. **Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689):** A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made under this Agreement to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), Debarment and Suspension. SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. The CONSULTANT shall certify compliance. The CONSULTANT further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions and subcontracts, which

shall read as follows:

Applicants or bidders for a lower tier covered transaction (except procurement contracts for goods and services under \$25,000 not requiring the consent of the County and/or the applicable state or federal entity) are subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)." In addition, applicants or bidders for a lower tier covered transaction for a subaward, contract, or subcontract greater than \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier are subject to relevant statutes, including among others, the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, as well as the common rule, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," published at 55 FR 6736 (February 26, 1990), including definitions, and the Office of Management and Budget "Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," and notices published at 54 FR 52306 (December 20, 1989), 55 FR 24540 (June 15, 1990), 57 FR 1772 (January 15, 1992), and 61 FR 1412 (January 19, 1996).

6. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352):** CONSULTANTS that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. The CONSULTANT shall certify compliance.
7. **501(c)(4) Entities:** The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended (2 U.S.C. §1601 et seq.), prohibits any organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engages in lobbying activities, from receiving federal funds, including through an award, grant, and/or subgrant. CONSULTANT shall ensure that its CONSULTANTS and sub-awardees comply with this requirement.
8. **Federal Changes:** CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable Federal agency regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract.
9. **Safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information:** CONSULTANT and sub awardees will take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information designated as sensitive by the awarding agency or is considered sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, state and/or local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
10. **Energy Policy and Conservation Act (43 U.S.C. §6201):** Contracts shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stating in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation act. (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871) [53 FR 8078, 8087, Mar. 11, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 19639, 19645, Apr. 19, 1995].
11. **Right to Inventions Under Federal Grants:** If applicable, CONSULTANT shall comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and

Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

12. E-Verify: Enrollment and verification requirements:

- a. If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall:
 - i. Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
 - ii. Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,
 - iii. Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee’s assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.).
- b. If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of:
 - i. All new employees:
 1. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - ii. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - iii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.).
- c. If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State or local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to

the contract.

- d. Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of:
 - i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
 - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- e. The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU:
 - i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.
 - ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E- Verify.
 - iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.
 - iv. Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee:
 - 1. Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;
 - 2. Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or
 - 3. Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12. Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

13. Subcontracts: The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this

paragraph, appropriately modified for identification of the parties in each subcontract that:

- a. Is for:
 - i. Commercial and noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or
 - ii. Construction;
- b. Has a value of more than \$3,500; and
- c. Includes work performed in the United States.

FEDERAL NON-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS

In performing under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall comply with the following federally mandated non-discrimination requirements, as applicable:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.)
2. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq.)
3. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.)
4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794)
5. Revised ADA Standards for Accessible Design for Construction Awards
 - a. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (28 C.F.R. part 35; 75 FR 56164, as amended by 76 FR 13285)
 - b. Title III of the ADA (28 C.F.R. part 36; 75 FR 56164, as amended by 76 FR 13286)
6. Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.)
7. Parts II and III of EO 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity," (30 FR 12319, 1965), as amended by EO 11375 (32 FR 14303, 1967)
8. EO 12086 "Consolidation of contract compliance functions for equal employment opportunity" (43 FR 46501, 1978), requiring federally assisted construction contracts to include the non-discrimination provisions of §§ 202 and 203 of EO 11246 "Equal Employment Opportunity" (41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b), 1991)
9. EO 13166 (August 11, 2000), "Improving Access to Services for Persons With Limited English Proficiency"
10. Pilot Program for Enhancement of Employee Whistleblower Protections. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (Pub. L. No. 112-239, enacted January 2,

2013 and codified at 41 U.S.C. § 4712)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

In performing under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall comply with all of the federal environmental statutes, regulations, and executive orders listed below, as applicable:

1. The National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et. seq.)
2. The Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.)
3. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq.)
4. Clean Water Act Section 404 (33 U.S.C. § 1344 et seq.)
5. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712); Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668 et seq.), and Executive Order No. 13186, Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds
6. National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Guidelines (36 CFR part 800)
7. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.), Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) (Clean Water Act), and Executive Order 11738 (“Providing for administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to Federal contracts, grants or loans”). Violations must be reported to the County and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) immediately upon discovery.
8. The Flood Disaster Protection Act (42 U.S.C. § 4002 et seq.)
9. Executive Order 11988 (“Floodplain Management”) and Executive Order 11990 (“Protection of Wetlands”)
10. Executive Order 13112 (“Invasive Species”)
11. The Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.)
12. The Coastal Barriers Resources Act (16 U.S.C. § 3501 et seq.)
13. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. § 1271 et seq.)
14. The Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300 et seq.)
15. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.)
16. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.)
17. Executive Order 12898 (“Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations”)

18. Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. § 407)
19. Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (Pub. L. 92-532, as amended), National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq.), and Executive Order 13089 (“Coral Reef Protection”)
20. Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.)
21. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.)
22. Pursuant to 2 CFR §200.322, CONSULTANT must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

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ATTACHMENT "H"

Contract Tracking No. CM_____

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT is entered into by and between the **Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and _____, located at _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant".

WHEREAS, the County desires to obtain professional services for _____. Said services are more fully described in the _____, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant desires to render certain professional services as described in Exhibit "A", and has the qualifications, experience, staff and resources to perform those professional services; and

WHEREAS, the County, through a competitive selection process conducted in accordance with the requirements of law and County policy, and based upon the Consultant's assurance that it has the qualifications, experience, staff and resources, the County has determined that it would be in the best interest of Nassau County to award a contract to the Consultant for the rendering of those services described in Exhibit "A".

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

1.1 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein, in their entirety, by this reference.

SECTION 2. Exhibits.

2.1 The Exhibits listed below are the exhibits incorporated into and made part of this Contract:

Exhibit A VENDOR'S SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Exhibit B INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

SECTION 3. Employment of the Consultant.

3.1 The County hereby agrees to engage the Consultant, and the Consultant hereby agrees to perform the professional services set forth in Exhibit "A".

SECTION 4. Scope of Services.

4.1 The Consultant shall provide professional services in accordance with Exhibit "A".

4.2 Services requested by the County or the County's representative that are not set forth in Exhibit "A" shall be considered additional services. Any request for additional services and additional fees shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties in writing.

SECTION 5. The County's Responsibility.

5.1 The County shall provide the Consultant with all required data, information, and services regarding the requirements and objectives for the services under this Contract. The Consultant shall rely upon the accuracy and completeness of any information, reports, data supplied by the County or the County's representative.

5.2 The County hereby designates the _____, or designee, to act on the County's behalf under this Contract. The _____, or designee, under the supervision of the County Manager, shall have complete authority to transmit instructions,

receive information, interpret and define the County's policies and decisions with respect to materials, elements and systems pertinent to the provision of the Consultant's services.

SECTION 6. Term of Contract and Option to Extend or Renew.

6.1 The term of this Contract shall begin upon the execution of this Contract by all parties and shall terminate on _____. The term of this Contract may be extended in one (1) year increments, with no changes in terms or conditions, upon mutual written agreement between the Consultant and the County. Any extension or amendment to this Contract shall be subject to availability of funds of the County as set forth in Section 11 hereinbelow.

6.2. In the event that this Contract is continued beyond the term provided above by mutual consent of the parties and not reduced to writing, this Contract shall be carried out on a month-to-month basis and shall not constitute an implied renewal of the Contract. Said month-to-month extension shall be upon the same terms of the Contract and at the compensation and payment provided herein.

SECTION 7. Compensation.

7.1 The Consultant shall be compensated in an amount not to exceed _____, in accordance with Exhibit "A".

7.2 The Consultant shall prepare and submit to the _____, for approval, an invoice for the services rendered, with a copy provided to invoices@nassaucountyfl.com. Invoices for services shall be paid in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act found at Section 218.70, Florida Statutes. All invoices shall be accompanied by a report or statement identifying the nature of the work performed, the hours required and compensation for the work performed. The report or statement shall show a summary of fees. The County reserves the right to withhold payment to the Consultant for

failure to perform the work in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, and the County shall promptly notify the Consultant in writing if any invoice or report is found to be unacceptable and will specify the reasons therefor. The Consultant shall have thirty (30) days to cure any failure upon written notice. Consultant shall honor all purchase orders or work authorizations issued prior to the expiration of the term of this Contract.

7.3 All representation, indemnifications, warranties and guaranties made in, required by or given in accordance with this Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in this Contract, will survive final payment and termination or completion of this Contract.

7.4 Final Invoice: Consultant shall submit to County Consultant's final/last billing to County clearly marked as "Final Invoice." Submittal of the Final Invoice by Consultant to County shall indicate that all services have been performed by Consultant and that all charges and costs have been invoiced by the Consultant to County and that there is no further work to be performed and no further invoices to be submitted under this Contract.

SECTION 8. Standard of Care.

8.1 The Consultant shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of the services as is ordinarily provided by a professional under similar circumstances, at the same time, and in the same locality. In the County's sole discretion, upon request by the County, the Consultant shall, at no additional cost to the County, re-perform services which in the sole discretion of the County do not meet the foregoing standard of care.

SECTION 9. Equal Opportunity Employment.

9.1 In connection with the work to be performed under this Contract, the Consultant agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of State and Federal Equal Employment Opportunity statutes and regulations.

SECTION 10. Access to Premises.

10.1 The County shall be responsible for providing access to all project sites (if required), and for providing project site specific information.

SECTION 11. Funding.

11.1 The County's performance and obligation under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners for subsequent fiscal years and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

SECTION 12. Expenses.

12.1 The Consultant shall be responsible for all expenses incurred while performing the services under this Contract including, but not limited to, license fees, memberships and dues; automobile and other travel expenses; meals and entertainment; insurance premiums; and all salary, expenses and other compensation paid to the Consultant's agents, if any, hired by the Consultant to complete the work under this Contract.

SECTION 13. Taxes, Liens, Licenses and Permits.

13.1 The Consultant recognizes that the County, by virtue of its sovereignty, is not required to pay any taxes on the services or goods purchased under the terms of this Contract. As such, the Consultant shall refrain from including taxes in any billing. The Consultant is placed on notice that this exemption generally does not apply to nongovernmental entities, contractors, or subcontractors. Any questions regarding this tax exemption shall be addressed to the County Manager.

13.2 The Consultant shall secure and maintain all licenses and permits required to perform the services under this Contract and to pay any and all applicable sales or use tax, or any other tax or assessment which shall be imposed or assessed by any and all governmental

authorities, required under this Contract, and to meet all federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, policies and rules.

13.3 The Consultant acknowledges that property being improved that is titled to the County, shall not be subject to a lien of any kind for any reason. The Consultant shall include notice of such exemptions in any subcontracts and purchase orders issued under this Contract.

SECTION 14. Governing Law, Venue and Compliance with Laws.

14.1 This Contract shall be deemed to have been executed and entered into within the State of Florida and any dispute arising hereunder, shall be governed, interpreted and construed according to the laws of the State of Florida, the Ordinances of Nassau County, and any applicable federal statutes, rules and regulations. Any and all litigation arising under this Contract shall be brought in Nassau County, Florida, and any trial shall be non-jury. Any mediation, pursuant to litigation, shall occur in Nassau County, Florida.

14.2 The Consultant shall comply with applicable regulatory requirements including federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, codes, orders, criteria and standards.

SECTION 15. Modifications.

15.1 The terms of this Contract may be modified only upon the written and mutual consent of both parties, and approval by appropriate legal authority in the County.

SECTION 16. Assignment and Subcontracting.

16.1 The Consultant shall not assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

16.2 In order to assign this Contract, or to subcontract any of the work requirements to be performed, the Consultant shall ensure and provide assurances to the County, that any subcontractor selected for work under this Contract has the necessary qualifications and abilities

to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Consultant shall provide the County with the names of any subcontractor considered for work under this Contract; the County reserves the right to reject any subcontractor whose qualifications or performance, in the County's sole discretion, are insufficient. The Consultant shall be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred with the project. Any subcontract arrangements shall be evidenced by a written document available to the County upon request. The Consultant further agrees that the County shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract. The Consultant, at its expense, shall defend the County against such claims.

16.3 The Consultant shall make payments to any of its subcontractors within seven (7) working days after receipt of full or partial payments from the County in accordance with Section 287.0585, Florida Statutes, unless otherwise stated in the contracts between the Consultant and subcontractors. The Consultant's failure to pay its subcontractor(s) within seven (7) working days shall result in a penalty charged against the Consultant and paid to the subcontractors in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.50%) of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed herein for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to the actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the outstanding balance due.

SECTION 17. Severability.

17.1 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Contract is, for any reason, held invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 18. Termination for Default.

18.1 If the Consultant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, and if such default remains uncured for a period of more than fifteen (15) days after notice thereof was given in writing by the County to the Consultant, then the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy the County may have, terminate this Contract.

18.2 Upon termination of this Contract, the Consultant shall immediately (1) stop work on the date specified; (2) terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work; (3) transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the County; (4) render to the County all property belonging to the County, including but not limited to, equipment, books, and records.

SECTION 19. Termination for Convenience.

19.1 The County reserves the right to terminate this Contract in whole or part by giving the Consultant written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of written notice of termination from the County, the Consultant shall only provide those services and/or materials specifically approved or directed by the County. All other rights and duties of the parties under the Contract shall continue during such notice period, and the County shall continue to be responsible to the Consultant for the payment of any obligations to the extent such responsibility has not been excused by breach or default of the Consultant. The Consultant shall promptly contact the County to make arrangements to render to the County all property belonging to the County, including but not limited to, equipment, books, and records.

SECTION 20. Nondisclosure of Proprietary Information.

20.1 The Consultant shall consider all information provided by the County and all reports, studies, calculations, and other documentation resulting from the Consultant's

performance of the services to be proprietary unless such information is available from public sources. The Consultant shall not publish or disclose proprietary information for any purpose other than the performance of the services without the prior written authorization of the County or in response to legal process.

SECTION 21. Contingent Fees.

21.1 The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant to solicit or secure this Contract 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 the Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

SECTION 22. Ownership of Documents.

22.1 The Consultant shall be required to work in harmony with other County consultants relative to providing information requested in a timely manner and in the specified form. All documents, records, disks, original drawings, or other information shall become the property of the County upon completion for its use and distribution as may be deemed appropriate by the County.

SECTION 23. Force Majeure.

23.1 Neither party of this Contract shall be liable to the other for any cost or damages if the failure to perform the Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the parties. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature, fires, quarantine restrictions, strikes and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform shall be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party.

23.2 In the event of delay from the foregoing causes, the party shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting delay or disruption in the party's performance obligation under this Contract. If the delay is excusable under this section, the delay shall not result in any additional charge or cost under the Contract to either party. In the case of any delay that the Consultant believes is excusable under this section, the Consultant shall notify the County in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either: (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that created or will create the delay first arose, if the Consultant could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) within five (5) calendar days after the date the Consultant first had reason to believe that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CONSULTANT'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY. Providing notice in strict accordance with this section is a condition precedent to such remedy. The County, in its sole discretion, shall determine if the delay is excusable under this section and shall notify the Consultant of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the County. The Consultant shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the County for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this section, after the causes have ceased to exist, the Consultant shall perform at no increased cost, unless the County determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the County, in which case, the County may do any or all of the following: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the

Consultant, provided that the Consultant grants preferential treatment to the County with respect to products or services subjected to allocation; (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Consultant for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity; or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

SECTION 24. Access And Audits of Records.

24.1 The Consultant shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in providing the services and materials for at least three (3) years after completion of work contemplated under this Contract. The County and the County Clerk of Court shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours upon five (5) days' written notice to the Consultant.

SECTION 25. Independent Consultant Status.

25.1 The Consultant shall perform the services under this Contract as an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. Nothing in this Contract shall be interpreted or construed to constitute the Consultant or any of its agents or employees to be an agent, employee or representative of the County.

25.2 The Consultant and the County agree that during the term of this Contract: (a) the Consultant has the right to perform services for others; (b) the Consultant has the right to perform the services required by this Contract; and (c) the Consultant has the right to hire assistants as subcontractors, or to use employees to provide the services required by this Contract.

SECTION 26. Indemnification.

26.1 The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its agents and employees from all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, expenses and costs, including attorney's fees, arising out of or associated with or caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant or any persons employed or utilized by the Consultant, in the performance of this Contract. The Consultant shall, at its own expense, defend any and all such actions, suits, or proceedings which may be brought against the County in connection with the Consultant's performance under this Contract.

SECTION 27. Insurance.

27.1 The Consultant shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract, without cost or expense to the County, such commercial (occurrence form) or comprehensive general liability, workers compensation, professional liability, and other insurance policies as detailed in Exhibit "B". The policy limits required are to be considered minimum amounts.

27.2 The Consultant shall provide to the County a Certificate of Insurance for all policies of insurance and renewals thereof in a form acceptable to the County. Said certificates shall provide that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is an additional insured, and that the County shall be notified in writing of any reduction, cancellation or substantial change of policy or policies at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of said action with the exception of ten (10) days for non-payment. All insurance policies shall be issued by responsible companies who are acceptable to the County and licensed and authorized under the laws of the State of Florida.

SECTION 28. Dispute Resolution Process.

28.1 In the event of a dispute regarding the interpretation of the terms of this Contract, the County, in its sole discretion, may elect to use the dispute resolution process as set forth in this section.

28.2 In the event the County elects to use the dispute resolution process under this section, the County shall send a written communication to the Consultant pursuant to Section 35 hereinbelow. The written notification shall set forth the County's interpretation of the terms of this Contract.

28.3 The County shall then set a date and time for the parties to meet with the County Manager or designee. This meeting shall be set no more than twenty (20) days from the date that the written communication was sent to the Consultant. The Consultant may submit a written response to the County's written communication no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting with the County Manager or designee.

28.4 If no satisfactory resolution as to the interpretation of the Contract terms reached at the meeting with the County Manager or designee, then the parties may elect to submit the dispute to mediation in accordance with mediation rules as established by the Florida Supreme Court. Mediators shall be chosen by the County and the cost of mediation shall be borne by the Consultant. The Consultant shall not stop work during the pendency of the dispute resolution or mediation process as set forth in this section.

SECTION 29. E-Verify.

29.1 The Consultant shall comply with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system ("E-Verify") to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by the Consultant during the term of this Contract to work in Florida. Additionally, if the Consultant uses subcontractors to perform any portion of

the work (under this Contract), the Consultant shall include a requirement in the subcontractor's contract that the subcontractor use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by subcontractor to perform any such portion of the work. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: www.uscis.gov/e-verify.

29.2 The Consultant shall maintain records of its participation and compliance with the provisions of the E-Verify program, including participation by its subcontractors as provided above, and to make such records available to the County or other authorized entity consistent with the terms of the Consultant's enrollment in the program. This includes maintaining a copy of proof of the Consultant's and subcontractors' enrollment in the E-Verify program. If the Consultant enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall provide the Consultant with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Consultant shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract.

29.3 Compliance with the terms of the E-Verify program provision is made an express condition of this Contract and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract. If the County terminates the Contract pursuant to Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes, the Consultant may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the contract was terminated and the Consultant is liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of this Contract.

SECTION 30. Public Records.

30.1 The County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. **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 CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6090, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 6, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097. Under this Contract, to the extent that the Consultant is

providing services to the County, and pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Consultant shall:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- b. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County 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 this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. 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 Consultant does not transfer the records to the County.
- d. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, 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

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

30.2 A request to inspect or copy public records relating to the County's contract for materials shall be made directly to the County. If the County does not possess the requested records, the County shall immediately notify the Consultant of the request, and the Consultant shall provide the records to the public agency or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

30.3 If the Consultant does not comply with the County's request for records, the County shall enforce the Contract provisions in accordance with the Contract.

30.4 If the Consultant fails to provide the public records to the County within a reasonable time, the Consultant may be subject to penalties under Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

30.5 If a civil action is filed against the Consultant to compel production of public records relating to the Contract, the Court shall assess and award against the Consultant the reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees if:

- a. The Court determines that the Consultant unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within a reasonable time; and
- b. At least eight (8) business days before filing the action, the plaintiff provided written notice of the public records request, including a statement that the Consultant has not complied with the request, to the County and to the Consultant.

30.6 A notice complies with Section 30.5 b. hereinabove, if it is sent to the County's

custodian of public records and to the Consultant at the Consultant's address listed on its Contract with the County or to the Consultant's registered agent. Such notices shall be sent pursuant to Section 35 hereinbelow.

30.7 If the Consultant complies with a public records request within eight (8) business days after the notice is sent, the Consultant is not liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement.

SECTION 31. Disclosure Of Litigation, Investigations, Arbitration or Administrative Decisions.

31.1 During the term of this Contract, or any extension thereto, the Consultant shall have the continued duty to disclose to the County Attorney, in writing, upon occurrence, all civil or criminal litigation, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceeding involving the Consultant. If the existence of the proceeding causes the County concerns that the Consultant's ability or willingness to perform this contract is jeopardized, the Consultant may be required to provide the County with reasonable written assurance to demonstrate the Consultant can perform the terms and conditions of the Contract.

SECTION 32. Public Entity Crimes.

32.1 In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, the Consultant certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date of this Contract.

SECTION 33. Anti-Discrimination.

33.1 The Consultant agrees that it will not discriminate in employment, employee development, or employee advancement because of religious or political opinions or affiliations,

race, color, national origin, sex, age, physical handicap, or other factors, except where such factor is a bonified occupational qualification or is required by State and/or Federal Law.

SECTION 34. Advertising.

34.1 The Consultant shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning this Contract without prior written approval from the County, including but not limited to, mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the County as a reference, or otherwise linking the Consultant's name and either description of this Contract or the name of the County in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party this Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representative.

SECTION 35. Notices.

35.1 All notices, demands, requests for approvals or other communications given by the parties to another in connection with this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or overnight delivery service (such as federal express), or courier service or by hand delivery to the office of each party indicated below:

County: Nassau County
Attn:
96135 Nassau Place
Yulee, Florida 32097

Consultant: [Consultant Address]
Attn: [Consultant Contact Person]

[Consultant Address]

SECTION 36. Attorney's Fees.

36.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 30 hereinabove, in the event of any legal action to enforce the terms of this Contract each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

SECTION 37. Authority to Bind.

37.1 The Consultant represents and warrants that the Consultant's undersigned representative if executing this Contract of behalf of a partnership, corporation or agency has the authority to bind the Company to the terms of this Contract.

SECTION 38. Conflicting Terms, Representations and No Waiver of Covenants or Conditions.

38.1 In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Contract and the terms of any exhibits, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

38.2 All representations, indemnifications, warranties and guaranties made by the Consultant in this Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in this Contract, shall survive final payment and termination or completion of this Contract.

38.3 The failure of either party to insist on strict performance of any covenant or condition herein, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver of such covenant, condition, or option in any other instance.

38.4 The Consultant warrants that any goods provided by the Consultant under this Contract shall be merchantable. All goods provided shall be of good quality within the description given by the County, shall be fit for their ordinary purpose, shall be adequately contained and packaged with the description given by the County, shall conform to the agreed

upon specifications, and shall conform to the affirmations of facts made by the Consultant or on the container or label.

SECTION 39. Construction of Contract.

39.1 The parties hereby acknowledge that they have fully reviewed this Contract and any exhibits and have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of their choice, and that this Contract shall not be construed against any party as if they were the drafter of this Contract.

SECTION 40. Headings.

40.1 The section headings and captions of this Contract are for convenience and reference of the parties and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this Contract or any part thereof.

SECTION 41. Entire Agreement and Execution.

41.1 This Contract, together with any exhibits, constitutes the entire Contract between the County and the Consultant and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings.

41.2 This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts; each executed counterpart hereof shall be deemed an original; and all such counterparts, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 42. Change of Laws.

42.1 If there is a change in any state or federal law, regulation or rule or interpretation thereof, which affects this Contract or the activities of either party under this Contract, and either party reasonably believes in good faith that the change will have a substantial adverse effect on that party's rights or obligations under this Contract, then that party may, upon written notice, require the other party to enter into good faith negotiations to renegotiate the terms of this Contract. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement concerning the modification of this

Contract within fifteen (15) days after the date of the notice seeking renegotiation, then either party may terminate this Contract by written notice to the other party. In such event, Consultant shall be paid its compensation for services performed prior to the termination date.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract which shall be deemed an original on the day and year last written below

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____

Attest as to authenticity of the
Chair's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form and legality by the
Nassau County Attorney

DENISE C. MAY

COMPANY'S NAME

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____