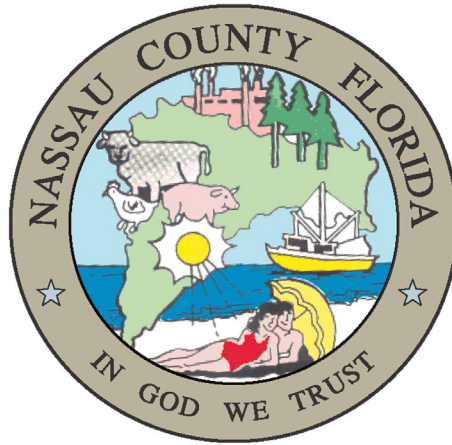


**NASSAU COUNTY
FLORIDA**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP)
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

RFP NO. NC23-062

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN

December 6, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 INTRODUCTION:

Nassau County (hereinafter referred to as the "County") is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES in accordance with scope of services contained in this Request for Proposal (RFP).

1.2 PROCUREMENT METHOD:

This procurement is being conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of the County Code of Ordinances. The specific method of source selection for the services required in this RFP is Code Section 1-141, Competitive Purchasing Methods.

1.3 COMPETITIVE PROCESS:

Any vendor that meets the requirements specified in this Request for Proposal may participate in the competitive process.

1.4 PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS:

This document and subsequent addendums, if any, can be downloaded from PlanetBids, through the Nassau County Procurement webpage <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/280/Procurement-Contracts-Management> under current bid opportunities.

1.5 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

The term of the agreement, if awarded, shall be for a three year term with options to renew for two additional one-year terms.

1.6 PUBLIC ENTITY 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.

1.7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The Firm, 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 Firm to solicit or secure this agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay

any person, company, corporation, individual, or Firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Firm 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.

1.8 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING:

Vendor is hereby notified that pursuant to Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor and may not give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

SECTION 2: SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Firm shall provide all Services (and Items incidental thereto) set forth in compliance with Exhibit "A" Scope of Services.

SECTION 3: INSTRUCTIONS RESPONDENTS

3.1 RFP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Listed below are the dates and times 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 PlanetBids	November 3, 2023	
Deadline for Questions	November 15, 2023	by 4:00 p.m.
County Responses to Questions Posted to PlanetBids	November 22, 2023	
RFP Responses Due Date/Time and RFP Opening Date/Time	December 6, 2023	by 10:00 a.m.
Evaluation Committee (Evaluate/Rank Firms)	Week of December 18, 2023	TBD
BOCC Award/Approval	TBD	TBD

Solicitation responses, tabulation and award will be made public in accordance with Florida Statute 119.071 and Florida Statute 286.0113.

3.2 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 3.1.**

- 3.3.** 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 3.1. By submitting a response, Firm 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 Services and Firm is prepared to comply with all statutes and regulations applicable to the services 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 Firm 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.

3.4 SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

The following person has been designated the Point of Contact for this RFP:

Lanaee Gilmore, Procurement Director
Procurement Department
Nassau County
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2
Yulee, FL 32097
Ph: 904-530-6043

Respondents to this RFP, or persons acting on their behalf shall not contact any employee or officer of the County concerning any aspect of this RFP, except in writing to the authorized County Point of Contact identified in this section, between the time RFP is released and the end of the 72-hour period (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and County holidays) following the County's posting of notice of recommendation of award. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

3.5 QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:

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 3.1.

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 Form "A."

3.6 VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS:

No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Proposer as a result of any discussions with any County officer or employee. Only those written communications that are issued from the County's Procurement Department shall be considered as duly authorized expressions on behalf of the County.

ALL QUESTIONS FROM RESPONDENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING AND SUBMITTED TO THE NASSAU COUNTY'S EPROCUREMENT SYSTEM, PLANETBIDS VENDOR PORTAL.

3.7 PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING: Not Applicable to this RFP.

3.8 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.

3.9 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Respondents to this RFP shall submit proof of Commercial General Liability, Commercial Auto Liability, Professional Liability, and Worker's Compensation insurance coverage that meets or exceeds the insurance requirement listed in Exhibit "C."

Proof of Insurance must be in the form of a certificate of insurance or a copy of policy declarations page.

3.10 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.

SECTION 4: PROPOSAL CONTENT

4.1 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 the firm 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 scope of services. Respondent 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 – Knowledge and Qualifications

Respondents should include:

- a brief description of your firm's organization, structure, and philosophy.
- Firm's years of experience.
- Knowledge of and compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws pertaining to this solicitation.

TAB 4 – Proposed Planners

- Indicate the proposed Staff for this RFP.
- Include resumes for all Staff that identify pertinent experience and expertise relevant to this RFP.

TAB 5 –Delivery and Approach

- Describe the delivery plan including the communication plan, how services will be managed.
- Include any innovative approaches to providing the described services.

TAB 6 – References

Provide a list of references for which similar services has been performed shall be included and the list shall include all similar contracts performed by the Respondent within the past five years. References should include the following information:

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

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 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 – Technology

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

TAB 8 – Cost

Provide hourly rate for staff using Exhibit "B" attached. Hourly rate must be fully burdened to include all costs (overhead, profit, and non-labor expenses, such as travel, mileage, per diem for meals and incidentals, etc.).

TAB 9 – Attachments/Administrative Information

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

SECTION 5: PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 PROPOSAL EVALUATION:** The County will review all qualified responses to this RFP and select the proposal that is determined to be in the best public interest in accordance with the intent of this RFP. All proposals will first be screened for adherence to the requirements of this RFP. The County will not consider non-responsive proposals. A non-responsive proposal is a proposal that was not timely submitted or fails to meet the material terms and conditions of this RFP as determined by the County.

The County reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal and to accept any proposal which it considers to be in the best public interest, and to reject any or all proposals. **The decision of the County shall be final.**

Solicitation responses, tabulation and award will be made public in accordance with Florida Statute 119.071 and Florida Statute 286.0113.

- 5.2 EVALUATION/SELECTION COMMITTEE:** The Procurement Director will facilitate the evaluation process. The evaluation/selection committee will be responsible for evaluating and ranking each Firm based upon the proposal submitted.
- 5.3** The Evaluation/Selection Committee shall evaluate the responses to the RFP and rank the Firm's based on the evaluation criteria contained herein.
- 5.4 EVALUATION CRITERIA:** A 100-point formula scoring system will be utilized based upon the following criteria:

Evaluation Factor	Maximum Points
Understanding the RFP Scope of Services	25
Knowledge and Qualifications of Firm and Proposed Staff	25
Experience of Firm and Staff, References	35
Cost	15

- 5.5** 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 firms before determining the final ranking.
- 5.6** If the County requests oral presentations from the top ranked firms, 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 County 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 award a contract with the top-ranked firm.

SECTION 7. STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS FOR SERVICES

The contract that the County intends to use for award is attached as Attachment "I". The successful Firm will be required to enter into an agreement which will include the requirements of this RFP as well as the terms and conditions of the draft contract, Attachment "I". Any exceptions to the standard terms and conditions must be stated in the proposal. Any submission of a proposal without objection to the standard terms and conditions indicates understanding and intention to comply with the standard terms and conditions. If there is a term or condition that the firm intends to negotiate, it must be stated in the proposal. The successful firm will not be entitled to any changes or modifications unless they were first stated in the proposal. The County reserves the right to reject any proposal(s) containing exceptions or modifications to the standard terms and conditions. The County may revise the stated standard terms and conditions prior to execution.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Scope of Services

The selected firm(s) will provide STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES for the Office of management & Budget under the direction of the County Manager. The firm will have the capacity to provide professional staff to work remotely and assist with in-person events or meetings as needed.

Nassau County utilizes the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds to administer and provide down payment, closing costs, emergency repairs, rehabilitation assistance, and other eligible uses for qualified individuals and families. The SHIP program is a state-provided grant to assist residents of Nassau County in obtaining affordable housing. Affordable housing is defined by statute as monthly mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance that does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the median adjusted gross income for the County. SHIP funds are available only to households that qualify according to state-established guidelines for very low, low and moderate income levels. The objective of the Nassau County SHIP program is to meet the housing needs of very-low, low and moderate income households, to expand production of and preserve affordable housing.

Provision of Program Administration Services shall include but is not limited to:

- Design, Streamline and manage the application process for eligible applicants
- Resolve any public inquiries with regards to available funding eligibility criteria
- Process applications and determine eligibility of applicants in accordance with SHIP guidelines
- Establish and maintain the appropriate files in accordance with SHIP guidelines
- Work with lenders , realtors, and other funders to facilitate homebuyer closings
- Review all documentation to ensure that there are no over-statements of fees or closing terms.
- Issue the appropriate notices and correspondences to applicants at various increments within the transactional process
- Work with the Office of Management & Budget to coordinate the disbursement of funds for closing
- Prepare the appropriate real estate documents (mortgage, note and/or restrictive covenants) to secure the County's portion of the financial transaction
- Ensure that homebuyers take any appropriate homebuyer education course as required
- Work with lenders to secure the closing documents that should be made part of the homebuyers' files
- Assist the contractors and homeowners with executing the necessary program documents to secure interest in the property and rehabilitation work
- Conduct pre-construction bid process
- Conduct an inspection of the property to determine the extent of the rehabilitation
- Draft work write-ups and construction bid packages
- Manage the contractor bid process
- Conduct periodic progress inspections of the rehabilitation work being done
- Process any requests for payments and draw downs
- Provide written inspection report to the homeowners and the contractor
- Conduct Advisory Committee Meetings, if required
- Review leveraging opportunities/Other possible sources of financing
- Gather all relevant local data and support documentation
- Representation during site visits and monitorings
- Maintain project account records

- Develop and track budget for project Contract
- Oversight of project schedule and compliance
- Coordination with agencies and contracts, as necessary
- Oversight of citizen complaint process
- Develop and process amendments to the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), as needed
- Review Change Orders and Amendments for compliance, as needed
- Monitor all project activity to ensure compliance
- Provide all other necessary technical assistance
- Review Pay Request and construction documents
- Balance final project budget for State Annual Reporting
- Prepare documents for administrative/financial close out
- Prepare public notices of funding availability and procurement opportunities as needed
- Prepare agenda items and disbursement requests, as needed
- Conduct all monitoring, reporting, and auditing requirements for state agencies
- Be available to County OMB staff for oversight and review of the firm's activities/functions.

EXHIBIT "B"
PRICE SHEET

Firm shall provide STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES in accordance with Exhibit A, Scope of Services at the hourly rate below. Hourly rate must be fully burdened to include all costs (overhead, profit, and non-labor expenses, such as travel, mileage, per diem for meals and incidentals, etc.). Total cost shall not exceed the allowable administration budget allowed for the SHIP program.

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Sr. Project Manager	\$ /hourly
Project Manager	\$ /hourly
Grant Manager	\$ /hourly
Asst. Project Manager	\$ /hourly
Other: _____	\$ /hourly
Other: _____	\$ /hourly
Other: _____	\$ /hourly

The undersigned declares that they have examined the Request for Proposal including documents attached, and the Scope of Services and is informed fully with regard to all terms and conditions pertaining thereto and agrees to provide services accordingly at the hourly rate set forth above.

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor'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 Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor'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	\$500,000 Each Accident
Bodily Injury By Disease	\$500,000 Policy Limit
Bodily Injury By Disease	\$500,000 Each Employee

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

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor/Contractor shall purchase and maintain at the Vendor/Contractor'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
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Covered Automobiles shall include any auto owned or operated by the insured Vendor/Contractor, 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 Vendor/Contractor.

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
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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.

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

Certificates of Insurance and the insurance policies required for this Agreement shall contain –

- **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.**
 - **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).**
 - **CGL policy for construction related contracts –**
 - **Additional Insured Endorsement must include Ongoing and Completed**
 - **CGL policy shall not be endorsed with Contractual Liability Limitation Endorsement or Amendment of Insured Contract Definition**
 - **CGL policy shall include broad form contractual liability coverage for the Contractors covenants to and indemnification of the Authority under this Contract**
- **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.**
- **Provision that policies, except Workers' Compensation, are primary and noncontributory.**

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

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, Vendor/Contractor shall submit an additional Certificate of Insurance evidencing continuation of such coverage.

If the Vendor/Contractor 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 Vendor/Contractor, in which event, Vendor/Contractor 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 Vendor/Contractor 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 Vendor/Contractors coverage based on the evidence of insurance provided by the Vendor/Contractor shall not be construed as a waiver by Nassau County Board of County Commissioners of Vendor/Contractor's obligation to procure, maintain and pay for required insurance.

The insurance requirements set forth herein shall in no way limit Vendor/Contractors 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 Vendor/Contractor's right under any policy with higher limits, and no policy maintained by the Vendor/Contractor shall be construed as limiting the type, quality or quantity of insurance coverage that Vendor/Contractor should maintain. Vendor/Contractor 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 Vendor/Contractor or any Sub-Vendor/Contractor contains deductible(s), penalty(ies) or self-insured retention(s), the Vendor/Contractor or Sub-Vendor/Contractor 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 Vendor/Contractor 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 I

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.

Initials_____

Initials_____

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

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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: _____

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FORM A

NASSAU COUNTY, FL

**SWORN STATEMENT
UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 287.133(3)(a) ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

TO BE RETURNED WITH BID

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 Bid, 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 bid 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 bids or applies to bid 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.)

NASSAU COUNTY, FL

_____ 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: _____

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7. REFERENCES:

List at least three references for which you have provided services related to this RFP Scope of Services (similar scope/size) in the past five years - preferably government agencies.

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: _____

8. NOTICE OF PARTIES AND BINDING AUTHORITY

The following information is required if Respondent is selected for award of a contract with the County.

Notice to Parties

All notices, demands, requests for approvals or other communications 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:

Contractor Name: _____

Attn: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Binding Authority

The person to execute the contract must be an officer of the company. If not an officer of the company, Respondent must provide proof of signing authority. Please provide the name, email address, and phone number of person who will execute the contract, if awarded.

Name of Person to execute contract (if awarded): _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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FORM C

NASSAU COUNTY, FL

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 bid 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 bid 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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NASSAU COUNTY, FL

“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: _____

FORM D
E-VERIFY AFFIDAVIT

**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 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.

FORM 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: _____

FORM 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: _____