

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYSERVICES
RFP 2025-01**

RFP ADVERTISE DATE: January 24, 2025
RFP RELEASE DATE: January 24, 2025
RESPONSES DUE DATE AND TIME: February 24, 2025@ 3:00 P.M.

MAIL OR DELIVER RESPONSES TO:
(*hand-delivery or express mail services*)
Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners
ATTN: RFP 2025-01
445 W. Palmer Mill Rd.
Monticello, FL 32344

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INTENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Jefferson County, Florida through Requests for Proposals No. 2025-01, is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for the provision of providing Information Technology Services (“Services”) for all Jefferson County offices that fall under the Board of County Commissioners. All Services shall be performed pursuant to this RFP, addenda, and any attachments (collectively “RFP”) and the executed contract with the successful Proposer. Proposals shall be clearly and concisely written to outline approach and delivery of such Services, experience, and qualifications of staff for the provision of Services that will best assist County. The specific elements of the Services are included in Section 3.0, of this RFP.

Firms interested in preparing a response for this RFP must complete the requirements set forth in this RFP, its attached documents and documents incorporated by reference (collectively referred to as the “RFP”). Under the proposal process of Jefferson County, the conditions set forth herein are binding on the Proposer as confirmed by the signature of a person with legal authority to bind the Proposer on the cover letter transmitting its Proposal to the County in response to this RFP.

If this RFP is amended, the County Manager’s Office will issue an appropriate addendum to the RFP. If an addendum is issued, all terms and conditions of this RFP that are not specifically modified in the addendum shall remain unchanged. An addendum to this RFP will be issued if any of the dates and/or times change. Specific dates/times will be determined at each phase.

It is understood and the Proposer hereby agrees to be solely responsible for obtaining all materials and determining the best methods that will be utilized to meet the intent of the specifications of this RFP. Failure by the Proposer to acquaint themselves with the available information will not relieve them from responsibility for estimating properly the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the Work. Proposers are expected to examine the specifications and all instructions pertaining to the required commodities/services. Failure to do so will be at Proposer’s own risk.

The County reserves the right to reject any Proposal found to be non-responsive, vague, or non-conforming. The County also reserves the right at any time to withdraw all or part of this RFP in order to protect its best interests. The County is not liable for any costs incurred by the Proposer in preparing its response, nor is a response an offer to contract with any Proposer. Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all responses are subject to Florida’s public records laws.

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of information in the RFP, it is recognized that the information may not be complete in every detail and that all work may not be expressly mentioned in the RFP. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to include in its Proposal all pertinent information in accordance with the objectives of the RFP.

Proposers interested in the Work are instructed to submit **three (3) original hard copies and one (1) electronic copy** (USB flash drive) of its **complete** Proposal in accordance with this RFP, no later than **February 24, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.**, unless otherwise changed through an addendum to this

RFP, to the County manager’s Office at 445 W. Palmer Mill Rd., Monticello, FL 32344. (Microsoft Word versions of all appendices can be requested from the County manager’s Office). Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered and shall be returned unopened.

- **Jefferson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
- **MBE/WBE businesses are encouraged to participate.**
- **Jefferson County strictly enforces open and fair competition.**

ADA – Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the County due to a disability should call the County manager’s Office at 850-997-3083 at least five (5) working days prior to any pre-response Conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County manager’s Office by the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

The RFP and any addenda issued are available on the Jefferson County website at <http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov> or by contacting the County at 850-997-3083. All questions pertaining to this RFP should be submitted in writing in accordance with Section 1.1 of the RFP.

SECTION 1.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Failure to comply with this or any other paragraph of this RFP shall be sufficient reason for rejection of the Proposal.

All times listed in the Schedule of Events are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>
Proposal Advertisement Date	January 24, 2025
Release of Request for Proposals	January 24, 2025
Questions Due from Prospective Bidder	February 7, 2025
Responses to questions due	February 10, 2025
PROPOSALS DUE TO BOCC	February 24, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.
Posting of Notice of Intended Award	February 25, 2025
BOCC Consideration of Award/Contract	March 6, 2025
Posting of Notice of Final Award	March 7, 2025

1.1 All inquiries and questions concerning this RFP must be in writing (e-mail is acceptable), received in accordance with Section 1.0 Schedule of Events, and must be directed to: Gustavo Rojas, County Budget Officer, at grojas@jeffersoncountyfl.gov.

Questions and responses will be posted on the County’s Website and, if necessary, an Addendum or Addenda will be issued.

1.2 Respondents will be notified of the County’s desire to enter additional discussions and hear an oral presentation of proposed solutions, if necessary.

SECTION 2.0 CONE OF SILENCE

- 2.1 A Cone of Silence will be in effect for this RFP beginning with the advertisement date of **January 24, 2025** and will terminate upon issuance of Notice of Award. A violation of the “Cone of Silence” renders any award voidable at the sole discretion of the County manager with approval from the Board of County Commissioners and may subject the potential Respondent/Consultant or representative to debarment.
- 2.2 The prospective Proposer shall not have any communication with any County officers, agents, or employees regarding this RFP or project. No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or RFP shall be made to a Proposer orally. Any such oral or other interpretations or clarifications shall be without legal effect.
- 2.3 All requests for interpretations or clarifications shall be in writing, addressed to the contact person as shown in Section 1.0, Schedule of Events. All such requests for interpretations or clarifications must be received in writing in accordance with Section 1.0, Schedule of Events. Any and all such interpretations and supplemental instructions shall be in the form of a written addendum which, if issued, shall be posted on the County’s website on the date indicated in Section 1.0, Schedule of Events. Such written addenda shall be binding on the Proposer and shall become a part of the RFP Document(s).

SECTION 3.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES (SOS) / SCOPE OF WORK (SOW)

3.1 GENERAL SCOPE

Successful Respondents will provide all personnel, labor, tools, equipment, and other materials necessary to provide ongoing, day-to-day IT services for the County’s servers, network, user stations, user support, and other equipment identified below for the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioner offices:

A) SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING NETWORK AND EQUIPMENT

Jefferson County does not have an existing network. Internal equipment used by employees is equipped with preinstalled software. The provider will compile a log of existing equipment and software used.

B) NETWORK APPLICATIONS AND BUSINESS PROCESSES SUPPORT

The County requires software to support email archiving, managing exchange server resources, and additionally for compliance with Florida's Sunshine Law. Public records requests are routinely made and will require the assistance of IT staff to perform simple and complex queries to obtain the requested information. It is expected that the vendor awarded this contract will need the capability to complete such tasks as they are assigned in a timely fashion.

The network should support remote server access protected by a firewall.

The successful Respondent will be required to provide phone system services in the operation of the various areas of the Jefferson County offices. This support includes fielding all Help-Desk calls and on-site support to resolve emergency issues and moves/adds/changes.

C) REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful Respondent will be responsible for monthly reporting to BOCC Administration. This may include, but is not limited to, internal website tracking and monitoring, e-mail tracking and monitoring, phone system tracking and monitoring, monthly updates of all on-going projects, monthly updates on down-time, budgeting, purchasing, server performance logs and events, and monthly help desk tickets with trends.

D) TRAINING RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful Respondent will be responsible for providing training to all BOCC staff and quarterly training to new staff members on a variety of subjects relating to the County's information technology equipment. Training must also be provided with any new software roll-out or new application roll-outs.

E) INSTALLATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The decision to expand or consolidate/relocate offices may occur. The successful Respondent must be able to allow for structured project management to coordinate these situations with other vendors and BOCC staff. This includes transportation of equipment from site to site, unpacking of equipment, file management, setup of equipment, and disposing of trash.

F) BACKUP MANAGEMENT

Aside from the daily backups, bi-annually a backup test must be conducted. This test requires that a disaster recovery type situation be emulated and all important data be restored to an acceptable point. All backups must be documented and are required to include email and client data.

G) PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

All service pack releases, updates, and server maintenance must be done during non-working hours. Advance notice should be provided for any maintenance affecting availability except in the event of an emergency, in which case notice should be provided as soon as practical.

H) SECURITY MANAGEMENT

The successful Respondent will be responsible for managing and maintaining firewall security along with intrusion detection, virus protection, configuration, and protection against other vulnerabilities.

I) ASSET MANAGEMENT

Existing equipment is a current asset of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. The successful Respondent must be able to account for all inventoried equipment and asset numbers in the event that equipment is replaced or sent for repair. This includes conducting an annual Inventory of all equipment and the reporting any and all lost or missing equipment.

J) HELP DESK SUPPORT

The successful Respondent will be responsible for providing help desk support, systems and software support to all the network users, as well as technical support for onsite work at the various locations including providing advice and guidance on everyday issues, virus protection, various program upgrades, etc.

K) PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS

Routine public record requests for e-mails and other data estimated to take less than one man hour should be included in this proposal. Requests estimated to take over one man hour should be considered outside of the all-inclusive proposal and a proposed rate should be quoted separately. The successful Respondent will be required to respond to all public records requests in a timely fashion.

L) IT VENDOR MAINTENANCE

The successful Respondent will need to maintain all hardware and coordinate services with vendors. This includes all hardware vendors, all software vendors, all communication vendors, and any other systems related to IT support.

3.02 FEES FOR SERVICES

The County is requesting "all-inclusive" pricing proposals that include labor and tools only. A separate line item is requested for fees relating to large public records requests that would require more than one hour to fulfill. This should be listed as an hourly rate for the staff person most qualified to fulfill the request.

The BOCC may purchase hardware and/or software from any Dell and/or Cisco certified dealer. The successful Respondent will assist staff in compiling the required specifications for the required purchase at no additional cost.

3.03 SUPERVISION AND PERSONNEL

The successful Respondent shall supervise and direct the work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the work.

3.04 PARTS, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT

Unless otherwise specified in the contract documents, purchases of hardware or software must be procured in the manner required by the County's Purchasing Ordinance unless the purchase is necessary to remedy an emergency situation, in which case such purchase shall be treated as an emergency purchase under the County Purchasing Ordinance.

3.05 RECORDKEEPING

The successful Respondent shall be required to maintain records pertaining to the contract for five (5) years after the termination of the contract.

3.06 TAXES

The successful Respondent shall pay all sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes required to be paid by the Respondent in accordance with the laws and regulations of the place of the project which are applicable during the performance of the work.

3.07 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The successful Respondent shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of federal, state and local governments. As federal funding may be used to fund a portion of this agreement, successful Respondent must be willing to comply with any related terms and conditions of award.

SECTION 4.0 PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 The use of the terms “shall,” “must,” or “will” (except to indicate simple futurity) in this RFP indicates a mandatory requirement or condition. The words “should” or “may” in this RFP indicate desirable attributes or conditions, but are permissive in nature. Deviation from, or omission of, such a desirable feature will not by itself cause rejection of a Proposal.
- 4.1.2 Proposals not meeting all material requirements of this request or which fail to provide all required information, documents, or materials such as request forms, bonds, etc., will be rejected as non-responsive. Material requirements of the Proposal are those set forth as mandatory, or without which an adequate analysis and comparison of replies is impossible, or those which affect the competitiveness of replies or the cost to the County. A Proposer whose Proposal, past performance, or current status that does not reflect the capability, integrity or reliability to perform fully and in good faith the requirements of the Contract may be rejected as non-responsible.
- 4.1.3 The County reserves the right to determine which Proposals meet the material requirements of the RFP and which Proposals are responsible and/or responsive. Further, the Board of County Commissioners may reject any and all Proposals and seek new Proposals when it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
- 4.1.4 A Proposal by a corporation shall be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice-president or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The corporate seal shall be affixed and attested by the secretary or an assistant secretary. The corporate address and state of incorporation shall be provided on the Proposal Form, for a Proposal by a/an:
- a. Partnership shall be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner (whose title must appear under the signature), accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The official address of the partnership shall be provided on the Proposal Form.
 - b. Limited liability company shall be executed in the name of the firm by a member and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The state of formation of the firm and the official address of the firm shall be shown.

- c. Individual shall show the Proposer's name and business address.
 - d. Proposal by a joint venture shall be executed by each joint venture member in the manner indicated on the Proposal form. The official address of the joint venture must be provided on the Proposal Form.
- 4.1.5 All names shall be printed in ink below the signatures.
- 4.1.6 The Proposal shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers and dates of which shall be filled in on the Proposal form.
- 4.1.7 The postal and email addresses and telephone number for communication regarding the Proposal shall be shown.
- 4.1.8 A Proposer seeking to do business with the County shall, at the time of submitting a Proposal, be appropriately registered with the Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 605, 607, 617, or 620 Florida Statutes, as applicable. For further information on required filing and forms, please go to the following sites: <http://sunbiz.org/index.html> or <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/doc/index.html>.

The Proposal shall contain evidence of Proposer's authority and qualification to do business in the state or locality where the Project is located or Proposer shall covenant in writing to obtain such qualification prior to award of the Contract and attach such covenant to the Proposal. Proposer's state contractor license number, if any, shall also be shown on the Proposal Form.

4.2 Response to the RFP shall be submitted in the format described below:

Proposals must be divided as described below and must include the information/documents specified in the applicable tab. Proposals that do not adhere to the following format or include the requested information/documents may be considered incomplete and therefore unresponsive by the County.

The County reserves the right to seek additional/supplemental representation on specific issues as needed. Proposals should be typed. **No changes in or corrections to Proposals will be allowed after the Proposals are opened.** The signer of the Proposal must declare that the Proposal in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud and that the signer of the Proposal has the authority to bind the principal Proposer.

The County will not be liable for any costs incurred by Proposer prior to entering a contract. Therefore, all Proposers are encouraged to provide a simple, straightforward, and concise description of their ability to meet the RFP requirements.

PROPOSAL CONSTRUCTION

Proposer will construct its Proposal in the following format as outlined below, and a divider must separate each tab as prescribed.

TAB 1 – PROPOSAL TRANSMITTAL FORM ON THE FIRMS LETTERHEAD (FORM NO. 1)

All signatures must be by an individual with authority to legally bind the Proposer, witnessed, and corporate and/or notary seal (as applicable.) If the individual signing the Proposal Transmittal Form does not have apparent authority to legally bind the Proposer, attach documentation demonstrating such authority. The corporate or mailing address must match the company information as it is listed on the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations. Attach a copy of the webpage(s) from <http://www.sunbiz.org> as certification of this required information. Verify that all addenda and tax identification number have been provided.

TAB 2 – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND QUALIFICATION APPLCATION (FORM NO. 2)

This summary should be no more than three (3), front and back, pages. Include Form 2, Qualification Application and Questionnaire. The proposing firm must provide information indicative of experience on other projects of similar complexity that demonstrate successful and reliable experience in past performance within the last seven (7) years as related to this Proposal.

TAB 3 – LETTERS OF REFERENCE (FORM 3)

Include three reference letters from similarly situated communities or local governments dated 2016 or later. Letters must be on the entities letterhead and signed by an authorized official and include a brief description of the project and results, date of the project and name of contact person, e-mail, and phone number.

TAB 4 – KEY STAFF

Include a summary of leadership and key staff, their role and experience that will be assigned to work with the County. Include behind the summary a resume of each staff listed in the summary with relevant information to the services be requested (limit one page, front and back, per person). Provide an organizational chart, resumes, and summary of staff qualifications. Demonstrate current capacity and current expertise in debris removal, solid waste and hazardous waste management and disposal. Respondent shall document knowledge and experience of personnel with Federal, State and local emergency management agencies, programs, funding sources and reimbursement processes. Provide the name and location of the proposed:

- a. Closest office
- b. Principal in charge
- c. Local On Site Project Manager
- d. Data Collection Manager

TAB 5 – APPROACH

Provide a description of the Proposer's approach to the project including implementation of the RFP Scope of Services, startup procedures, estimating methodology, and management of

services.

TAB 6 – CAPACITY

Capacity to perform services timely for the County is critical and could be impacted by other obligations firms may have in the general area. Provide current obligations of Respondent, including time schedules and staff committed.

TAB 7 – COST FEE SCHEDULE

Jefferson County is requesting "all-inclusive" pricing proposals that include labor and tools only. A separate line item is requested for fees relating to large public records requests that would require more than one hour to fulfill. This should be listed as an hourly rate for the staff person most qualified to fulfill the request.

TAB 8 – REQUIRED FORMS DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

The following forms must be fully filled out and signed by a person with authority to bind the Proposer:

- Form No. 4 Indemnification and Hold Harmless Statement
- Form No. 5 Public Entity Crimes Sworn Statement
- Form No. 6 Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Statement
- Form No. 7 Drug Free Workplace Certification
- Form No. 8 Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Form No. 9 Non-Collusion Affidavit
- Form No. 10 Ethics Clause & Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements
- Form No. 11 List of Proposed Sub-Contractors
- Form No. 12 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - Primary Covered Transactions
- Form No. 13 E-Verify Certification
- Form No. 14 Insurance Certification
- Form No. 15 Comments on Proposed Contract
- Form No. 16 System for Award Management Form
- Form No. 17 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment Form
- Form No. 18 Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

Please note any concerns with the proposed contract on Form No. 15. Any comments that are included on this form regarding the contract documents will be forwarded to the legal department for review. The County’s acceptance of comments does not guarantee any revision to the contract documents. Comments not included on this form **WILL NOT** be considered. Please indicate NONE or Not Applicable (N/A) if there are no comments on the proposed contract documents.

SECTION 5.0 PROPOSAL OPENING

- 5.1 All Proposals will be opened on the date and time indicated in **Section 1.0, Schedule of Events** (i.e., date Proposals are due) or as modified by Addendum.

SECTION 6.0 EVALUTION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 Proposals submitted to this RFP that satisfy the required qualifications and are deemed to be submitted by responsive and responsible Proposers shall be ranked by a Selection Committee.
- 6.2 The County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Proposals. The County further reserves the right to reject the Proposal of any Proposer whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be non-responsible. The County also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time or changes in the Services and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Proposer.
- 6.3 More than one Proposal for the same Services from an individual or entity under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Proposer has an interest in more than one Proposal for the Services may be cause for disqualification of the Proposer and the rejection of all Proposals in which that Proposer has an interest.
- 6.4 The County may conduct such investigation as it deems necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of Proposers, proposed subcontractors, suppliers, individuals or entities to perform the Services in accordance with the Contract document.
- 6.5 In ranking Proposals the Selection Committee shall evaluate the Proposals on the basis of the information provided by the Proposer, and rank each Proposal for compliance with the qualifications of each Proposer and compliance with the mandatory requirements of the RFP. The County reserves the right to award to more than one Proposer.
- 6.6 Evaluation of proposals and selection of a monitoring and management firm shall be at the sole discretion of County. The selection committee will evaluate the Proposals that are responsive to the requirements of this RFP using the following weighted criteria:

CRITERIA	Score
1. Technical Proposal	35
2. Organization and Ability of Consultant and Staff	30
3. Relevant Firm Experience	15
4. References on Recent Projects of similar size and scope	15
5. Central Offices Located within 50 miles	5
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100

- 6.7 Proposers may be selected for interviews or oral presentations (shortlisted). The County makes no commitment to any Proposer to this RFP beyond consideration of the written response to this RFP. All Proposers will be notified of the shortlisted and non-shortlisted Proposers as well as the date, time, and location of interviews and/or oral presentations, if necessary. The County's request for an oral presentation shall in no way constitute acceptance of a proposal or imply that an agreement is pending. The County reserves the right to award the opportunity to provide the services specified herein based on initial proposal submissions without oral presentations.
- 6.8 The Proposals deemed best by the selection committee shall be presented by the County manager in the form of an Agenda Request to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, who shall either accept or deny the recommendation of the selection committee as presented by the County manager.

SECTION 7.0 INTENT TO AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION

- 7.1 The County reserves the right to incorporate the successful Proposal into the Contract. Failure of a Proposer to accept this obligation may result in the cancellation of the award.
- 7.2 The construction, interpretation, and performance of this RFP, and all transactions under it shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and Jefferson County. The Contract shall include all terms and conditions of this RFP, any addenda, response, and the County's contract issued as a result of this RFP.
- 7.3 The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the Proposals received. Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive Proposer(s) within the category chosen for basis of award. The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple Proposers at its discretion.
- 7.4 The Successful Proposer will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in the Proposal. The County will consider the Successful Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment on any or all charges.
- 7.5 After successful posting of the award for 72 hours, negotiation of a final Contract, and approval of award by the Board of County Commissioners, the Successful Proposer will be required to enter into the Contract with the County.

SECTION 8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS (STAC)

- 8.1 Definitions
- 8.2 Florida Public Records Law and Confidentiality
- 8.3 Construction and Venue
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- 8.5 Term of the Contract and Termination

- 8.6 Insurance Requirements and Bond Requirements
- 8.7 Non-Appropriation of Funds
- 8.8 Authority to Piggyback

8.1 Definitions

General terms used throughout this RFP are provided below. Additional definitions may be provided as applicable to a specific section or subject matter.

Award means the determination of a successful Proposer(s) in response to this RFP, resulting in an offer of a Contract to perform the services pursuant to the RFP and their Proposal.

County means the Jefferson Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and its employees.

Contract means the legally enforceable document agreed to and signed by the County and successful Proposer(s) (collectively referred to as the “Parties”), a draft Contract is attached hereto as Appendix B and incorporated herein.

RFP means this document, its attachments and any document hereinafter incorporated by reference.

Proposer means any firm, individual or organization submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP.

Successful Proposer means a Proposer who is Awarded a Contract as result of the Proposal submitted in response to this RFP.

Proposal Bond means an insurance agreement in which a third party agrees to be liable to pay a certain amount of money in the event that a selected vendor fails to accept the contract as Proposal. If required, a Proposal bond/deposit shall be for 5% of the amount of the Proposal.

Payment Bond means a bond which assures that the subcontractors, laborers, and material suppliers will receive payment for the services and products used to fulfill the contract.

Performance Bond means a bond to assure satisfactory performance of the terms of the contract.

Work or SOW means the scope of work and/or services.

8.2 Florida Public Records Law and Confidentiality

- 8.2.1. By submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, a Proposer acknowledges that the County is a governmental entity subject to the Florida Public Records Law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). The Proposer further acknowledges that any materials or documents

provided to the County may be “public records” and, as such, may be subject to disclosure to, and copying by, the public unless otherwise specifically exempt by Law.

- 8.2.2 Should the Proposer provide the County with any materials which it believes, in good faith, contain information that would be exempt from disclosure or copying under Florida Law; the Proposer shall indicate that belief by typing or printing, in bold letters, the phrase “PROPRIETARY INFORMATION” on the face of each affected page of such materials. The Proposer shall submit to the County both a complete copy of such material and a redacted copy in which the exempt information on each affected page, and only such exempt information, has been rendered unreadable. In the event a Proposer fails to submit both copies of such material, the copy submitted will be deemed a public record subject to disclosure and copying regardless of any annotations to the contrary on the face of such document or any page(s) thereof.
- 8.2.3 Should any person request to examine or copy any material so designated, and provided the affected Proposer has otherwise fully complied with this provision, the County, in reliance on the representations of the Proposer, will produce for that person only the redacted version of the affected materials. If the person requests to examine or copy the complete version of the affected material, the County shall notify the Proposer of that request, and the Proposer shall reply to such notification, in writing that must be received by the County no later than 4:00 p.m., EST, of the County business day following Proposer’s receipt of such notification, either permitting or refusing to permit such disclosure or copying.
- 8.2.4 Failure to provide a timely written reply shall be deemed consent to disclosure and copying of the complete copy of such material. If the Proposer refuses to permit disclosure or copying, the Proposer agrees to, and shall, hold harmless and indemnify the County for all expenses, costs, damages, and penalties of any kind whatsoever which may be incurred by the County, or assessed or awarded against the County, in regard to the County’s refusal to permit disclosure or copying of such material. If litigation is filed in relation to such request and the Proposer is not initially named as a party, the Proposer shall promptly seek to intervene as a defendant in such litigation to defend its claim regarding the confidentiality of such material. This provision shall take precedence over any provisions or conditions of any Proposal submitted by a Proposer in response to this RFP and shall constitute the County’s sole obligation with regard to maintaining confidentiality of any document, material, or information submitted to the County.

8.3 Construction and Venue

The validity, construction, and effect of this RFP and subsequent Contract shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Florida. The provisions of the RFP, Successful Proposer’s Proposal and subsequent Contract shall be complied with by the Parties, but only to the extent they are consistent with applicable law and the Contract. In the event of an inconsistency, the Order of Precedence shall be followed:

- a. Laws of Florida and Contract
- b. RFP and all of its addendums and attachments

c. Successful firm's Proposal

Venue for all actions arising under the RFP and subsequent Contract shall lie in Jefferson County, Florida, United States.

8.4 Contract

8.4.1 The Successful Proposer will be required to enter into the Contract with the County and will be required to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract terms and conditions. The Draft Contract is attached hereto as Appendix B and incorporated herein by reference.

8.4.2 Any exceptions to the proposed Contract must be noted in proposal response in Form No. 15 – Comments on Proposed Contract. The County is under no obligation to modify the proposed Contract to conform to the Successful Proposer's Contract exceptions. Contingent Proposals will not be accepted. If acceptance of the Contract Award is contingent on an exception and modification to the Contract, the Proposer must provide this information to the County at the time of submission of technical questions, as outlined in the Schedule of Events in order to obtain a determination from the County regarding the proposed exception. If a Proposer's exception and modification are rejected by the County during the technical question portion of the Proposal process and the Proposer later submits a Proposal, Proposer shall be deemed to have accepted this Contract provision.

8.5 Term of the Contract and Termination

8.5.1 The term of the Contract shall begin no sooner than the later of the dates executed by both Parties and shall be effective for an initial term of three (3) years, with two (2) optional renewal terms of one (1) year each.

8.5.2 The County may, at any time, without cause, order Respondent in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the work in whole or in part for such period of time as the County may determine, or to terminate all or a portion of the Contract for the County's convenience. Upon such termination, the Contract Price earned to the date of termination shall be paid to Respondent, but Respondent waives any claim for damages, including loss of profits arising out of or related to the early termination. Those Contract provisions which by their nature survive final acceptance shall remain in full force and effect. If the County orders a suspension, the Contract price and Contract time may be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay or interruption. No adjustment shall be made to the extent that performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by reason for which Respondent is responsible; or that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of this Contract.

8.6 Insurance Requirements and Bond Requirements

8.6.1 General Provisions

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and during any renewal or extension term of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT, at

its sole expense, shall provide insurance of such types and with such terms and limits as noted below. Providing proof of and maintaining adequate insurance coverage are material obligations of the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT shall provide the County a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. The CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the CONSULTANT shall not be interpreted as limiting the CONSULTANT's liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in the State of Florida and possess an A.M. Best rating of A-, VII or better, subject to approval by the County's Risk Manager.

The coverages, limits, and/or endorsements required herein protect the interests of the County, and these coverages, limits, and/or endorsements shall in no way be required to be relied upon by the CONSULTANT for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect the CONSULTANT against any loss exposures, whether as a result of this Agreement or otherwise. The requirements contained herein, as well as the County's review or acknowledgement, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the CONSULTANT under this Agreement.

The following insurance policies and coverages are required:

8.6.2 Commercial General Liability

Coverage must be afforded under a Commercial General Liability policy with limits not less than:

- \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury, Property Damage, and Personal and Advertising Injury
- \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for Products and Completed Operations

Policy must include coverage for contractual liability.

The County, its officials, employees, and volunteers are to be included as an additional insured with a CG 20 26 04 13 Additional Insured – Designated Person or Organization Endorsement or similar endorsement providing equal or broader Additional Insured Coverage with respect to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the CONSULTANT. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the County, its officials, employees, and volunteers.

8.6.3 Business Automobile Liability

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

8.6.4 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Coverage must be afforded per Chapter 440, Florida Statutes. Any person or entity performing work for or on behalf of the County must provide Workers' Compensation insurance. Exceptions

and exemptions will be allowed by the County's Risk Manager, if they are in accordance with Florida Statute.

The CONSULTANT waives, and the CONSULTANT shall ensure that the CONSULTANT's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the County and the County's officers, employees, and volunteers for all losses or damages. The County requires the policy to be endorsed with WC 00 03 13 Waiver of our Right to Recover from Others or equivalent.

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

8.6.5 Insurance Certificate Requirements

8.6.5.1. The CONSULTANT shall provide the County with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than thirty (10) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.

8.6.5.2. The CONSULTANT shall provide to the County a Certificate of Insurance having a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10) days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium.

8.6.5.3. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the certificate holder.

8.6.5.4. In the event the Agreement term goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the CONSULTANT shall provide the County with an updated Certificate of Insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The County reserves the right to suspend the Agreement until this requirement is met.

8.6.5.5. The Certificate of Insurance shall indicate whether coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the Certificate of Insurance must show a retroactive date, which shall be the effective date of the initial contract or prior.

8.6.5.6. The County shall be included as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation.

8.6.5.7. The County shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on the CONSULTANT's Workers' Compensation insurance policy.

8.6.5.8. The title of the Agreement, Bid/Contract number, event dates, or other identifying reference must be listed on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate Holder should read as follows:
Jefferson County BOCC

The CONSULTANT has the sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and shall be fully and solely responsible for any costs or expenses as a result of a coverage deductible, co-insurance penalty, or self-insured retention; including any loss not covered because of the operation of

such deductible, co-insurance penalty, self-insured retention, or coverage exclusion or limitation. Any costs for adding the County as an Additional Insured shall be at the CONSULTANT's expense.

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

The CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the County, its officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, employees, or volunteers shall be non-contributory.

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

Any lapse in coverage may be considered breach of contract. In addition, CONSULTANT must provide to the County confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate of insurance should any policies expire prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The County reserves the right to review, at any time, coverage forms and limits of CONSULTANT's insurance policies.

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

8.7 Non-Appropriation of Funds

In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted by the County or are otherwise unavailable for fulfilling the requirements of the Contract, the obligations of the County shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations are received, without penalty or expense to the County of any kind whatsoever. County will immediately notify the Consultant or its assignee of such occurrence. In the event of such termination, the County agrees to peaceably surrender possession of the equipment to the Consultant or its assignee on the date of such termination to the extent that such equipment has not been paid for by the County. The Consultant will be responsible for packing all equipment and any freight charges.

The County will not cancel if any funds are appropriated to it, or by it, for the acquisition, retention or operation of the equipment or other equipment performing similar functions for the current fiscal period in which the termination occurs or the next succeeding fiscal period thereafter and that it will not, during the funding period, give priority to other functionally similar equipment or services.

The Consultant shall covenant and agree to indemnify and hold County harmless against any loss, damage liability, cost, penalty or expense, including attorney's fees, which it is not otherwise agreed to by the County in the equipment Contract and which is incurred and arises upon a failure of the County to appropriate funds in the manner described herein for a continuation of the Contract or exercise of the option to purchase the equipment.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2025-01

FOR:

Information Technology Services

Advertisement Begin Date: January 24, 2025

Bids Due Date/Time: February 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. EST

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (“County”) is seeking proposals from qualified Information Technology Service providers. The County is seeking a qualified contractor to provide IT services to all departments managed by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, you must obtain the complete solicitation package, which contains additional information regarding this solicitation and instructions related to submitting a bid, from the Jefferson County website at www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov or by contacting the County Manager’s Office at:

Gustavo Rojas
grojas@jeffersoncountyfl.gov
(850) 342-0223

All inquiries and requests for clarification concerning the solicitation shall be submitted in writing and in accordance with the solicitation. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

The County reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. The County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status and disability/handicapped status in employment or provision of service.

ADA – Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the County due to a disability should call the County Manager’s Office at (850) 342-0223 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the County Manager’s Office via the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025, between JEFFERSON COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, situated at 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida 32344, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and _____ a _____, headquartered at _____, hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR, and whose Federal Employer Identification Number is _____.

WHEREAS, COUNTY requires certain professional services in connection with the ongoing provision of _____; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY issued Request for Proposals # _____ on _____ seeking interested firms for the provision of _____, which is included by reference as to the scope of services contained therein; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR was selected pursuant to this RFQ #_____, which response is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and represents it is capable and prepared to provide such Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1.0 Term.

1.1 This Agreement shall take effect on the date of its execution by the Chairman of Board of County Commissioners.

1.2 The term of this Agreement shall commence on _____ and continue until _____, unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.

1.3 **[INSERT ANY RENEWALS]**

2.0 Scope of Services, Performance Schedule.

2.1 CONTRACTOR shall perform the following services: **[insert scope of services, performance schedule as applicable, see pages 5-8 of Intent and General Info Document]**

2.2 CONTRACTOR shall also perform additional services as may be further specifically designated and authorized by the COUNTY, in writing. Such authorizations for additional services will be outlined in a Supplemental Agreement (“SA”) and all provisions of this Agreement apply to the SA with full force and effect as if appearing in full within each SA. Each SA will set forth a specific Scope of Services, maximum limit of compensation, schedule, liquidated damages, and completion date, and shall become effective upon the due execution after approval by the Board.

2.3 The CONTRACTOR is not authorized to provide services or materials to the COUNTY or undertake any project or work provided for in this Agreement prior to the COUNTY having first issued a Purchase Order ("PO") or Notice to Proceed. CONTRACTOR recognizes that the COUNTY may employ several different CONTRACTORS to perform the work described and that the CONTRACTOR has not been employed as the exclusive agent to perform any such services.

2.4 When the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY enter into an SA where the term of the SA expires on a date that is later than the date that this Agreement expires, the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY agree that the terms of this Agreement and any amendments, attachments or provisions thereof are automatically extended until the expiration or full completion of the requirements of the SA have been performed. Cancellation by the COUNTY of any remaining work prior to the full completion of the requirements of the SA shall cause the terms of this Agreement to terminate at the same time. This provision only applies when the expiration of the SA extends beyond the expiration of this Agreement. It does not apply when a SA expires or is cancelled prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

3.0 Compensation.

3.1 General.

3.1.1 COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with the following Project Fee schedule: [insert fee schedule].

3.1.2 Invoices must reference the applicable Contract and PO number and should further include CONTRACTOR's name, address, contact information, dates of service, quantities of materials and descriptions of work performed, as applicable.

3.1.3 Each individual invoice shall be due and payable forty-five (45) days after receipt by the COUNTY of correct, fully documented, invoice, in form and substance satisfactory to the COUNTY with all appropriate cost substantiations attached. All invoices shall be delivered to:

County Coordinator or Designee
Jefferson County
1484 S. Jefferson Street
Monticello, FL 32344
Phone: (850) 342-0287
Fax: N/A
smetty@jeffersoncountyfl.gov
rlong@jeffersoncountyfl.gov

3.1.4 In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the CONTRACTOR will clearly state "Final Invoice" on the CONTRACTOR's final/last billing to the COUNTY. This certifies that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to the COUNTY. Since this account will thereupon be closed, any and other further charges if not properly included on this final invoice are waived by the CONTRACTOR.

3.1.5 Payment of the final invoice shall not constitute evidence of the COUNTY's acceptance of the work. For final acceptance of any services provided hereunder, the CONTRACTOR will submit an acceptance document to the COUNTY for approval.

3.1.6 If compensation is based upon time and materials, invoices shall be accompanied by time and task records for all billable hours appearing on the invoice. If compensation is based upon a lump sum price, invoices shall be accompanied by tasks and percentage of work. Additional documents may be requested by COUNTY and, if so requested, shall be furnished by CONTRACTOR to County Clerk's satisfaction.

3.1.7 Project manager or designated payroll officer shall, by affidavit, attest to the correctness and accuracy of time charges and requested reimbursements.

3.2 Reimbursables.

3.2.1 All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement, if any, shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices or other documentation acceptable to the County Clerk. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Services described in this Agreement.

3.2.2 Reimbursable Expenses are the actual, pre-approved, expenses incurred directly in connection with this Agreement (including any applicable SA), and include:

Overnight Deliveries

- Reproduction
- Sub-Contractor
- Long Distance Telephone Calls (excluding Florida cities located outside the boundaries of Jefferson County)

[MODIFY LIST AS NEEDED – FOR A LUMP SUM THERE WILL NOT BE ANY]

3.2.3 Mileage shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S., and COUNTY policy for pre-approved out-of-county travel (excluding travel from home offices located outside of Jefferson County to the Jefferson County line). [MODIFY AS NEEDED – FOR MOST WE WILL NOT INCLUDE THIS]

3.2.4 All Reimbursable Expenses, including subcontractors, shall be reimbursed at cost.

3.2.5 Pre-approved travel costs shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

3.2.6 All assets, i.e. durable goods, purchased as reimbursable expenses become the property of the COUNTY upon completion of the work for which the asset was utilized. All such

assets must be surrendered by delivery to the _____ offices upon demand, termination of the Agreement, or the conclusion of the project, whichever occurs first.

3.2.7 CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current inventory of all such assets.

4.0 Insurance

4.1 General Provisions

4.1.1 CONTRACTOR shall maintain, at all times, the following minimum levels of insurance and shall, without in any way altering their liability, obtain, pay for and maintain insurance for the coverages and amounts of coverage not less than those set forth below and provide the COUNTY with a Certificate of Insurance and an opportunity to inspect a certified copy of each policy applicable to this Agreement followed thereafter by an annual Certificate of Insurance satisfactory to the COUNTY to evidence such coverage before any work commences. Such certificates will provide that there shall be no termination, non-renewal, modification, or expiration of such coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the COUNTY.

4.1.2 The COUNTY shall be named as an additional insured on all CONTRACTOR policies related to the project, excluding professional liability and worker's compensation. The policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Jefferson County. All such policies shall be endorsed to provide defense coverage obligations. All insurance coverage shall be written with an insurer having an A.M. Best Rating of a least the "A" category and size category of VIII.

4.1.3 The CONTRACTOR's self-insured retention or deductible per line of coverage shall not exceed \$10,000.00 without the permission of the COUNTY.

4.1.4 If there is any failure by the CONTRACTOR to comply with the provisions of this section, the COUNTY may, at its option, on notice to the CONTRACTOR, suspend the work for cause until there is full compliance.

4.1.5 COUNTY may, at its sole discretion, purchase such insurance at CONTRACTOR's expense provided that the COUNTY shall have no obligation to do so and if the COUNTY shall do so, it shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of its obligation to obtain insurance.

4.1.6 The CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of or excused from the obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance amount and coverages.

4.1.7 All CONTRACTOR's sub-contractors shall be required to include COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as additional insured on their General Liability Insurance policies.

4.1.8 In the event that subcontractors used by the CONTRACTOR do not have insurance, or do not meet the insurance limits, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY for any claim in excess of the subcontractors' insurance coverage.

4.1.9 The CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until all insurance required as stated herein has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by the COUNTY.

[LIMITS AND TYPES SPECIFIED BELOW WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE CONTRACT AND NEED TO COME FROM RISK MANAGEMENT]

4.2 Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. In the event CONTRACTOR travels in furtherance of the performance of the services required in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance with \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death and property damage resulting from any one occurrence, including all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles, as appropriate.

4.3 Commercial General Liability. \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death and property damage, and personal injury resulting from any one occurrence.

4.4 Umbrella (Excess) Liability Insurance. Umbrella Liability with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00, exclusive of defense costs, to be in excess of all other coverages. Such coverage shall be at least as broad as the primary coverages above, with any excess umbrella layers written on a strict following form basis over the primary coverage. All such policies shall be endorsed to provide defense coverage obligations.

4.5 Professional Liability Insurance. \$1,000,000.00 for design errors and omissions, exclusive of defense costs. CONTRACTOR shall be required to provide continuing Professional Liability Insurance to cover each project for a period of two (2) years after the project is completed. Insurance requirements may vary depending on projects as determined by the County Director of Risk Management and Insurance. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to provide a higher level of coverage for a specific project and time frame.

4.6 Performance, Payment and Other Bonds. CONTRACTOR shall furnish Performance and Payment Bonds specific to each project if required and agreed to under the CONTRACTOR Service Agreement for the project.

4.7 Workers' Compensation. The CONTRACTOR shall provide, pay for, and maintain workers' compensation insurance on all employees, its agents or subcontractors as required by Florida Statutes.

5.0 Standard of Care.

5.1 CONTRACTOR has represented to the COUNTY that it has the personnel and experience necessary to perform the work in a professional and workmanlike manner.

5.2 CONTRACTOR shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of the Services as is provided by a professional of like experience, knowledge and resources, under similar circumstances.

5.3 CONTRACTOR shall, at no additional cost to COUNTY, re-perform services which fail to satisfy the foregoing standard of care or otherwise fail to meet the requirement of this Agreement.

5.4 The CONTRACTOR warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the professional standards in the field.

6.0 Indemnification.

6.1 General. Having considered the risks and potential liabilities that may exist during the performance of the Services and in consideration of the promises included herein, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree to allocate such liabilities in accordance with this Section.

6.1.1 CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend (by counsel reasonably acceptable to COUNTY) protect and hold COUNTY, and its officers, employees and agents, free and harmless from and against any and all, including, but not limited to, any claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, penalties, forfeitures, damages, losses and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs during negotiation, through litigation and all appeals therefrom), or death of or injury to any person or damage to any property whatsoever, arising out of or resulting from (i) the failure of CONTRACTOR to comply with applicable non-conflicting laws, rules or regulations, (ii) the breach by CONTRACTOR of its obligations under this Agreement, (iii) any claim for trademark, patent or copyright infringement arising out of the scope of CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, or (iv) the negligent act, errors or omissions, or intentional or willful misconduct, of CONTRACTOR, its sub-CONTRACTORS, agents, employees and invitees; provided, however, that CONTRACTOR shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the COUNTY with respect to any such claims or damages arising solely out of the COUNTY's negligence.

6.1.2 COUNTY review, comment and observation of the CONTRACTOR's work and performance of this Agreement shall in no manner constitute a waiver of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

6.1.3 CONTRACTOR agrees that it bears sole legal responsibility for its work and work product, and the work and work product of subcontractors and their employees, and/or for CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement and its work product(s).

6.2 Survival. Upon completion of all Services, obligations and duties provided for in this Agreement, or in the event of termination of this Agreement for any reason, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive as if the Agreement were in full force and effect.

7.0 Independent Contractor

7.1 CONTRACTOR undertakes performance of the Services as an independent contractor and shall be wholly responsible for the methods of performance.

7.2 COUNTY shall have no right to supervise the methods used, but COUNTY shall have the right to observe such performance.

7.3 CONTRACTOR shall work closely with COUNTY in performing Services under this Agreement.

7.4 The CONTRACTOR shall not pledge the COUNTY's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness and shall have no right to speak for or bind the COUNTY in any manner.

7.5 CONTRACTOR further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

8.0 Authority to Practice. The CONTRACTOR hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner.

9.0 Compliance with Laws. In performance of the Services, CONTRACTOR will comply with applicable regulatory requirements including federal, state, special district, and local laws, rules, regulations, orders, codes, criteria and standards.

10.0 Subcontracting.

10.1 The COUNTY reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractor.

10.2 If a subcontractor fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Agreement, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the work in a timely fashion, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new subcontractor by the COUNTY. Failure of a subcontractor to timely or properly perform its obligations shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of its obligations hereunder.

11.0 Federal and State Taxes. The COUNTY is exempt from Federal Tax and State Sales and Use Taxes. Upon request, the COUNTY will provide an exemption certificate to CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor shall the CONTRACTOR be authorized to use the COUNTY's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

12.0 Public Entity Crimes. The CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that this Agreement with the COUNTY will be void, in the event the conditions under Section 287.133, Florida Statutes applies to the CONTRACTOR, relating to conviction for a public entity crime.

13.0 COUNTY's Responsibilities. COUNTY shall be responsible for providing information in the COUNTY's possession that may reasonably be required by CONTRACTOR, including; existing

reports, studies, financial information, and other required data that are available in the files of the COUNTY.

14.0 Termination of Agreement.

14.1 This Agreement may be terminated by the CONTRACTOR upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the COUNTY in the event of substantial failure by the COUNTY to perform in accordance with the terms of the Agreement through no fault of the CONTRACTOR. [THIS MAY BE MODIFIED DEPENDING ON THE CONTRACT]

14.2 This Agreement may be terminated by the COUNTY with or without cause immediately upon written notice to the CONTRACTOR.

14.3 Unless the CONTRACTOR is in breach of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services rendered to the COUNTY's satisfaction through the date of termination.

14.4 After receipt of a Termination Notice and except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall:

14.4.1 Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.

14.4.2 Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.

14.4.3 Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other material related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.

14.4.4 Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

14.5 The CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services actually rendered to the date of termination.

15.0 Uncontrollable Forces (Force Majeure).

15.1 Neither the COUNTY nor CONTRACTOR shall be considered to be in default of this Agreement if delays in or failure of performance shall be due to Uncontrollable Forces, the effect of which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the non-performing party could not avoid. The term "Uncontrollable Forces" shall mean any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. It includes, but is not limited to fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and governmental actions.

15.2 Neither party shall, however, be excused from performance if nonperformance is due to forces which are preventable, removable, or remediable and which the nonperforming party could have, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed or remedied with reasonable dispatch.

15.3 The nonperforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented or delayed from performance by an Uncontrollable Force, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances and Uncontrollable Forces preventing continued performance of the obligations of this Agreement.

16.0 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Florida and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought only in the courts of Jefferson County, Florida or the United States District Court, Northern District of Florida located in Leon County, Florida.

17.0 Non-Discrimination. The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age or national origin.

18.0 Waiver. A waiver by either COUNTY or CONTRACTOR of any breach of this Agreement shall not be binding upon the waiving party unless such waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach shall not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.

19.0 Severability.

19.1 The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement, or the occurrence of any event rendering any portion or provision of this Agreement void, shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the Agreement.

19.2 Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Agreement and the balance of the Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void.

19.3 The parties further agree to reform the Agreement to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision.

19.4 The provisions of this section shall not prevent the entire Agreement from being void should a provision which is of the essence of the Agreement be determined to be void.

20.0 Entirety of Agreement.

20.1 The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree that this Agreement sets forth the entire Agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein.

20.2 This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, contracts, proposals, representations, negotiations, letters or other communications between the COUNTY and CONTRACTOR pertaining to the Services, whether written or oral.

20.3 None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

21.0 Modification. The Agreement may not be modified unless such modifications are evidenced in writing signed by both COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. Such modifications shall be in the form of a written Amendment executed by both parties.

22.0 Successors and Assigns.

22.1 COUNTY and CONTRACTOR each binds itself and its partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, assigns, and legal representatives.

22.2 CONTRACTOR shall not assign this Agreement without the express written approval of the COUNTY by executed amendment.

22.3 In the event of a merger, the surviving corporation shall be substituted for the contracting party to this agreement and such substitution shall be affirmed by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners by executed amendment.

23.0 Contingent Fees. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than bona fide employee working solely for the CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

24.0 Truth-In-Negotiation Certificate

24.1 Execution of this Agreement by the CONTRACTOR shall act as the execution of a Truth-in-Negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates and costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of the Agreement.

24.2 The said rates and costs shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage rates or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside contractors. The COUNTY shall exercise its rights under this "Certificate" within one (1) year following payment.

25.0 Ownership of Documents.

25.1 CONTRACTOR shall be required to cooperate with the COUNTY and other CONTRACTORS relative to providing information requested in a timely manner and in the specified form. Any and all documents, records, disks, original drawings, or other information shall become the property of the COUNTY for its use and/or distribution as may be deemed appropriate by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR is not liable for any damages, injury or costs associated with the COUNTY use or distribution of these documents for purposes other than those originally intended by CONTRACTOR.

25.2 CONTRACTOR shall comply with public records laws embodied in chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and specifically shall:

25.2.1. Keep and maintain public records required by the COUNTY in order to perform the Scope of Services described herein.

25.2.2. Upon request from the County provide the COUNTY with any requested public records or allow the requested records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time by the COUNTY.

25.2.3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term, and thereafter if the CONTRACTOR does not transfer all records to the COUNTY.

25.2.4. Transfer, at no cost, to COUNTY all public records in possession of the CONTRACTOR upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the COUNTY, upon request from the COUNTY, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the COUNTY. If the CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon the conclusion of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records that would apply to the COUNTY.

25.2.5. If CONTRACTOR does not comply with a public records request, the COUNTY shall treat that omission as breach of this Agreement and enforce the contract provisions accordingly. Additionally, if the CONTRACTOR fails to provide records when requested, the CONTRACTOR may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes and reasonable costs of enforcement, including attorney fees.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT [INSERT TELEPHONE, EMAIL AND MAILING ADDRESS OF COUNTY CUSTODIAN].

26.0 Access and Audits.

26.1 CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges and costs incurred in performing the work for at least five (5) years after completion of this Agreement. The

COUNTY 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 at the CONTRACTOR's place of business.

26.2 Misrepresentations of billable time or reimbursable expenses as determined by the County Clerk or Auditor to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners shall result in the recovery of any resulting overpayments. The COUNTY's cost of recovery shall be the sole expense of the CONTRACTOR, including accounting and legal fees, court costs and administrative expenses.

26.3 Intentional misrepresentations of billable hours and reimbursable expenses will be criminally prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

26.4 All invoices submitted are subject to audit and demand for refund of overpayment up to three (3) years following completion of all services related to this Agreement.

27.0 Notice.

27.1 Any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and delivered in person or sent by Federal-Express or by Certified Mail, postage prepaid as follows:

As to County:

[TO COME]

As to CONTRACTOR:

[TO COME]

27.2 Notices shall be effective when received at the addresses as specified above. Changes in the respective addresses to which such notice is to be directed may be made from time to time by either party by written notice to the other party. Facsimile transmission is acceptable notice effective when received, however, facsimile transmissions received (i.e.; printed) after 5:00 p.m., or on weekends or holidays, will be deemed received on the next business day. The original of the notice must additionally be mailed as required herein.

27.3 Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of CONTRACTOR and COUNTY.

28.0 Service of Process.

As to County:

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County Florida
435 West Walnut Street
Monticello, Florida 32344

As to CONTRACTOR:

[TO COME]

29.0 Contract Administration

29.1 Services of CONTRACTOR shall be under the general direction of the Jefferson County _____ Director, or their successor, who shall act as the COUNTY's representative during the term of the Agreement.

30.0 Key Personnel

30.1 CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY in the event of key personnel changes, which might affect this Agreement. To the extent possible, notification shall be made within ten (10) days prior to changes. CONTRACTOR at COUNTY's request shall remove without consequence to the COUNTY any subcontractor or employee of the CONTRACTOR and replace him/her with another employee having the required skill and experience. COUNTY has the right to reject proposed changes in key personnel. The following personnel shall be considered key personnel:

Name: _____

Name: _____

31.0 Appropriations.

31.1 CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the COUNTY, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any agreement which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any agreement, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such agreement. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of agreements for a period exceeding one year, but any agreement so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years. Accordingly, the COUNTY's performance and obligation to pay under this agreement is contingent upon annual appropriation.

31.2 CONTRACTOR acknowledges that all funding for the Services outlined in Section 2.0 hereto is provided by a grant awarded to Jefferson County through _____ and as such, all payments due to CONSULATANT are dependent and contingent on the COUNTY's receipt of grant reimbursements from the _____ pursuant to the grant. **[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]**

32.0 Liquidated Damages. The parties hereto agree that liquidated damages will be assessed against the CONTRACTOR for CONTRACTOR's failure to meet the final deliverable date in the performance schedule in Section 2.0 of this Agreement at a rate of _____ per day.

33.0 Grant Conditions.

33.1 **[INSERT ANY]**

34.0 Scrutinized Companies. Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to submit a bid or proposal for, or enter into a contract or renewal thereof, with any local government entity as a result of

the application of Section 287.135, Fla. Stat. In addition, Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Sector List, and does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, and is not participating in a boycott of Israel, as required by Section 287.135(5), Fla. Stat. In addition, Contractor understands that this reference allows for termination of this Agreement, at the option of the County, if Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification.

35.0. Federal Provisions. Work issued in an SA under this Agreement may be fully or partially funded by Federal Grant. Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions set forth herein where applicable and require compliance of any subcontractors where applicable.

35.1. General Federal Provisions. Work issued in an SA under this Agreement may be fully or partially funded by a Federal Grant. Where applicable, in accordance with Federal law, Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this Article and comply with the authorities enumerated below, which are incorporated herein by reference.

- a. 2 CFR Part 25.110
- b. 2 CFR Part 170 (including Appendix A), 180, 200 (including Appendixes), and 3000
- c. Executive Orders 12549 and 12689
- d. 41 CFR Part 60-1(a) and (d)
- e. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260 related to salary limitations

35.2. Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities. For all federally funded SAs, Contractor agrees for itself, its successors, and its assigns, to comply and to assure that any subcontractor also agrees to comply with the following Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities.

35.2.1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq. 78 stat. 252), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury’s Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract (or agreement). Title VI also includes protection to persons with “Limited English Proficiency” in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as implemented by the Department of the Treasury’s Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract or agreement;

35.2.2. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;

35.2.3. 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);

35.2.4. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);

35.2.5. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;

35.2.6. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23 (prohibit discrimination on the basis of age);

35.2.7. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);

35.2.8. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);

35.2.9. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto (as amended 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.) or in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;

35.2.10. The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);

35.2.11. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

35.2.12. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);

35.2.13. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

35.2.14. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage). All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text.

The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers. The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division

35.2.15. Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. All contracts and subcontracts that result from this Agreement incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractors' compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

35.3. Nondiscrimination Clauses for Compliance with Regulations. For all federally funded SAs, the Contractor agrees for itself, its successors, and its assigns to comply with the following Nondiscrimination Clauses.

35.3.1. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.

35.3.2. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

35.3.3. Information and Reports. The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the Contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

35.3.4. Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of a Contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. Withholding payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies; and/or
- b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

35.3.5. Incorporation of Provisions. The Contractor will include the provisions of this section in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the Contractor may request the County to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

35.4. Mandatory Disclosures (31 U.S.C. §§ 3799 – 3733). For all federally funded SAs, Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor's actions pertaining to this Agreement. The Contractor must disclose in writing all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting any applicable Federal award.

35.5. Conflict of Interest (2 CFR § 200.112). For all federally funded SAs, the Contractor must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the County or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal policy. Further, the County is required to maintain conflict of interest policies as it relates to procured contracts. A conflict of interest exists when any of the following occur: (i) Because of other activities, relationships, or contracts, a Contractor is unable, or potentially unable, to render impartial assistance or advice; (ii) A Contractor's objectivity in performing the work is or might be otherwise impaired; or (iii) The Contractor has an unfair competitive advantage.

35.6. Drug Free Workplace Requirements (Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.), 2 CFR § 182. To the extent applicable, Contractor must comply with Federal Drug Free workplace requirements of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

35.7. Equal Employment Opportunity (As per 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II(C); 41 CFR § 61-1.4; 41 CFR § 61-4.3; Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Order 11375). For all federally funded SAs, the Contractor agrees as follows: (1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff, or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause; (2) The Contractor will, in all

solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; (3) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining Contract or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor; (5) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.; (6) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.; (7) Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

35.8. Minority/Women Business Enterprise. For all federally funded SAs, Contractor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.321. If subcontracts are to be let, prime contractor will require compliance by all sub-contractors. Prior to contract award, the contractor shall document efforts to utilize M/WBE firms including what firms were solicited as suppliers and/or subcontractors as applicable and submit this information with their bid submittal. Information regarding certified M/WBE firms can be obtained from:

Florida Department of Management Services (Office of Supplier Diversity)
Florida Department of Transportation
Minority Business Development Center in most large cities and
Local Government M/DBE programs in many large counties and cities

35.9. Procurement of Recovered Materials. For all federally funded SAs, Contractor 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.

35.10. Environmental and Energy Policies. For all SAs over the micro-purchase threshold, the Contractor and subContractors and subcontractors will 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].

35.11. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act. In all SAs funded in excess of \$150,000, the Contractor shall comply with the Clean Air Act as set forth below.

35.11.1. The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387).

35.11.2. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

35.11.3. The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Agreement.

35.12. Federal Suspension and Debarment. This Agreement may be covered in part as a transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, Contractor is required to verify that none of its subcontractors, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

35.12.1. The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

35.12.2. By entering this Agreement, Contractor has made the Certification set forth in this section. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of Florida and the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

35.12.3. Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C throughout the term of this Agreement. Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

35.12.4. Certification Instructions

35.12.4.1. By signing this Agreement, the Contractor, referred to in this section as the prospective lower tier participant, is providing the certification set out in accordance with these instructions.

35.12.4.2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

35.12.4.3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

35.12.4.4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Orders 12549, at Subpart C of OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 3000.332. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

35.12.4.5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

35.12.4.6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

35.12.4.7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management (SAM) database.

35.12.4.8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

35.12.4.9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency

with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

35.12.5. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion for Lower Tier Covered Transactions. The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552(a), as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. [READ CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION]

35.12.5.1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal or State department or agency;

35.12.5.2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal

35.13. Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148, as supplemented by 29 CFR Part 5). Contractor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis Bacon Act as amended. Contractors 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, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. If the grant award contains Davis Bacon provisions, the County will place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in the SA. The decision to award a SA shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination.

35.14. Federal Lobbying. If applicable as set forth in any SA, Contractor who applies for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment certification as set forth in Exhibit D attached hereto as if fully set forth herein. Each tier of subContractor will certify 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 of subContractor shall 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 Contractor.

35.15. Copeland Anti Kick Back Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145 as supplemented by 29 CFR Part 3). Contractor shall comply with all the requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, 29 CFR Part 3 which are incorporated herein by this reference. Contractor is 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.

35.16. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708 as supplemented by 29 CFR Part 5). All applicable SAs issued in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must comply 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, Contractor and all subContractors and subcontractors are 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.

35.17. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement (37 CFR Part 401). If the Federal funding for an SA meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2, Contractor may be subject to additional standard patent rights clauses in accordance with 37 CFR § 401.14.

35.18. Access to Records and Reports. Contractor will make available to the County’s granting agency, the granting agency’s Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, County, County Clerk of Court’s Inspector General, or any of their duly authorized representatives any books, documents, papers or other records, including electronic records, of the Contractor that are pertinent to the County’s grant award, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contractor’s personnel during normal business hours for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are retained.

35.19. Record Retention (2 CFR § 200.33). Contractor will retain of all required records pertinent to this contract for a period of three years, beginning on a date as described in 2 C.F.R. §200.333 and retained in compliance with 2 C.F.R. §200.333.

35.20. Federal Changes. Contractor will 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 any awarded contract.

35.21. Termination for Default (Breach or Cause). If Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the County may terminate the contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The Contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.

35.22. Termination for Convenience. For any SA issued over the micro-purchase threshold may be terminated by County in whole or in part at any time, upon ten (10) days written notice. If the Contract

is terminated before performance is completed, the Contractor shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated.

35.23. Safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information (2 CFR § 200.82). Contractor 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.

35.24. Prohibition On Utilization Of Cost Plus A Percentage Of Cost Contracts (2 CFR Part 200). The County will not issue SAs containing Federal funding on a cost-plus percentage of cost basis.

35.25. Trafficking Victims Protection Act (2 CFR Part 175). Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits Contractor from (1) engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that resulting contract is in effect; (2) procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that resulting contract is in effect; or (3) using forced labor in the performance of the contracted services under a resulting contract. A resulting contract may be unilaterally terminated immediately by County for Contractor's violating this provision, without penalty.

35.26. Domestic Preference For Procurements (2 CFR § 200.322). As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, to the greatest extent practicable when using federal funds for the services provided in a resulting contract, shall provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods and products or materials produced in the United States.

35.27. Buy America (Build America, Buy America Act (Public Law 117-58, 29 U.S.C. § 50101, Executive Order 14005). All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used under a federally grant funded project must be produced in the United States. Additional requirements may apply depending on the Federal Granting Agency provisions, please check with County for further details. Contractors shall be required to submit a completed Buy American Certificate with any applicable SA in substantially the following form:

35.27.1. Buy American Certificate (FAR 52.225-2) Contractor certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph 25.28.2 of this provision, is a domestic end product. Contractor shall list as foreign end products in paragraph 25.28.2 those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. The terms "domestic end product," "end product," and "foreign end product" are defined in FAR 52.225-1 entitled "Buy American-Supplies."

35.27.2.	Foreign End Products:Line Item No.	Country of Origin
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35.27.3. The Government will evaluate offer in accordance with the policies and procedures of part 25 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

35.28. Prohibition On Certain Telecommunications And Video Surveillance Services Or Equipment (2 CFR § 200.216). Contractor and any subcontractors are prohibited to obligate or spend grant funds to: (1) procure or obtain, (2) extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or (3) enter into a contract to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Pub. L. 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment. iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise, connected to the government of a covered foreign country.

35.29. Enhanced Whistleblower Protections (41 U.S.C. § 4712). An employee of Contractor and/or its subcontractors may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in 42 U.S.C. § 4712(a)(2) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.

35.30. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (2 CFR § 200.300; 2 CFR Part 170). In accordance with FFATA, the Contractor shall, upon request, provide County the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity, if the entity in the preceding fiscal year received 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in federal awards, received \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from federal awards, and if the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

35.31. Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)(The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of 2009 (Public Law 110-417 and 2 CFR Part 200 Appendix XII)). The Contractor shall update the information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) on a semi-annual basis, throughout the life of this contract, by posting the required information in the System for Award Management via <https://www.sam.gov>.

35.32. Never Contract With The Enemy (2 CFR Part 183). For SAs funded by grant and cooperative agreements in excess of \$50,000 and performed outside of the United States, including U.S. territories and in support of a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, Contractor must exercise due diligence to ensure that none of the funds, including supplies and services, received are provided directly or indirectly (including through subawards or

contracts) to a person or entity who is actively opposing the United States or coalition forces involved in a contingency operation in which members of the Armed Forces are actively engaged in hostilities, which must be completed through 2 CFR 180.300 prior to issuing a subcontract.

35.33. Federal Agency Seals, Logos and Flags. Contractor shall not use any Federal Agency seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of any federal agency officials without specific federal agency pre-approval.

35.34. No Obligation by Federal Government. The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from a resulting contract.

35.35. Conflict with Grant Terms. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of this Article and the terms and conditions of any federal grant funding document provided specific to the funds being used to contract services or goods under this Agreement, the conflicting terms and conditions of that document shall prevail.