



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

INVITATION TO BID

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

- a. **Bid:** any offer(s) submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid.
- b. **Bidder:** person or firm submitting a Bid in response to an Invitation to Bid.
- c. **Bid Solicitation or Invitation to Bid:** this Solicitation documentation, including any and all addenda.
- d. **Bid Submittal Form:** describes the goods or services to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the Bid.
- e. **City:** shall refer to the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- f. **Contract or Agreement:** the Invitation to Bid, all addenda issued thereto, all affidavits, the signed agreement, and all related documents which comprise the totality of the contract or agreement between the City and the Bidder.
- g. **Contractor:** successful Bidder or Bidder who is awarded a contract to provide goods or services to the City.
- h. **Invitation to Bid:** formal request for Bids from qualified Bidders.
- i. **Purchasing Department:** the Purchasing Department of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- j. **Responsible Bidder:** a Bidder which has the capability in all respects to perform in full the contract requirements, as stated in the Invitation to Bid, and the integrity and reliability that will assure good-faith performance.
- k. **Responsive Bidder:** a Bidder whose Bid conforms in all material respects to the terms and conditions included in the Invitation to Bid.

1.2 CONE OF SILENCE

Pursuant to Section 2-355 of Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 2011-039, and the purchasing policies of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, all Solicitations, once advertised and until the appropriate authority has approved an award recommendation, are under the "Cone of Silence". This limits and requires documentation of communications between potential Bidders and/or Bidders on City Solicitations, the City's professional staff, and the City Council members.

1.3 ADDENDUM

The Purchasing Department may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to the close of the Solicitation period, which changes, adds, or clarifies the terms, provisions, or requirements of the Solicitation. The

Bidder should not rely on any representation, statement, or explanation, whether written or verbal, other than those made in the Solicitation document or in the addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between the Solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail. It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda, and any accompanying documentation. The vendor is required to submit with its Bid or Bid a signed "Acknowledgment of Addenda" form, when any addenda have been issued.

1.4 **LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This Solicitation is subject to all legal requirements contained in the applicable City Ordinances and Resolutions, as well as all applicable City, State, and Federal Statutes. Where conflict exists between this Bid Solicitation and these legal requirements, the authority shall prevail in the following order: Federal, State, and local.

1.5 **CHANGE OF BID**

Prior to the scheduled Bid opening a Bidder may change its Bid by submitting a new Bid (as indicated on the cover page) with a letter on the firm's letterhead, signed by an authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain the letter and all information as required for submitting the original Bid. No changes to a Bid will be accepted after the Bid has been opened.

1.6 **WITHDRAWAL OF BID**

A Bid shall be irrevocable unless the Bid is withdrawn as provided herein. Only a written letter received by the Purchasing Department prior to the Bid opening date may withdraw a Bid. A Bid may also be withdrawn ninety (90) days after the Bid has been opened and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the Purchasing and Contracts Director. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Bidder.

1.7 **CONFLICTS WITHIN THE BID SOLICITATION**

Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Bid Submittal Form, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Submittal Form, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions.

1.8 **PROMPT PAYMENT TERMS**

It is the policy of the City of Palm Beach Gardens that payment for all purchases by City departments shall be made in a timely manner. The City will pay the awarded Bidder upon receipt and acceptance of the goods or services by a duly authorized representative of the City. In accordance with Section 218.74, Florida Statutes, the time at which payment shall be due from the City shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. The time at which payment shall be due to small businesses shall be thirty (30) days from receipt of a proper invoice. Proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the City Manager or designee, not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the City.

1.9 **DISCOUNTS (PROMPT PAYMENTS)**

The Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during Bid evaluation. Bidders are requested to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the Bid submittal signature page of the Solicitation.

1.10 **PREPARATION OF BIDS**

a. *The Bid forms define requirements of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the Bid. Use of any other forms will result in the rejection of the Bidder's offer. The Bid submittal forms must be legible. Bidders shall use typewriter, computer, or ink. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the Bid to be rejected.*

b. *An authorized agent of the Bidder's firm must sign the Bid submittal form. **Failure to sign the Signature Page of the Bid shall render the Bid non-responsive.***

c. *The Bidder may be considered non-responsive if Bids are conditioned upon modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this Solicitation.*

d. *The Bidder may submit alternate Bid(s) for the same Solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate Bid submittal marked "Alternate Bid".*

- e. *When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.*
- f. *Late Bids will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender unopened. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure timely delivery by the due date and time, and at the place stated in this Solicitation. No exceptions will be made due to weather, carrier, traffic, illness, or other issues.*

1.11 CANCELLATION OF BID SOLICITATION

The City of Palm Beach Gardens reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any Invitation to Bid when it is in the best interest of the City.

1.12 AWARD OF CONTRACT

- a. *The contract may be awarded to the responsive and responsible Bidder meeting all requirements as set forth in the Solicitation. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities, and to re-advertise for all or any part of this Bid Solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The City shall be the sole judge of its best interest.*
- b. *The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids if it is determined that prices are excessive, best offers are determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the City's best interest to do so.*
- c. *The City reserves the right to negotiate prices **with the responsive and responsible low Bidder**, provided that the scope of work of this Solicitation remains the same.*
- d. *The Bidder's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous City contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the Bid received for this Bid Solicitation.*
- e. *The City will provide a copy of the Bid Tabulation to all Bidders responding to this Solicitation.*
- f. *The Bid Solicitation, any addenda and/or properly executed modifications, the signed Agreement, the purchase order, and any change order(s) shall constitute the contract.*
- g. *The Purchasing and Contracts Director will decide all tie Bids.*
- h. *Award of this Bid may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the Bid Solicitation.*
- i. *The City reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any Bidder after the submission deadline as the City deems necessary.*

1.13 CONTRACT EXTENSION

The City reserves the right to automatically extend any agreement for a maximum period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days in order to provide City departments with continual service and supplies while a new agreement is being solicited, evaluated, and/or awarded.

1.14 WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied shall be made available to the City for goods and services covered by this Bid Solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the awarded Bidder against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the City, the awarded Bidder shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty.

1.15 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for Bidder's guidance only: (a) estimates are based on the City's anticipated needs and/or usage; and (b) the City may use these estimates to determine the low Bidder. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollars that will be used during the contract period. The City is not obligated to place any order for the given amount subsequent to the award of this Bid Solicitation.

- 1.16 **NON-EXCLUSIVITY**
It is the intent of the City to enter into an agreement with the awarded Bidder that will satisfy its needs as described herein. However, the City reserves the right as deemed in its best interest to perform, or cause to be performed, the work and services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit, including but not limited to, award of other contracts, use of any contractor, or perform the work with its own employees.
- 1.17 **CONTINUATION OF WORK**
Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the City and the successful Bidder, continue until completion at the same prices, terms, and conditions.
- 1.18 **BID PROTEST**
A recommendation for contract award or rejection of award may be protested by a Bidder. The Bidder may file a written protest with the City Clerk's office. The Bidder shall file its written protest with the City Clerk, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding legal holidays. Protests shall contain the name, address, and phone number of the petitioner, name of the petitioner's representative (if any), and the title and Bid number of the Solicitation. The protest shall specifically describe the subject matter, facts giving rise to the protest, and the action requested from the City.
- The written protest must be received no later than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) after the time of award posting. Failure to file a timely formal written protest within the time period specified shall constitute a waiver by the Bidder of all rights of protest.*
- In the event of a timely protest, the City will not proceed further with award of the contract and agreement until all administrative remedies are exhausted, or until the City Manager determines the award of the contract is immediately necessary to protect the public health, welfare, or safety.*
- 1.19 **LAWS AND REGULATIONS**
The awarded Bidder shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to provide the goods or services specified in this Bid Solicitation. The Bidder shall be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws that may affect the goods and/or services offered.
- 1.20 **LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES**
The awarded Bidder(s) shall hold all licenses and/or certifications, obtain and pay for all permits and/or inspections, and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building code requirements applicable to the work required herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the City or an awarded Bidder for failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, certifications, permits, and/or inspections shall be borne by the awarded Bidder.
- 1.21 **SUBCONTRACTING**
Unless otherwise specified in this Bid Solicitation, the successful Bidder shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the City. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the City may result in termination of the contract for default.
- 1.22 **ASSIGNMENT**
The awarded Bidder shall not assign, transfer, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of this contract, including any rights, title, or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company, or corporation without the prior written consent of the City. Assignment without the prior consent of the City may result in termination of the contract for default.
- 1.23 **SHIPPING TERMS**
Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. Freight shall be included in the proposed price.
- 1.24 **RESPONSIBILITIES AS EMPLOYER**
The employee(s) of the awarded Bidder shall be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the City or any of its departments. The awarded Bidder shall provide physically competent employee(s) capable of performing the work as required. The City may require the awarded Bidder to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the awarded Bidder shall wear proper identification.

It is the awarded Bidder's responsibility to ensure that all its employees and subcontractors comply with the employment regulations required by the US Department of Homeland Security. The City shall have no responsibility to check or verify the legal immigration status of any employee of the awarded Bidder.

1.25 INDEMNIFICATION

The awarded Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, employees, agents, and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the City or its officers, employees, agents, or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions, or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the awarded Bidder or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals, or subcontractors. The awarded Bidder shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits, or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the City, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The awarded Bidder expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this contract agreement or otherwise provided by the awarded Bidder shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend the City or its officers, employees, agents, and instrumentalities as herein provided.

1.26 COLLUSION

A Bidder recommended for award as the result of a competitive Solicitation for any City purchases of supplies, materials, and services (including professional services, other than professional architectural, engineering, and other services subject to Sec. 287.055 Florida Stats.), purchase, lease, permit, concession, or management agreement shall, within five (5) business days of the filing of such recommendation, submit an affidavit under the penalty of perjury, on a form provided by the City, stating either that the contractor is not related to any of the other parties Bidding in the competitive Solicitation or identifying all related parties, as defined in this Section, which Bid in the Solicitation; and attesting that the contractor's Bid is genuine and not a sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named, and that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, induced or solicited any other Bidder to put in a sham Bid, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the Bidder has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to the Bidder an advantage over any other Bidder. In the event a recommended Bidder identifies related parties in the competitive Solicitation its Bid shall be presumed to be collusive and the recommended Bidder shall be ineligible for award unless that presumption is rebutted to the satisfaction of the City. Any person or entity that fails to submit the required affidavit shall be ineligible for contract award.

1.27 MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

The contract may be modified by mutual consent, in writing, through the issuance of a modification to the contract, a supplemental agreement, purchase order, or change order, as appropriate.

1.28 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate any contract entered into pursuant to this Invitation to Bid (ITB) without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the awarded Bidder shall not incur any additional costs under the contract. The City shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the awarded Bidder prior to the date of the notice of termination. The City shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

1.29 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The City reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or place the vendor on probation in the event the awarded Bidder fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The City further reserves the right to suspend or debar the awarded Bidder in accordance with the appropriate City ordinances, resolutions, and/or policies. The vendor will be notified by letter of the City's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the City may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement costs shall be borne by the incumbent Bidder.

1.30 FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Any individual, corporation, or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the City through fraud, misrepresentation, or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The City, as a further sanction, may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation, or entity. Such individual or entity shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

1.31 ACCESS AND AUDIT OF RECORDS

The City reserves the right to require the awarded Bidder to submit to an audit by an auditor of the City's choosing at the awarded Bidder's expense. The awarded Bidder shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement, at its place of business during regular business hours. The awarded Bidder shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement, and upon request, make them available to the City for three (3) years following expiration of the Agreement. The awarded Bidder agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the City to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

1.32 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County programs, contracts, transactions, accounts and records. The Inspector General (IG) has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records, and monitor existing projects and programs. The Inspector General may, on a random basis, perform audits on all City contracts.

1.33 PRE-AWARD INSPECTION

The City may conduct a pre-award inspection of the Bidder's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the Bidder is capable of performing the requirements of this Bid Solicitation.

1.34 PROPRIETARY AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of Bid submittals will be available for public inspection after the opening of Bids in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, popularly known as the "Public Record Law." The Bidder shall not submit any information in response to this Solicitation which the Bidder considers to be a trade secret, proprietary, or confidential. The submission of any information to the City in connection with this Solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any trade secret or other protection which would otherwise be available to the Bidder. In the event that the Bidder submits information to the City in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally, and clearly identifies that information in the Bid as protected or confidential, the City may, in its sole discretion, either (a) communicate with the Bidder in writing in an effort to obtain the Bidder's withdrawal of the confidentiality restriction, or (b) endeavor to redact and return that information to the Bidder as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, evaluate the balance of the Bid. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a Bid non-responsive.

1.35 HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Any person or entity that performs or assists the City of Palm Beach Gardens with a function or activity involving the use or disclosure of "individually identifiable health information (IIHI) and/or Protected Health Information (PHI) shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. HIPAA mandates for privacy, security, and electronic transfer standards include, but are not limited to:

- a. Use of information only for performing services required by the contract or as required by law;*
- b. Use of appropriate safeguards to prevent non-permitted disclosures;*
- c. Reporting to the City of Palm Beach Gardens any non-permitted use or disclosure;*
- d. Assurances that any agents and subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Bidder and reasonable assurances that IIHI/PHI will be held confidential;*
- e. Making Protected Health Information (PHI) available to the customer;*
- f. Making PHI available to the customer for review and amendment, and incorporating any amendments requested by the customer;*
- g. Making PHI available to the City of Palm Beach Gardens for an accounting of disclosures; and*
- h. Making internal practices, books, and records related to PHI available to the City of Palm Beach Gardens for compliance audits.*

PHI shall maintain its protected status regardless of the form and method of transmission (paper records and/or electronic transfer of data). The Bidder must give its customers written notice of its privacy information practices,

including specifically, a description of the types of uses and disclosures that would be made with protected health information.

1.36 ADDITIONAL FEES AND SURCHARGES

Unless provided for in the contract/agreement, the City will not make any additional payments such as fuel surcharges, demurrage fees, or delay-in-delivery charges.

1.37 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS

All items to be purchased under this contract shall be in accordance with all governmental standards, to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

1.38 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS DUE TO USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING

If the goods or services to be acquired under this Solicitation are to be purchased, in part or in whole, with Federal funding, it is hereby agreed and understood that Section 60-250.4, Section 60-250.5, and Section 60-741.4 of Title 41 of the United States Code, which addresses Affirmative Action requirements for disabled workers, is incorporated into this Solicitation and resultant contract by reference.

1.39 BINDING EFFECT

All of the terms and provisions of this contract/agreement, whether so expressed or not, shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the parties and their respective legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.

1.40 SEVERABILITY

If any part of this contract is contrary to, prohibited by, or deemed invalid under applicable law or regulation, such provision shall be inapplicable and deemed omitted to the extent so contrary, prohibited, or invalid, but the remainder hereof shall not be invalidated thereby and shall be given full force and effect so far as possible.

1.41 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This contract and all transactions contemplated by this agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to any contrary conflicts of law principle. Venue of all proceedings in connection herewith shall lie exclusively in Palm Beach County, Florida, and each party hereby waives whatever its respective rights may have been in the selection of venue.

1.42 ATTORNEY'S FEES

It is hereby understood and agreed that in the event any lawsuit in the judicial system, federal or state, is brought to enforce compliance with this contract or interpret same, or if any administrative proceeding is brought for the same purposes, each party shall pay their own attorney's fees and costs, including appellate fees and costs.

1.43 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

The City of Palm Beach Gardens complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, race, gender, religion, creed, political affiliation, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, color or national origin, and therefore is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and encourages small, local, minority, and female-owned businesses to participate.

During the performance of this contract, the awarded Bidder agrees it will not discriminate or permit discrimination in its hiring practices or in its performance of the contract. The awarded Bidder shall strictly adhere to the equal employment opportunity requirements and any applicable requirements established by the State of Florida, Palm Beach County and the federal government.

The awarded Bidder further acknowledges and agrees to provide the City with all information and documentation that may be requested by the City from time to time regarding the Solicitation, selection, treatment and payment of subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors in connection with this Contract.

1.44 AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACT TO OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

It is agreed and understood that any City department or agency may access this contract and purchase the goods or services awarded herein. Each City department will issue a separate purchase order to the awarded Bidder for the department's specific purchases.

- 1.45 **CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS**
Prior to hiring a contract employee or contracting with a Bidder, the City may conduct a comprehensive criminal background check by accessing any Federal, State, or local law enforcement database available. The contract employee or Bidder will be required to sign an authorization for the City to access criminal background information. The costs for the background checks shall be borne by the City.
- 1.46 **LABOR, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT**
Unless specified elsewhere in the Solicitation or resultant contract, all labor, materials, and equipment required for the performance of the requirements of the Contract shall be supplied by the awarded Bidder.
- 1.47 **MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS**
The awarded Bidder shall comply with all minimum wage and living wage requirements, such as Living Wage requirements, minimum wages based on Federal Law, minimum wages based on the Davis-Bacon Act, and the provisions of any other wages laws, as may be applicable to this Contract.
- 1.48 **PACKING SLIP AND DELIVERY TICKET**
A packing slip and/or delivery ticket shall accompany all items during delivery to the City. The documents shall include information on the contract number or purchase order, any back order items, and the number or quantity of items being delivered.
- 1.49 **PURCHASE OF OTHER ITEMS**
The City reserves the right to purchase other related goods or services, not listed in the Solicitation, during the contract term. When such requirements are identified, the City may request price quote(s) from the awarded Bidder(s) on the contract. The City, at its sole discretion, will determine if the prices offered are reasonable, and may choose to purchase the goods or services from the awarded Bidder, another contract vendor, or a non-contract vendor.
- 1.50 **PUBLIC RECORDS**
Florida law provides that municipal records shall at all times be available to the public for inspection. Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Public Records Law, requires that all material submitted in connection with a Bid response shall be deemed to be public record subject to public inspection upon award, recommendation for award, or thirty (30) days after Bid opening, whichever occurs first. Certain exemptions to public disclosure are statutorily provided for in Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. If the Bidder believes any of the information contained in his/her/its Bid is considered confidential and/or proprietary, inclusive of trade secrets as defined in Section 812.081, Florida Statutes, and is exempt from the Public Records Law, then the Bidder, must in its response, specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and state the legal authority for the exemption. All materials that qualify for exemption from Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or other applicable law must be submitted in a separate envelope, clearly identified as "EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE" with the firm's name and the Bid number clearly marked on the outside. The City will not accept Bids when the entire Bid is labeled as exempt from disclosure. The City's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the Bidder agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as public records.
- The awarded Bidder(s) shall keep and maintain public records and fully comply with the requirements set forth at Section 119.071, Florida Statutes; failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of any and all agreements awarded pursuant to this Solicitation.*
- 1.51 **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
All Bidders must disclose with their Bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the City of Palm Beach Gardens. Further, all Bidders must disclose the name of any City employee who has any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, of five percent (5%) or more in the Bidders' firm or any of its branches. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder from this Invitation to Bid and may be grounds for further disqualification from participating in any future Bids or Bids with the City.
- 1.52 **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**
As provided in Section 287.133(2) (a), Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendors list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a

public building or public work; may not submit Bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity.

1.53 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

If a Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, the Bidder shall allow other governmental agencies to access this contract and purchase the goods and services under the terms and conditions at the prices awarded, as applicable.

1.54 COMPLETION OF WORK AND DELIVERY

All work shall be performed and all deliveries made in accordance with good commercial practice. The work schedule and completion dates shall be adhered to by the awarded Bidder(s), except in such cases where the completion date will be delayed due to acts of nature, force majeure, strikes, or other causes beyond the control of the awarded Bidder. In these cases, the awarded Bidder shall notify the City of the delays in advance of the original completion so that a revised delivery schedule can be appropriately considered by the City.

1.55 FAILURE TO DELIVER OR COMPLETE WORK

Should the awarded Bidder(s) fail to deliver or complete the work within the time stated in the contract, it is hereby agreed and understood that the City reserves the authority to cancel the contract with the awarded Bidder and secure the services of another vendor to purchase the items or complete the work. If the City exercises this authority, the City shall be responsible for reimbursing the awarded Bidder for work that was completed, and items delivered and accepted by the City in accordance with the contract specifications. The City may, at its option, demand payment from the awarded Bidder, through an invoice or credit memo, for any additional costs over and beyond the original contract price which were incurred by the City as a result of having to secure the services of another vendor.

1.56 CORRECTING DEFECTS

The awarded Bidder shall be responsible for promptly correcting any deficiency, at no cost to the City, within three (3) calendar days after the City notifies the awarded Bidder of such deficiency in writing. If the awarded Bidder fails to correct the defect, the City may (a) place the awarded Bidder in default of its contract; and/or (b) procure the products or services from another source and charge the awarded Bidder for any additional costs that are incurred by the City for this work or items, either through a credit memorandum or through invoicing.

1.57 ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND BARRICADES

Precautions shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons and property. All awarded Bidders performing services or delivering goods under this contract shall conform to all relevant OSHA, State, and County regulations during the course of such effort. Any fines levied by the above-mentioned authorities for failure to comply with these requirements shall be borne solely by the awarded Bidder. Barricades shall be provided by the awarded Bidder when work is performed in areas traversed by persons, or when deemed necessary by the City.

1.58 OMISSIONS IN SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications and/or statement of work contained within this Solicitation describe the various functions and classes of work required as necessary for the completion of the project. Any omissions of inherent technical functions or classes of work within the specifications and/or statement of work shall not relieve the Bidder from furnishing, installing, or performing such work where required to the satisfactory completion of the project.

1.59 MATERIALS SHALL BE NEW AND WARRANTED AGAINST DEFECTS

The awarded Bidder hereby acknowledges and agrees that all materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the awarded Bidder in conjunction with this Solicitation and resultant contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose. In the event any of the materials supplied to the City by the awarded Bidder are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications, (1) the materials may be returned to the awarded Bidder at the Bidder's expense and the contract cancelled; or (2) the City may require the awarded Bidder to replace the materials at the Bidder's expense.

1.60 TOXIC SUBSTANCES/FEDERAL "RIGHT TO KNOW" REGULATIONS

The Federal "Right to Know" Regulation implemented by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to inform their employees of any toxic substances to which they may be exposed in the workplace, and to provide training in safe handling practices and emergency procedures. It also requires notification to local fire departments of the location and characteristics of all toxic substances regularly present in the workplace.

Accordingly, the awarded Bidder(s) performing under this contract are required to provide two (2) complete sets of Material Safety Data Sheets to each City department utilizing the any awarded products that are subject to these regulations. This information should be provided at the time when the initial delivery is made, on a department-by-department basis.

1.61 TAXES

The City of Palm Beach Gardens is exempt from Federal and State taxes for tangible personal property.

1.62 BIDDER'S COSTS

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidders in responding to this Invitation to Bid.

1.63 SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

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

1.64 FORCE MAJEURE

The City and the awarded Bidder are excused from the performance of their respective obligations under the contract when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control, including fire, flood, explosion, strikes or other labor disputes, natural disasters, public emergency, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, act or omission of any governmental authority, delay or failure or shortage of any type of transportation, equipment, or service from a public utility needed for their performance provided that:

- a. The non-performing party gives the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the force majeure, including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the force majeure.
- b. The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the force majeure.
- c. No obligations of either party that arose before the force majeure causing the excuse of performance are excused as a result of the force majeure.
- d. The non-performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform.

Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this section for a period in excess of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term. Economic hardship of the awarded Bidder shall not constitute a force majeure. The term of the contract shall be extended by a period equal to that during which either party's performance is suspended under this section.

1.65 NOTICES

Notices shall be effective when received at the addresses specified in the contract/agreement. Changes in respective addresses to which such notices are to be directed may be made from time to time by either party by written notice to the other party. Facsimile and email transmissions are acceptable notice effective when received; however, facsimile and email transmissions received 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 also be mailed to the receiving party.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of the successful Proposer and the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

1.66 POOL CONTRACTS

During the term of contracts and agreements that are executed as vendor pools, awarding vendors in prequalified pools of vendors, either as a general pool or by categories, sub-categories, or groups, the City reserves the right to add new vendors to these contracts for goods or services not awarded for the original Solicitation or as part of the general pool category, sub-category or group. To be eligible to be added to these pool contracts, a vendor must meet the same eligibility requirements established in the original Invitation to Bid.

1.67 *FISCAL FUNDING OUT*

The City's obligation pursuant to any contract or agreement entered into in accordance with this Solicitation is specifically contingent upon the lawful appropriation of funds. Failure to lawfully appropriate funds for any contract or agreement awarded shall result in automatic termination of the contract or agreement.

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