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**SEALED PROPOSAL • DO NOT OPEN**

**SEALED PROPOSAL NO.:** 189-0117-NC (SS)

**BID TITLE:** Denitrification Filter Rehab at South  
Cross Bayou WRF – Professional  
Engineering Services


**DUE DATE/TIME:** February 12, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Company)

**DELIVER TO:** PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
Board of County Commissioners  
Annex Building –6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
400 South Fort Harrison Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33756

***Please Note:***

From time to time, addenda may be issued to this proposal. Any such addenda will be posted on the same Web site, <http://www.pinellascounty.org/purchase/CCNA.htm>, from which you obtained this proposal. Before submitting your proposal you should check our Web site to download any addenda that may have been issued. Please remember to sign and return Addenda Acknowledgement Form with completed proposal package if applicable.

<p><b>SUBMIT TO:</b></p>  <p><b>PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</b>          400 S. FT. HARRISON AVENUE          ANNEX BUILDING – 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR          CLEARWATER, FL 33756</p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROPOSAL</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - NON-CONTINUING</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>AS GOVERNED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 287.055</b></p>
<p><b>ISSUE DATE:</b> January 7, 2019</p>	<p><i>PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DATE &amp; TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED</i></p>
<p><b>TITLE: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services</b></p>	<p><b>RFP NUMBER: 189-0117-NC (SS)</b></p>
<p><b>SUBMITTAL DUE: February 12, 2019 @ 3:00 P.M.</b>  <i>AND MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR 120 DAYS FROM DATE LISTED ABOVE.</i></p>	<p><b>SITE VISIT DATE &amp; LOCATION:</b>  <b>Date:</b> Tuesday, January 22, 2019  <b>Time:</b> 9:00 A.M.  <b>Location:</b> South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility, Education Center          7401 54th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33705</p>
<p><b>DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS: February 1, 2019 BY 3:00 P.M.</b>  <b>SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO: SUE STEELE, CPPB AT <a href="mailto:ssteele@pinellascounty.org">ssteele@pinellascounty.org</a></b>  <b>Phone: 727-464-4776 Fax: 727/464-3925</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE MISSION OF PINELLAS COUNTY</u>          Pinellas County Government is committed to progressive public policy, superior public service, courteous public contact, judicious exercise of authority and sound management of public resources to meet the needs and concerns of our citizens today and tomorrow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joe Lauro CPPB/CPPO</i>  <hr style="width: 20%; margin: auto;"/> <b>JOE LAURO, CPPO/CPPB</b>          Director of Purchasing</p>

**PROPOSER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING**

NO CHANGES REQUESTED BY A PROPOSER WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE RFP OPENING DATE AS ADVERTISED. BY SIGNING THIS PROPOSAL FORM YOU ARE AGREEING TO ALL PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

<b>PROPOSER (COMPANY NAME):</b>	D/B/A
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City, State Zip</b>
<b>Company Email Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Remit To Name (as Shown on Company Invoice)</b>	<b>Fax</b>
<b>Printed Contact Representative/Title/Email</b>	

Proper Corporate Identity is needed when you submit your proposal, especially how your firm is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations. Please visit [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org) for this information.

***I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RFP & CERTIFY I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS RFP FOR***

<b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</b>	<b>PRINT NAME &amp; TITLE</b>
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**RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PROPOSAL**

<b>SECTION A – GENERAL CONDITIONS</b>
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**1. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL:**

- (a) Proposals will be opened immediately after the proposal submittal date and time (3:00 PM) by the Pinellas County Purchasing Department, 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Annex Building, 6th Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756. The public may attend the proposal opening, but may not immediately review any proposals submitted. The names of respondents only will be read aloud at the time of opening. Pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 119.071(1)(b)2, all proposals submitted shall be subject to review as public records 30 days from opening, or earlier if an intended decision is reached before the 30-day period expires. Late proposals will not be accepted.
- (b) Proposals and changes thereto shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes or packages, addressed to the Purchasing Department, Pinellas County. The name and address of the firms, the date and hour of the proposal submittal, and the title shall be placed on the outside of the envelope.
- (c) Proposals must follow the format of the RFP and structure their responses to follow the sequence of the RFP when submitting a proposal. County staff will evaluate the proposals received, based on responsiveness to the evaluation criteria and based on the information being provided in the required sequence.
- (d) Proposers must have experience in work of the same or similar nature, and must provide references that will satisfy the County. Proposer must furnish a reference list of at least four (4) customers for whom they have performed similar services and must provide information as specified in Section D.
- (e) Proposer is advised that exceptions to any of the terms contained in this RFP or the attached service agreement must be identified in its response to the RFP. Failure to do so may lead County to declare any such term non-negotiable. Proposer's desire to take exception to a non-negotiable term will not disqualify it from consideration for award.

**2. WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATIONS/CLARIFICATIONS:**

No oral interpretations will be made to any firms as to the meaning of specifications or any other contract documents. All questions pertaining to the terms and conditions or scope of work of this proposal must be sent in writing (mail or fax) to the Purchasing Department and received no later than the deadline specified in RFP. Responses to questions may be handled as an addendum if the response would provide clarification to requirements of the proposal. All such addenda shall become part of the contract documents. The County will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the proposed RFP made or given prior to the award of the contract. The Purchasing Department will be unable to respond to questions received after the specified deadline.

**3. RIGHTS OF PINELLAS COUNTY IN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS:**

In addition to all other rights of the County under Florida law, the County specifically reserves the following:

- a) Pinellas County reserves the right to rank firms and negotiate with the highest-ranking firm. Negotiation with an individual proposer does not require negotiation with others.
- b) Pinellas County reserves the right to select the proposal that it believes will serve the best interest of Pinellas County.
- c) Pinellas County reserves the right to reject any or all Requests for Proposals. The respective constitutional officer, county administrator on behalf of the board of county commissioners or within his/her delegated financial approval authority, or director of purchasing, within his/her delegated financial approval authority shall have the authority when the public interest will be served thereby to reject all proposals or parts of proposals at any stage of the procurement process through the award of the contract.
- d) Pinellas County reserves the right to cancel the entire Request for Proposal.
- e) Pinellas County reserves the right to remedy or waive minor informalities or irregularities, or immaterial errors in the Request for Proposal or in proposals submitted.
- f) Pinellas County reserves the right to request any necessary clarifications or proposal data without changing the terms of the proposal.

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**4. COSTS INCURRED BY PROPOSERS:**

All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of proposals to the County, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne solely by the Proposer(s). No payment will be made for any responses received, or for any other effort required of, or made by, the Proposer(s) prior to contract commencement.

**5. ORAL PRESENTATION:**

An oral presentation may be requested at the Evaluation Committee's discretion. If an oral presentation is requested, it will be based on the evaluation of the written proposals submitted, a minimum of three (3) highest ranked firms, (if at least three firms submitted and are deemed qualified to proceed) shall be shortlisted and may be invited to an oral presentation. The average scores from the written evaluation phase will be carried forward (for shortlisted firms) and combined with average scores from the oral presentation process for one total average score potential of 2,000 points. (1,000 points from the written and 1,000 points from the oral).

**6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

- a) The Proposer represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance or services required hereunder. The Proposer further represents that no person having any such interest shall be employed by him/her during the agreement term and any extensions. In addition, the Proposer shall not offer gifts or gratuities to County Employees as County Employees are not permitted to accept gifts or gratuities. By signing this proposal document, the Proposer acknowledges that no gifts or gratuities have been offered to County Employees or anyone else involved in this competitive proposal process.
- b) The Proposer shall promptly notify the County's representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest, or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence the Contractor's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Proposer may undertake and request an opinion of the County as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the County, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the Proposer. The County agrees to notify the Proposer of its opinion, by certified mail, within thirty days of receipt of notification by the Proposer.
- c) It is essential to government procurement that the process be open, equitable and ethical. To this end, if potential unethical practices including but not limited to collusion, receipt or solicitation of gifts and conflicts of interest (direct/indirect) etc. are observed or perceived, please report such activity to:

Pinellas County Clerk of Circuit Court – Division of Inspector General

**(727) 45FRAUD** (453-7283)  
Fax – 727-464-8386

**7. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL:**

A proposal may be withdrawn prior to the time set for the proposal submittal, based on a written request from an authorized representative of the firm; however, a proposal may not be withdrawn after the time set for the proposal submittal for a period of time as specified.

**8. LATE PROPOSAL OR MODIFICATIONS:**

Proposal and modifications received after the time set for the proposal submittal will not be considered; however, modifications in writing received prior to the time set for the proposal submittal will be accepted. **In addition, late proposals will not be accepted, will be rejected and will be returned for any reason. The time clock stamp located in Pinellas County Purchasing Department shall be the official time stamp.** This upholds the integrity of the proposal process.

**9. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

The laws of the State of Florida apply to any purchase made under this Request for Proposal. Proposers shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders and laws as applicable to this proposal and subsequent contract(s) including but not limited to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and OSHA as applicable to this contract.

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**10. RIGHT TO AUDIT:**

Pinellas County reserves the privilege of auditing a vendor's records as such records relate to purchases between Pinellas County and said vendor. Such audit privilege is provided for within the text of the Pinellas County Code §2-156 through §2-176(j). Records should be maintained for five (5) years from the date of final payment.

**11. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES AND PUBLIC ENTITIES CRIME ACT:**

Contractor is directed to the Florida Public Entity Crime Act, Fla. Stat. 287.133, and Fla. Stat. 287.135 regarding Scrutinized Companies, and Contractor agrees that its bid and, if awarded, its performance of the agreement will comply with all applicable laws including those referenced herein. Contractor represents and certifies that Contractor is and will at all times remain eligible to bid for and perform the services subject to the requirements of these, and other applicable, laws. Contractor agrees that any contract awarded to Contractor will be subject to termination by the County if Contractor fails to comply or to maintain such compliance.

**12. COUNTY INDEMNIFICATION:**

If the CONSULTANT is an individual or entity licensed by the state of Florida who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481, Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, under Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, to practice land surveying and mapping, or under Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who enters into a written agreement with the COUNTY relating to the planning, design, construction, administration, study, evaluation, consulting, or other professional and technical support services furnished in connection with any actual or proposed construction, improvement, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, management, relocation, demolition, excavation, or other facility, land, air, water, or utility development or improvement, the CONSULTANT will indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONSULTANT and other persons employed or utilized by the CONSULTANT in the performance of the Agreement.

**13. TERMINATION:**

- a) Pinellas County reserves the right to terminate this contract without cause by giving thirty (30) days prior notice to the contractor in writing of the intention to terminate or with cause if at any time the contractor fails to fulfill or abide by any of the terms or conditions specified.
- b) Failure of the contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a material breach of Agreement and shall be cause for immediate termination of the Agreement at the discretion of Pinellas County.
- c) In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period, the County shall notify the Proposer of such occurrence and Agreement shall terminate on the last day of current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the County.
- d) In addition to all other legal remedies available to Pinellas County, Pinellas County reserves the right to terminate and obtain from another source, any items which have not been delivered within the period of time stated in the proposal, or if no such time is stated, within a reasonable period of time from the date of order as determined by Pinellas County.

**14. ASSIGNMENT/SUBCONTRACTING/CORPORATE ACQUISITIONS AND/OR MERGERS:**

The Contractor shall perform this contract. No assignment or subcontracting shall be allowed without prior written consent of the County. If a proposer intends to subcontract a portion of this work, the proposer must disclose that intent in the proposal. In the event of a corporate acquisition and/or merger, the Contractor shall provide written notice to the County within thirty (30) business days of Contractor's notice of such action or upon the occurrence of said action, whichever occurs first. The right to terminate this contract, which shall not be unreasonably exercised by the County, shall include, but not be limited to, instances in which a corporate acquisition and/or merger represent a conflict of interest or are contrary to any local, state, or federal laws. Action by the County awarding a proposal to a firm that has disclosed its intent to assign or subcontract in its response to the RFP, without exception shall constitute approval for purpose of this Agreement.

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**15. LOBBYING:**

Lobbying shall be prohibited on all county competitive selection processes and purchasing contract awards pursuant to this division, including, but not limited to, requests for proposals, requests for quotations, requests for qualifications, bids or the award of purchasing contracts of any type. The purpose of this prohibition is to protect the integrity of the procurement process by shielding it from undue influences prior to the contract award, or the competitive selection process is otherwise concluded. However, nothing herein shall prohibit a prospective bidder/proposer/protestor from contacting the purchasing department or the county attorney's office to address situations such as clarification and/or pose questions related to the procurement process.

Lobbying of evaluation committee members, county government employees, elected/appointed officials, or advisory board members regarding requests for proposals, requests for quotations, requests for qualifications, bids, or purchasing contracts, by the bidder/proposer, any member of the bidder's/proposer's staff, any agent or representative of the bidder/proposer, or any person employed by any legal entity affiliated with or representing a bidder/proposer/protestor, is strictly prohibited from the date of the advertisement, or on a date otherwise established by the board of county commissioners, until either an award is final, or the competitive selection process is otherwise concluded. Any lobbying activities in violation of this section by or on behalf of a bidder/proposer shall result in the disqualification or rejection of the proposal, quotation, statement of qualification, bid or contract.

For purposes of this provision, lobbying shall mean influencing or attempting to influence action or non-action, and/or attempting to obtain the goodwill of persons specified herein relating to the selection, ranking, or contract award in connection with any request for proposal, request for quotation, request for qualification, bid or purchasing contract through direct or indirect oral or written communication. The final award of a purchasing contract shall be the effective date of the purchasing contract.

Any evaluation committee member, county government employee, elected/appointed official, or advisory board member who has been lobbied shall immediately report the lobbying activity to the director of purchasing.

**16. PROTEST PROCEDURE:**

As per Section 2-162 of County Code

(a) *Bid/Proposal protests.* Any prospective bidder or proposer, who is aggrieved by the contents of the bid or proposal package, or any bidder or proposer who is aggrieved in connection with the recommended award on a bid or proposal solicitation, may file a written protest to the director of purchasing as provided herein. This right to protest is strictly limited to those procurements of goods or services solicited through invitations to bid or requests for proposals, including solicitations pursuant to § 287.055, Florida Statutes, the "Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act." No other actions or recommendations in connection with a solicitation can be protested, including: (i) requests for quotations or requests for qualifications; (ii) rejection of some, all or parts of bids or proposals; (iii) disqualification of bidders or proposers as non-responsive or non-responsible; or (iv) recommended awards less than the mandatory bid or proposal amount. Protests failing to comply with the provisions of this section 2-162 shall not be reviewed.

(b) The purchasing department shall post the recommended award on the departmental website no less than five (5) full business days after the decision to recommend the award is made.

(c) *Requirements to Protest.*

(1) If the protest relates to the content of the bid/proposal package, a formal written protest must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth full business day after issuance of the bid/proposal package.

(2) If the protest relates to the recommended award of a bid or proposal, a formal written protest must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on the fifth full business day after posting of the award recommendation.

(3) The formal written protest shall identify the protesting party and the solicitation involved; include a statement of the grounds on which the protest is based; refer to the statutes, laws, ordinances or other legal authorities which the protesting party deems applicable to such grounds; and specifically request the relief to which the protesting party deems itself entitled by application of such authorities to such grounds.

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(4) A formal written protest is considered filed with the county when the purchasing department receives it. Accordingly, a protest is not timely filed unless it is received within the time specified above by the purchasing department. Failure to file a formal written protest within the time period specified shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and result in relinquishment of all rights to protest by the bidder/proposer.

(d) *Rights of interested parties.* Bidders or proposers, other than the protestor, which would be directly affected by the favorable resolution of a protest relating to a recommended award, shall have the right to provide written documentation related to the protested solicitation. Said interested parties shall be solely responsible for determining whether a protest has been filed. Any documentation submitted by an interested party must be filed with the director of purchasing no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth full business day after the purchasing department posts notification that a protest has been filed. Any interested party submitting documentation shall bear all costs, including legal representation, relating to the submission.

(e) *Sole remedy.* These procedures shall be the sole remedy for challenging an award of bid. Bidder/proposers are prohibited from attempts to influence, persuade, or promote a bid protest through any other channels or means. Such attempts shall be cause for suspension in accordance with 2-161(b) of this article.

(f) *Lobbying.* Protestors, and interested parties as defined subsection (d), and anyone acting on their behalf, are prohibited from attempts to influence, persuade, or promote a bid or proposal protest through any other channels or means, and contacting any Pinellas County official, employee, advisory board member, or representative to discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation being protested, other than the purchasing department's or county attorney's office employees. The prohibitions provided for herein shall begin with the filing of the protest and end upon the final disposition of the protest; provided however, at all times protestors shall be subject to the procurement lobbying prohibitions in section 2-189 of this code. Failure to adhere to the prohibitions herein shall result in the rejection of the protest without further consideration.

(g) *Time Limits.* The time limits in which protests must be filed as specified herein may be altered by specific provisions in the Bid/Request for Proposal.

(h) *Authority to resolve.* The Director of Purchasing shall resolve the protest in a in accordance with the documentation and applicable legal authorities and shall issue a written decision to the protestor no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth full business day after the filing thereof.

(i) *Review of Purchasing Director's decision.*

(1) The protesting party may request a review of the Purchasing Director's decision to the County Administrator by delivering written request for review of the decision to the Director of Purchasing by 5:00 p.m. on the fifth full business day after the date of the written decision. The written notice shall include any materials, statements, arguments which the bidder/proposer deems relevant to the issues raised in the request to review the decision of the Purchasing Director.

(2) The county administrator shall issue a decision in writing stating the reason for the action with a copy furnished to the protesting party no later than 5:00 p.m., on the seventh full business day after receipt of the request for review. The decision shall be final and conclusive as to the county unless a party commences action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(j) *Stay of Procurement During Protests.* There shall be no stay of procurement during protests.

#### 17. **INTEGRITY OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) DOCUMENTS:**

Proposers shall use the original RFP Form(s) provided by the Purchasing Department and enter information only in the spaces where a response is requested. Proposers may use an attachment as an *addendum* to the RFP Form(s) if sufficient space is not available on the original form for the proposer to enter a complete response. **Any modifications or alterations to the original RFP documents by the proposer, whether intentional or otherwise, will constitute grounds for rejection of a RFP.** Any such modifications or alterations a proposer wishes to propose must be clearly stated in the proposer's RFP response and presented in the form of an addendum to the original RFP documents.

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A written agreement, in substantially the form attached, incorporating the Request for Proposal and the successful proposal will be prepared by the County, signed by the successful proposer and presented to the Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator or Director of Purchasing for approval and signature.

**19. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS:**

A. Drawings, specifications, designs, models, photographs, reports, surveys, calculations, and other data provided in connection with this RFP are and shall remain the property of the County whether the project for which they are made is executed or not. Such finished or unfinished documents, data, calculations, studies, surveys, specifications, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant shall be delivered by the Consultant to the County at the conclusion of the project or the termination of the Consultant's services.

B. When such documents are provided to other parties, the Consultant shall ensure return of the County's property.

**20. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986:**

Consultant acknowledges that it is functioning as an independent contractor in performing under the terms of this contract, and it is not acting as an employee of Pinellas County. The consultant acknowledges that it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, located at 8 U.S.C. Section 1324, et seq., and regulations relating thereto. Failure to comply with the above provisions of the contract shall be considered a material breach and shall be ground for immediate termination of the contract.

**21. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEE:**

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

**22. TRUTH IN NEGOTIATIONS:**

The Consultant certifies to truth-in-negotiation and that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. Further, the original contract amount and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums where the County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. Such adjustments must be made within one (1) year following the end of the contract.

**23. JOINT VENTURES:**

All Proposers intending to submit a proposal as a Joint Venture are required to have filed proper documents with the Florida Department of State, the Division of Professions, Construction Industry Licensing Board and any other state or local licensing Agency prior to submitting the proposal (see Section 489.119 Florida statutes).

Joint Venture Firms must provide an affidavit attesting to the formulation of a joint venture and provide either proof of incorporation as a joint venture or a copy of the formal joint venture Agreement between all joint venture parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities and levels of participation for the project.



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**24. PAYMENT/INVOICES:**

SUPPLIER shall submit invoices for payment due as provided herein with such documentation as required by Pinellas County and all payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 *et. seq*, Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." Invoices shall be submitted to the address below unless instructed otherwise on the purchase order, or if no purchase order, by the ordering department:

Finance Division Accounts Payable  
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
P. O. Box 2438  
Clearwater, FL 33757

Each invoice shall include, at a minimum, the Supplier's name, contact information and the standard purchase order number. In order to expedite payment, it is recommended the Supplier also include the information shown in below. The County may dispute any payments invoiced by SUPPLIER in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process for Invoiced Payments, established in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes, and any such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process.

**INVOICE INFORMATION:**

<b>Supplier Information</b>	Company name, mailing address, phone number, contact name and email address as provided on the PO
<b>Remit To</b>	Billing address to which you are requesting payment be sent
<b>Invoice Date</b>	Creation date of the invoice
<b>Invoice Number</b>	Company tracking number
<b>Shipping Address</b>	Address where goods and/or services were delivered
<b>Ordering Department</b>	Name of ordering department, including name and phone number of contact person
<b>PO Number</b>	Standard purchase order number
<b>Ship Date</b>	Date the goods/services were sent/provided
<b>Quantity</b>	Quantity of goods or services billed
<b>Description</b>	Description of services or goods delivered
<b>Unit Price</b>	Unit price for the quantity of goods/services delivered
<b>Line Total</b>	Amount due by line item
<b>Invoice Total</b>	Sum of all of the line totals for the invoice

Pinellas County offers a credit card payment process (ePayables) through Bank of America. Pinellas County does not charge vendors to participate in the program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions. For more information please visit Pinellas County purchasing website at [www.pinellascounty.org/purchase](http://www.pinellascounty.org/purchase).

**25. TAXES:**

The County is exempt from all state and federal sales, use, transportation and excise taxes. Taxes of any kind and character, payable on account of the work performed and materials furnished under the award, shall be paid by the proposer and deemed to have been included in the RFP. The Laws of the State of Florida provide that sales and use taxes are payable by the proposer upon the tangible personal property incorporated in the work and such taxes shall be paid by the proposer and be deemed to have been included in the RFP.

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**26. DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN MATTERS OF INVOICE PAYMENTS:**

Payment of invoices for work performed for Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (County) is made, by standard, in arrears in accordance with Section 218.70, et. seq., Florida Statutes, the Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

If a dispute should arise as a result of non-payment of a payment request or invoice the following Dispute Resolution process shall apply:

- A. Pinellas County shall notify a vendor in writing within ten (10) days after receipt of an improper invoice, that the invoice is improper. The notice should indicate what steps the vendor should undertake to correct the invoice and resubmit a proper invoice to the County. The steps taken by the vendor shall be that of initially contacting the requesting department to validate their invoice and receive a sign off from that entity that would indicate that the invoice in question is in keeping with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Once sign off is obtained, the vendor should then resubmit the invoice as a "Corrected Invoice" to the requesting department which will initiate the payment timeline.
- 1 Requesting department for this purpose is defined as the County department for whom the work is performed.
  - 2 Proper invoice for this purpose is defined as an invoice submitted for work performed that meets prior agreed upon terms or conditions to the satisfaction of Pinellas County.
- B. Should a dispute result between the vendor and the County about payment of a payment request or an invoice then the vendor should submit their dissatisfaction in writing to the Requesting Department. Each Requesting Department shall assign a representative who shall act as a "Dispute Manager" to resolve the issue at departmental level.
- C. The Dispute Manager shall first initiate procedures to investigate the dispute and document the steps taken to resolve the issue in accordance with section 218.76 Florida Statutes. Such procedures shall be commenced no later than forty-five (45) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by Pinellas County, and shall not extend beyond sixty (60) days after the date on which the payment request or invoice was received by Pinellas County.
- D. The Dispute Manager should investigate and ascertain that the work, for which the payment request or invoice has been submitted, was performed to Pinellas County's satisfaction and duly accepted by the Proper Authority. Proper Authority for this purpose is defined as the Pinellas County representative who is designated as the approving authority for the work performed in the contractual document. The Dispute Manager shall perform the required investigation and arrive at a solution before or at the sixty (60) days' timeframe for resolution of the dispute, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes. The County Administrator or his or her designee shall be the final arbiter in resolving the issue before it becomes a legal matter. The County Administrator or his or her designee will issue their decision in writing.
- E. Pinellas County Dispute Resolution Procedures shall not be subject to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The procedures shall also, per section 218.76, Florida Statutes, not be intended as an administrative proceeding which would prohibit a court from ruling again on any action resulting from the dispute.
- F. Should the dispute be resolved in the County's favor interest charges begin to accrue fifteen (15) days after the final decision made by the County. Should the dispute be resolved in the vendor's favor the County shall pay interest as of the original date the payment was due.
- G. For any legal action to recover any fees due because of the application of sections 218.70 et. seq., Florida Statutes, an award shall be made to cover court costs and reasonable attorney fees, including those fees incurred as a result of an appeal, to the prevailing party If it is found that the non-prevailing party held back any payment that was the reason for the dispute without having any reasonable lawful basis or fact to dispute the prevailing party's claim to those amounts.

## SECTION A – GENERAL CONDITIONS

**27. INSURANCE:**

Notice: The Contractor/Vendor must provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement in accordance with the insurance requirements listed below (Section C). Failure to provide the required insurance within a ten (10) day period following the determination or recommendation of the highest ranked firm may result in the County to vacate the original determination or recommendation and proceed with recommendation to the second highest ranked firm.

**28. PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS:**

Pinellas County Government is subject to the Florida Public Records law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and all documents, materials, and data submitted to any solicitation as part of the response are governed by the disclosure, exemption and confidentiality provisions relating to public records in Florida Statutes. Except for materials that are “trade secrets” or “confidential” as defined by applicable Florida law, ownership of all documents, materials, and data submitted in response to the solicitation shall belong exclusively to the County.

To the extent that Proposer/Bidder/Quoter desires to maintain the confidentiality of materials that constitute trade secrets pursuant to Florida law, trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method that the materials that constitute a trade secret, and Proposer/Bidder/Quoter shall provide an additional copy of the proposal/bid/quote that redacts all designated trade secrets. By submitting materials that are designated as trade secrets and signature of the Proposer/Bidder/Quoter Signature Page, Proposer/Bidder/Quoter acknowledges and agrees:

- (i) that after notice from the County that a public records request has been made for the materials designated as a trade secret, the Proposer/Bidder/Quoter shall be solely responsible for defending its determination that submitted material is a trade secret that is not subject to disclosure at its sole cost, which action shall be taken immediately, but no later than 10 calendar days from the date of notification or Proposer /Bidder/Quoter will be deemed to have waived the trade secret designation of the materials;
- (ii) that to the extent that the proposal/bid/quote with trade secret materials is evaluated, the County and its officials, employees, agents, and representatives in any way involved in processing, evaluating, negotiating contract terms, approving any contract based on the proposal/bid/quote, or engaging in any other activity relating to the competitive selection process are hereby granted full rights to access, view, consider, and discuss the materials designated as trade secrets through the final contract award;
- (iii) to indemnify and hold the County, and its officials, employees, agents and representatives harmless from any actions, damages (including attorney’s fees and costs), or claims arising from or related to the designation of trade secrets by the Proposer/Bidder/Quoter, including actions or claims arising from the County’s non-disclosure of the trade secret materials.
- (iv) that information and data it manages as part of the services may be public record in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County public record policies. Proposer/Bidder/Quoter agrees prior to providing goods/services it will implement policies and procedures to maintain, produce, secure and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County Policies, which are subject to approval by the County, including but limited to the Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

**Notwithstanding any other provision in the solicitation, the classification as trade secret of the entire proposal/bid/quote document, line item and/or total proposal/bid/quote prices, the work, services, project, goods, and/or products to be provided by Proposer/Bidder/Quoter, or any information, data, or materials that may be part of or incorporated into a contract between the County and the Proposer/Bidder/Quoter is not acceptable to the County and will result in a determination that the proposal/bid/quote is nonresponsive; the classification as trade secret of any other portion of a proposal/bid/quote document may result in a determination that the proposal/bid/quote is nonresponsive.**

**29. PUBLIC RECORDS – CONTRACTOR’S DUTY**

**If the Contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the Contractor’s duty to provide public records relating to this contract, contact the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing Department, Operations Manager custodian of public records at 727-464-3311, [purchase@pinellascounty.org](mailto:purchase@pinellascounty.org), Pinellas County Government, Purchasing Department, Operations Manager, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756.**

## SECTION B – SPECIAL CONDITIONS

**Proposal Title: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services****Proposal Number: 189-0117-NC (SS)****1. INTENT:**

The purpose of this competitive process is to ensure Pinellas County compliance with Section 287.055 Florida Statutes known as the “Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act” (CCNA). The CCNA establishes contracting procedures by which counties must select architects, professional engineers, landscape architects, and surveyors and mappers (“Professional Firms”) for architectural, engineering, landscaping and mapping services (“Professional Services”). The CCNA process allows for professional firms to be chosen on quality of personnel, minority business enterprise consideration, past performance, willingness to meet time and budget requirements, location, workload, and volume of work previously awarded to each Professional Firm by the County.

**2. PERIOD OF CONTRACT:**

Services performed pursuant to this contract shall remain in effect for 1,095 consecutive calendar days from the commencement date on the Notice to Proceed. This Agreement shall become effective on the date of execution of the Agreement.

**3. NON-MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL SITE VISIT:**

There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Site Visit at the following date, time, and location:

Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility  
Education Center  
7401 54th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33705

This is a site visit only. No questions will be answered during the site visit. See Section A, Item 2 for any written requests for interpretations/clarifications.

**4. EVALUATION CRITERIA for Written Proposals:**

Following is the criteria that will be used by the County to evaluate and score responsive written proposals. Proposers shall include sufficient information to allow the County to thoroughly evaluate and score their proposals. Each proposal submitted shall be evaluated and ranked by an evaluation committee.

a. **Ability of Firm and its Professional Personnel. Willingness and Ability to Meet Schedule and Budget Based on Current and Projected Workload.** **450 Points**

1. Reviews the level of qualifications and experience of the firm and project team and appropriateness of the organization of the project team.
2. Reviews the professional resources available to properly provide services as requested in the RFP document.
3. Reviews the project team to insure the team proposed contains all of the critical disciplines required.
4. Prime team proposed should have exceptional professional resources to properly provide services.
5. The project manager and proposed team should be uniquely qualified to provide the desired services.
6. Evaluates the workload commitments that will impact the firm’s ability to complete services on schedule.
7. The submittal should demonstrate that the firm has adequate time available and personnel to compete services on schedule and additional backup staffing capability in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

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- b. **Firm Experience with Projects of Similar Size and Past Performance** **375 Points**
1. Reviews the firms experience with projects of similar size, type and scope and the performance on those specific projects.
  2. The prime firm must have adequate, recent (within the past five years) experience with projects of similar type as defined in the RFP document.
  3. Experience pertaining to specific Pinellas County projects may also be considered. Pinellas County staff shall not however furnish references for such projects.
  4. The scope of services provided should represent projects that are similar to those defined in the RFP document.
  5. The overall performance of the firm relative to projects of similar size and scope should be evaluated.
  6. Evaluation of the firm’s understanding of the overall project including the scope of work which may include but is not limited to; studies performed that affect the project, key design elements and effect on the community involved.
  7. Evaluation of the overall approach to the project proposed by the firm and the appropriateness of the methods proposed to plan, design and administer the project in relation to the scope of work and County requirements.
- c. **Volume of Work Previously Awarded by the County** **50 Points**
- Pre-populated by the Purchasing Department, the purpose of this criterion is to effect an equitable distribution of contracts. This criterion is evaluated based on all CCNA Non-Continuing contracts awarded to a firm during the two (2) previous completed fiscal years through to current date. The date utilized for establishing award shall be the date the Board of County Commissioners or County Administrator initially awards the contract. The points are worth 5 percent of the overall points available and are distributed as follows:
- \$0 - \$200,000 – five (5%) percent of points available
- \$200,001 - \$400,000 – four (4%) percent of points available
- \$400,001 – 600,000 – three (3%) percent of points available
- \$600,001- \$800,000 – two (2%) percent of points available
- \$800,001 - \$1,000,000 – one (1%) percent of points available
- Over \$1,000,000 – zero (0%) percent of points available
- Based on a typical 1,000 point evaluation scoring process, a firm deemed to be in the \$0-\$200,000 category threshold would be allotted 50 points etc.
- d. **Minority Business Status** **50 Points**
- Provides points pre-populated by the Purchasing Department for minority business status as designated by the State of Florida. If the firm, or its subcontractors, is designated as a minority business by the Florida State Office of Supplier Diversity, Department of Management Services, five (5%) percent of the total evaluation points are awarded. If the firm does not have minority business status as per the Florida State Office of Supplier Diversity, Department of Management Services, zero (0%) percent of the points available are awarded.
- e. **Location** **75 Points**
- Provides points pre-populated by the Purchasing Department. Evaluates the location of the project team relative to Pinellas County including the prime firm and project manager. If firm has an established office located in Pinellas, Manatee, Hillsborough or Pasco counties, 75 points are awarded. If not, no points will be awarded.
- Total 1,000 Points**

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**5. TIME LINE:**

Following is a listing of actions and anticipated dates; the County reserves the right to change the dates, if necessary.

Date	
Jan 7, 2019	Advertising & Publishing RFP
Jan 22, 2019	Pre-proposal Conference
Feb 1, 2019	Deadline for Questions/Clarifications
Feb 12, 2019	Proposals due in Purchasing by 3:00 p.m. Public bid opening to follow immediately.
Mar 2019	Evaluation of the RFP
Mar 2019	Recommendation due to Purchasing from Department
Jun 2019	Submit recommendation to Board for Award of Contract

**6. INFORMATION PACKAGE:****Request for Letters of Interest for Professional Services As Governed by Florida Statute 287.055**

- 1) "Professional services" is defined as those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of the state, or those performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper in connection with his or her professional employment or practice.
- 2) An award may not be issued without proof that your firm is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations, as per Florida Statute §607.1501 (<http://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/607.1501>).
- 3) A foreign corporation (foreign to the State of Florida) may not transact business in this state until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State. Please visit [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org) for this information on how to become registered.

**7. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Please review this document carefully. Offers that are accepted by the county are binding contracts. All documents and submittals shall be received by the Purchasing Department on or before date and hour specified for receipt (see page #1). Late proposals will be returned unopened.

Submittal of current SF-330 (federal Standard Form), Part I and II, with all sections completed. SF-330 can be obtained from U. S. General Services Administration (GSA) website - <http://gsa.gov/forms> , then select Standard Form on the menu and go to the 330.

**The submittals shall be in the format of Standard Forms (SF) 330. The submittal shall be limited to one hundred (100) pages, must be in format of a 3 ring loose leaf binder. The selection of the firms will be based on the information provided on the forms and in the additional sections.**

**A contractor may submit a response as a prime and also be a subcontractor to another firm.**

**Note:** Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part II should be submitted for each firm and for each subcontractor.

**Submittal requirements must be indexed and listed in the order described below:**

**A. Introduction Tab**

- 1) Letter of Interest by corporate office or principal of the firm.
- 2) Specific Professional services to be offered (please delineate each service your firm offers).
- 3) Table of Contents.

**B. Tab 1 - Standard Form (SF) 330 – Part I & II**

**Should be a Maximum of 50 pages and fully completed as required by the law governing Standard Form (SF) 330.**

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Please furnish a list of ten (10) projects, where multiple team members worked together, if possible, illustrating the proposed team's qualifications for performance pertaining to this project. The County does not request nor require an amount greater than ten (10) projects be submitted. Your firm will not be penalized if more than ten (10) projects are furnished as part of your submittal; however, submitting more than ten (10) projects will not provide your firm an advantage during the evaluation process.

Note: Information submitted in Tab 2 through Tab 6 should be a maximum of 50 pages.

**C. Tab 2 - Statements and Documentation**

- 1) Proof of licenses/certifications
- 2) Provide proof of proper State of Florida business licensure and professional certifications/registration(s) in the State of Florida.
- 3) Provide proof of corporate registration to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations. Information concerning certification with the Secretary of State can be obtained at: <http://ccfcorp.dos.state.fl.us/index.html> . Must be active status.
- 4) Provide Certificate of Florida Small and Minority Business issued by the Florida State Office of Supplier Diversity, Department of Management Services (if applicable).
- 5) State and provide address, phone number, contact, etc., if firm has an established office located in Pinellas, Manatee, Hillsborough or Pasco counties.

**D. Tab 3 - Certificate(s) of Insurance**

Section C reflects the insurance requirements deemed necessary for this project by County Risk Management. It is not necessary to have this level of insurance in effect at the time of submission, but certificates indicating that the insurance is currently carried, or acknowledgment from the carrier indicating upgrade availability will speed the review process.

**E. Tab 4 - Key Personnel Statement**

Submit a statement that personnel listed in the submittal will be available for and shall be assigned to this project. Failure to produce the proposed key personnel may be grounds for dismissal.

- F. Tab 5 -**
1. **Acknowledgment of Addenda (if applicable).**
  2. **W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**
  3. **Section D Vendor References**
  4. **Page 1, Signature Page of the RFP**
  5. **Section F – Electronic Payment (ePayable) form**

**G. Tab 6 - Include any additional information to represent your firm for consideration.**

Original letters shall be signed by an authorized representative of the firm. All information requested must be submitted. Failure to submit all information may delay evaluation of the proposal. Letters, which are substantially incomplete or lack key information, may be rejected by the County at its discretion.

Information submitted with your letter of interest should include documentation to demonstrate your firm's qualifications and abilities to perform as noted in the scope of services and also include information to allow for a clear understanding of past projects, especially in Florida, staff experience and abilities, and any additional information to present your firm for consideration.

An evaluation committee will review the information submitted. Once review is complete and the firm confirms the maximum ceiling for establishing a fee schedule, a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners will be prepared. This contract will result in negotiated rates that will be fully loaded and will encompass all profit, markup, and local travel expenses. Award(s) resulting from this solicitation shall be subject to the provisions of Section 2-178, contracting for Designated Professional Services of the Ordinances of Pinellas County and Section 10 of the Purchasing Policies and Procedures of Pinellas County.

For questions and additional information, contact person indicated on page 1.

Letters of Interest will be evaluated using the criteria **listed in Item 3 of this Section**. Firms will be notified in writing if they have been selected in a reasonable time after submittal date.

All proposals shall be signed in ink by authorized principals of the firm.

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Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The face of the envelope shall indicate the RFP number, name, and address of the firm, and title of the proposal.

Proposals are to be submitted to Pinellas County Purchasing Department, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Avenue, Annex Bldg, 6th Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756 by the date and time indicated on the cover sheet.

**8. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL COPIES**

Proposals shall be submitted in one (1) original paper document and three (3) electronic media copies CDs/DVDs or Travel Drives in PDF format. The preferred method is PDF conversion from the Proposer's source files (to minimize file size and maximize quality and accessibility) rather than scanning so that the County can open, print, read and save the pdf file you have created. To ensure consistency, the electronic copy should be ONE file document and in the same order as the paper original. If this is not possible, the electronic copy files should be in the same order as the paper copy, with a directory listing of the files.

Please note the evaluation committee will use the electronic media copies to review your submittal. Failure to include all information in the electronic media copies may have an impact on your evaluation scores.

**Instructions for Providing Files in PDF Format to Pinellas County Government****Why does Pinellas County Government want all the documents as PDF files?**

**Answer-** It's much more efficient to go paperless, and PDF is a universal file format that fits perfectly into government workflow processes.

**How do I convert my files to PDF format?**

**Answer-** If you have a program such as Adobe Acrobat, creating a PDF of any file is a simple print function. Rather than printing to a traditional printer, the file converts to a PDF format copy of your original. Any program (such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.) can be converted this way by simply selecting the print command and choosing PDF as the printer.

**Should I scan everything and save as PDF?**

**Answer-** Not unless you are scanning with OCR (optical character recognition). Scanning will create unnecessarily large files because a scan is just a picture of a page rather than actual page text. Furthermore, the result of scanning is that your pages will not look nearly as "clean" or professional as simply using the print to PDF method from the program from which the file originates. Additionally, since scan pages are pictures of text, not really text, they may not be considered accessible\* under Federal ADA guidelines (\*unless the scans are OCR).



<b>SECTION C – LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION, AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>
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1. **LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY.** By submitting a Proposal, the Proposer acknowledges and agrees that the services will be provided without any limitation on Proposer's liability. The County objects to and shall not be bound by any term or provision that purports to limit the Proposer's liability to any specified amount in the performance of the services. Proposer shall state any exceptions to this provision in its response, including specifying the proposed limits of liability in the stated exception to be included in the Services Agreement. Proposer is deemed to have accepted and agreed to provide the services without any limitation on Proposer's liability that Proposer does not take exception to in its response. Notwithstanding any exceptions by Proposer, the County reserves the right to declare its prohibition on any limitation on Proposer's liability as non-negotiable, to disqualify any Proposal that includes exceptions to this prohibition on any limitation on Proposer's liability, and to proceed with another responsive, responsible proposal, as determined by the County in its sole discretion.
  
2. **INDEMNIFICATION.** By submitting a Proposal, the Proposer acknowledges and agrees to be bound by and subject to the County's indemnification provisions as set out in the Services Agreement. The County objects to and shall not be bound by any term or provision that purports to modify or amend the Proposer's indemnification obligations in the Services Agreement, or requires the County to indemnify and/or hold the Proposer harmless in any way related to the services. Proposer shall state any exceptions to this provision in the response, including specifying the proposed revisions to the Services Agreement indemnification provisions, or the proposed indemnification from the County to the Proposer to be included in the Services Agreement. Proposer is deemed to have accepted and agreed to provide the services subject to the Services Agreement indemnification provisions that Proposer does not take exception to in its response. Notwithstanding any exceptions by Proposer, the County reserves the right to declare its indemnification requirements as non-negotiable, to disqualify any Proposal that includes exceptions to this paragraph, and to proceed with another responsive, responsible proposal, as determined by the County in its sole discretion.
  
3. **INSURANCE:**

The recommended Proposer must provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement in accordance with the insurance requirements listed below, prior to award of contract. Failure to provide the required insurance within the requested timeframe may result in your submittal being deemed non-responsive.

The contracted Proposer shall obtain and maintain, and require any sub-contractors to obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth. For projects with a Completed Operations exposure, Contractor shall maintain coverage and provide evidence of insurance for two (2) years beyond final acceptance. All insurance policies shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and have an AM Best rating of A- VIII or better.

- a) Proposal submittals should include, the Proposer's current Certificate(s) of Insurance in accordance with the insurance requirements listed below. If Proposer does not currently meet insurance requirements, Proposer shall also include verification from their broker or agent that any required insurance not provided at that time of submittal will be in place prior to the award of contract.
  
- b) Proposer shall email certificate that is compliant with the insurance requirements to [sstele@pinellascounty.org](mailto:sstele@pinellascounty.org). If certificate received with bid was a compliant certificate no further action may be necessary. The Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be signed by authorized representatives of the insurance companies shown on the Certificate(s). **A copy of the endorsement(s) referenced in paragraph d) for Additional Insured shall be attached to the certificate(s) referenced in this paragraph.**
  
- c) No work shall commence at any project site unless and until the required Certificate(s) of Insurance are received and approved by the County. Approval by the County of any Certificate(s) of Insurance does not constitute verification by the County that the insurance requirements have been satisfied or that the insurance policy shown on the Certificate(s) of Insurance is in compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. County reserves the right to require a certified copy of the entire insurance policy, including endorsement(s), at any time during the RFP and/or contract period.
  
- d) All policies providing liability coverage(s), other than professional liability and workers compensation policies, obtained by the Bidder and any subcontractors to meet the requirements of the Agreement shall be endorsed to include **Pinellas County a Political subdivision of the State of Florida** as an Additional Insured.
  
- e) If any insurance provided pursuant to the Agreement expires prior to the completion of the Work, renewal Certificate(s) of Insurance and endorsement(s) shall be furnished by the Proposer to the County at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date.

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- (1) Proposer shall also notify County within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, nonrenewal or adverse material change in coverage received by said Proposer from its insurer. Notice shall be given by certified mail to: **Pinellas County Risk Management 400 South Fort Harrison Ave Clearwater FL 33756**; be sure to include your organization's unique identifier, which will be provided upon notice of award. Nothing contained herein shall absolve Proposer of this requirement to provide notice.
  - (2) Should the Proposer, at any time, not maintain the insurance coverages required herein, the County may terminate the Agreement, or at its sole discretion may purchase such coverages necessary for the protection of the County and charge the Proposer for such purchase or offset the cost against amounts due to proposer for services completed. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Agreement.
- f) The County reserves the right, but not the duty, to review and request a copy of the Contractor's most recent annual report or audited financial statement when a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$50,000.
  - g) If subcontracting is allowed under this RFP, the Prime Proposer shall obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth; and require any subcontractors to obtain and maintain, at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance limits as it may apply to the portion of the Work performed by the subcontractor; *but in no event will the insurance limits be less than \$500,000 for Workers' Compensation/Employers' Liability, and \$1,000,000 for General Liability and Auto Liability if required below.*
    - (1) All subcontracts between Proposer and its subcontractors shall be in writing and may be subject to the County's prior written approval. Further, all subcontracts shall (1) require each subcontractor to be bound to Proposer to the same extent Proposer is bound to the County by the terms of the Contract Documents, as those terms may apply to the portion of the Work to be performed by the subcontractor; (2) provide for the assignment of the subcontracts from Proposer to the County at the election of Owner upon termination of the Contract; (3) provide that County will be an additional indemnified party of the subcontract; (4) provide that the County will be an additional insured on all insurance policies required to be provided by the subcontractor except workers compensation and professional liability; (5) provide waiver of subrogation in favor of the County and other insurance terms and/or conditions as outlined below; (6) assign all warranties directly to the County; and (7) identify the County as an intended third-party beneficiary of the subcontract. Proposer shall make available to each proposed subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract, copies of the Contract Documents to which the subcontractor will be bound by this Section C and identify to the subcontractor any terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract which may be at variance with the Contract Documents.
  - h) Each insurance policy and/or certificate shall include the following terms and/or conditions:
    - (1) The Named Insured on the Certificate of Insurance and insurance policy must match the entity's name that responded to the solicitation and/or is signing the agreement with the County. If Proposer is a Joint Venture per Section A. titled Joint Venture of this RFP, Certificate of Insurance and Named Insured must show Joint Venture Legal Entity name and the Joint Venture must comply with the requirements of Section C with regard to limits, terms and conditions, including completed operations coverage.
    - (2) Companies issuing the insurance policy, or policies, shall have no recourse against County for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles which all are at the sole responsibility and risk of Contractor.
    - (3) The term "County" or "Pinellas County" shall include all Authorities, Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Divisions, Departments and Constitutional offices of County and individual members, employees thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Pinellas County.
    - (4) The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County or any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.
    - (5) All policies shall be written on a primary, non-contributory basis.

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(6) Any Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing coverage provided by a leasing company for either workers compensation or commercial general liability shall have a list of covered employees certified by the leasing company attached to the Certificate(s) of Insurance. The County shall have the right, but not the obligation to determine that the Proposer is only using employees named on such list to perform work for the County. Should employees not named be utilized by Proposer, the County, at its option may stop work without penalty to the County until proof of coverage or removal of the employee by the contractor occurs, or alternatively find the Proposer to be in default and take such other protective measures as necessary.

(7) Insurance policies, other than Professional Liability, shall include waivers of subrogation in favor of Pinellas County from both the Proposer and subcontractor(s).

i) The minimum insurance requirements and limits for this Agreement, which shall remain in effect throughout its duration and for two (2) years beyond final acceptance for projects with a Completed Operations exposure, are as follows:

(1) Workers' Compensation Insurance

Limit	Florida Statutory
<u>Employers' Liability Limits</u>	
Per Employee	\$ 500,000
Per Employee Disease	\$ 500,000
Policy Limit Disease	\$ 500,000

(2) Commercial General Liability Insurance including, but not limited to, Independent Contractor, Contractual Liability Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, and Personal Injury.

Limits	
Combined Single Limit Per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Personal Injury and Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

(3) Business Automobile or Trucker's/Garage Liability Insurance covering owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles. If the Proposer does not own any vehicles, then evidence of Hired and Non-owned coverage is sufficient. Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, such insurance to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards, unless Proposer can show that this coverage exists under the Commercial General Liability policy.

Limit	
Combined Single Limit Per Accident	\$ 1,000,000

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- (4) Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance with at least minimum limits as follows. If “claims made” coverage is provided, “tail coverage” extending three (3) years beyond completion and acceptance of the project with proof of “tail coverage” to be submitted with the invoice for final payment. In lieu of “tail coverage”, Proposer may submit annually to the County, for a three (3) year period, a current certificate of insurance providing “claims made” insurance with prior acts coverage in force with a retroactive date no later than commencement date of this contract. Policy shall not contain a Pollution exclusion.

Limits

Each Occurrence or Claim	\$ 2,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000

For acceptance of Professional Liability coverage included within another policy required herein, a statement notifying the certificate holder must be included on the certificate of insurance and the total amount of said coverage per occurrence must be greater than or equal to the amount of Professional Liability and other coverage combined.

- (5) Property Insurance Proposer will be responsible for all damage to its own property, equipment and/or materials.

**SECTION D – VENDOR REFERENCES**

**Proposal Title: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services**

**Proposal Number: 189-0117-NC (SS)**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER THAT YOUR PROPOSAL MAY BE REVIEWED AND PROPERLY EVALUATED.

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF TIME COMPANY HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG IN PRESENT LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF CURRENT EMPLOYEES: \_\_\_\_\_ FULL TIME \_\_\_\_\_ PART TIME

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES YOU PLAN TO USE TO SERVICE THIS CONTRACT: \_\_\_\_\_

**All references will be contacted by a County Designee via email, fax, mail or phone call to obtain answers to questions, as applicable before an evaluation decision is made.**

**EITHER LOCAL COMMERCIAL OR GOVERNMENTAL REFERENCE(S) (PINELLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT REFERENCES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED) THAT YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED SIMILAR CONTRACT SERVICES FOR:**

**All fields below must be completed**

**1** \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMPANY NAME  
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 CITY, STATE  
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 CONTACT PERSON  
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 CITY, STATE  
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 EMAIL ADDRESS

**SECTION E – SCOPE OF WORK****Proposal Title: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services****Proposal Number: 189-0117-NC (SS)****A. OBJECTIVE:**

On behalf of the Utilities Department, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners is seeking the services of a consulting engineering firm qualified to perform engineering assessment and design services and perform all other professional engineering services as may be required to construct improvements for the TETRA Denite® DeepBed™ Filtration System at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility (SCBWRF), Pinellas County, Florida. The overall objective of this project is to provide the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility with a rehabilitated TETRA Denite® DeepBed™ Filtration System that will operate within the confines of the existing permit limitations while providing a more reliable system requiring less maintenance. These services are needed as the existing system is experiencing multiple failures with respect to instrumentation, mechanical, process, chemical feed and media components

**B. BACKGROUND:**

The South Cross Bayou Advanced Water Treatment Plant no longer discharges via deep well injection. Deep well injection has been replaced by surface water discharge and an increased amount of reclaimed water usage. In order to discharge to surface water into Joe's Creek, nutrient removal is required. The TETRA Denite® DeepBed™ Filtration System (Denite system) aids in the process of removing nutrients (another main function of this system is to filter out suspended solids). The Denite system removes the nutrient, nitrogen. The system does this with the application of Methanol, an organic carbon source, to the wastewater at the influent piping of the Denite system. As the methanol-enriched wastewater is filtered through the filter media, facultative-anaerobic microorganisms growing on the surface of the sand convert the nitrate-nitrogen to gaseous nitrogen as they consume methanol. Water is intermittently pumped back through the sand to stir up the water in the tank. This allows the nitrogen gas to be emitted into the atmosphere.

**C. SCOPE OF WORK:**

The Consultant will be responsible for the preparation of construction plans for the Denite system rehabilitation including but not limited to the following;

- 1) All instrumentation devices inclusive of those responsible for FDEP Reporting and methanol dosing
- 2) Blowers
- 3) Pneumatically actuated valves
- 4) Methanol feed system or Alternate food source
- 5) Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
- 6) Programmable Logic Controllers
- 7) Influent and effluent flow meters
- 8) Filter media and underdrain evaluation and possible replacement
- 9) Alternative technologies

**D. REQUIRED DELIVERABLES:**

- 1) Preliminary Engineering Report
- 2) 60% Construction Plans Package in PDF format including AutoCad Civil 3D files; Geotechnical Report (pavement cores); Opinion of Probable Construction Cost; and Design Documentation with field review notes.
- 3) 100% Construction Plans Package in PDF format including AutoCad Civil 3D files; Opinion of Probable Construction Cost; and Design Documentation.
- 4) Final Construction Plans Package in PDF format including AutoCAD Civil 3D files; Final Opinion of Probable Construction Cost, Final Design Documentation, Final Specifications Package. The plans shall be provided electronically, plus two paper copies signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer certified in the State of Florida.

**SECTION E – SCOPE OF WORK****E. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Sample Agreement
2. Exhibit 1 - South Cross Bayou WRF II B Improvements Drawings – Vol 1
3. Exhibit 1 - South Cross Bayou WRF II B Improvements Drawings – Vol 2
4. Exhibit 2 - South Cross Bayou Denitrification System Manual
5. Exhibit 3 - Severn Trent Services Operation and Maintenance Manual November 2000
6. Exhibit 4 - Filter Feed Operations and Maintenance Manual December 18, 1998
7. Exhibit 5 - Severn Trent Services SCB Filter Inspection October 22-24, 2014
8. Exhibit 6 - De Nora Water Technologies SCB Filter Inspection January 14, 2016
9. Exhibit 7 - De Nora Water Technologies SCB Filter Inspection May 9-10, 2018

**F. BUDGET ESTIMATE:**

\$300,000.00

**SECTION F ELECTRONIC PAYMENT**

**Proposal Title: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services**

**Proposal No.: 189-0117-NC (SS)**

**Electronic Payment (ePayables)**

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (County) offers a credit card payment process (ePayables) through Bank of America. Pinellas County does not charge vendors to participate in the program; however, there may be a charge by the company that processes your credit card transactions. For more information please visit Pinellas County purchasing website at [www.pinellascounty.org/purchase](http://www.pinellascounty.org/purchase).

Would your company accept to participate in the ePayables credit card program?

- Yes                       No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature (for payment acceptance)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Signature/Title/Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number



**W-9 REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER ID NUMBER AND CERTIFICATION**

Substitute Form **W-9**

**Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

*Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.*

Name (as shown on your income tax return)

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box:  Individual/Sole proprietor  Corporation  Partnership  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ .....  Exempt payee  
 Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

City, state, and ZIP code

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
OR
Employer identification number

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined in the instructions).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶

**\*Instructions to Form W-9 available upon request.**

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**Section 119.071(5), Florida Statutes Notice:**

Your Tax Identification Number (which for individuals is your social security number) is collected on Form W9 for use in filing information returns with the IRS as described more fully below. Collection of the tax identification number (or social security number as applicable) is mandatory pursuant to Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C § 6109).

**Privacy Act Notice:**

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons who must file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, and certain other income paid to you, mortgage interest you paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA, or Archer MSA or HSA. The IRS uses the numbers for identification purposes and to help verify the accuracy of your tax return. The IRS may also provide this information to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions to carry out their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Payers must generally withhold 28% of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to a payer. Certain penalties may also apply.

**SECTION G – ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

**Proposal Title: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services**

**Proposal No: 189-0117-NC (SS)**

**PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDA FOR THIS RFP BY SIGNING AND DATING BELOW:**

**ADDENDA NO.**

**SIGNATURE/PRINTED NAME**

**DATE RECEIVED**


**Note: Prior to submitting the response to this solicitation, it is the responsibility of the firm submitting a response to confirm if any addenda have been issued. If such document(s) has been issued, acknowledge receipt by signature and date in section above and return Addenda Acknowledgement Form with RFP. Failure to do so may result in being considered non-responsive or result in lowering the rating of a firm’s proposal.**

Information regarding Addenda issued is available on the Purchasing Department section of the County’s CCNA website at, <http://www.pinellascounty.org/purchase/CCNA.htm>

**SECTION H – NO SUBMITTAL STATEMENT**

**NOTE:** If you do not intend to submit a proposal on this requirement, please return this form immediately. ***Thank you.***

Pinellas County Purchasing Department  
400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, 6th Floor  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

We, the undersigned have declined to submit a proposal for RFP No. **189-0117-NC (SS) for Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services**

- Specifications too "tight", i.e., geared toward one brand or manufacturer only (explain below).
- Insufficient time to respond to the Request for Proposal.
- We do not offer this product or service.
- Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- Unable to meet specifications.
- Unable to meet Bond requirement.
- Specifications unclear (explain below).
- Unable to Meet Insurance Requirements.
- Remove Us from Your "Notification List" Altogether
- Other (specify below).

REMARKS:

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We understand that if the "No Proposal" letter is not executed and returned our name may be deleted from the Consultants Notification List of Pinellas County.

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPED NAME OF ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

***PINELLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC POLICY, SUPERIOR PUBLIC SERVICE, COURTEOUS PUBLIC CONTACT, JUDICIOUS EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY AND SOUND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES, TO MEET THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF OUR CITIZENS TODAY AND TOMORROW.***



**NON-CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**RFP TITLE: Denitrification Filter Rehab at South Cross Bayou WRF – Professional Engineering Services**

**RFP CONTRACT NO. 189-0117-NC (SS)**

**COUNTY PID NO. 003480A**

**NON-CONTINUING FIRM:**

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES NON-CONTINUING SERVICES SAMPLE  
AGREEMENT**

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**SECTION 1  
INTENT OF AGREEMENT**

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
(Insert Project Title)**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, between PINELLAS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, represented by its Board of County Commissioners, and, (Insert Company Name) with offices in (Insert City), Florida hereinafter referred to as the CONSULTANT.

WITNESSETH, That:

WHEREAS, Pinellas County, herein referred to as the COUNTY, requires **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES** associated with support to develop plans and specifications and perform all other professional engineering services as may be required during the construction of Rehabilitation of the denitrification filters located at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility in Pinellas County, Florida

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires the CONSULTANT provide PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES requisite to the development of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT has expressed the willingness and ability to provide the aforementioned Services; and

NOW THEREFORE, the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

## SECTION 2 SCOPE OF PROJECT

### 2.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

For the purposes of this Agreement the term PROJECT shall include all areas of proposed improvements, all areas that may reasonably be judged to have an impact on the PROJECT, and all PROJECT development phases and the services and activities attendant thereto. It is not the intent of this Agreement to identify the exact limits or details involved in providing satisfactorily completed PROJECT construction documents. The CONSULTANT shall provide the following professional services to prepare construction plans, specifications, and complete applications for and receive all federal, state, and local permits required for construction of the PROJECT. The PROJECT design shall be based on the following data:

The firm shall perform engineering assessment and design services and perform all other professional engineering services as may be required to construct improvements for the TETRA Denite® DeepBed™ Filtration System at the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility (SCBWRF), Pinellas County, Florida. The objective of this project is to provide the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility with a rehabilitated TETRA Denite® DeepBed™ Filtration System that will operate within the confines of the existing permit limitations while providing a more reliable system requiring less maintenance. These services are needed as the existing system is experiencing multiple failures with respect to instrumentation, mechanical, process, chemical feed and media components.

All required permits shall be obtained by the engineering consultant. Plans shall be prepared in accordance with Civil 3D Pinellas County Requirements. Exhibit A, Scope of Services is attached.

#### a) Required Deliverables

- Civil 3D file (eTransmit) of construction plans and for each transmittal phase. The plans shall be provided electronically, plus two (2) paper prints signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer certified in the State of Florida.
- All technical specifications required for construction of project.

### 2.2 PROJECT PHASES

All project phases shall be completed on or before the milestone dates provided in the COUNTY approved PROJECT design schedule referenced in Exhibit A.

### 2.3 CONSULTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. It is the intention of the COUNTY that the CONSULTANT is held accountable for its work, including checking and review of plans, and that submittals are complete.
- B. The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work and shall promptly correct its errors and omissions without additional compensation. Acceptance of the work by the COUNTY will not relieve the CONSULTANT of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any errors and the clarification of any ambiguities.
- C. The CONSULTANT represents that it has secured or will secure, at its own expense, all personnel necessary to complete this Agreement; none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY. Primary liaison with the COUNTY will be through the CONSULTANT'S Project Manager. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by the CONSULTANT or under the CONSULTANT'S supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.
- D. The CONSULTANT shall endorse all reports, calculations, contract plans, and survey data. Services shall be prepared under the direction of an engineer registered in the State of Florida and qualified in the required discipline. Products or services performed or checked shall be signed and sealed by the CONSULTANT'S Florida registered engineer.

- E. The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the preparation of a PROJECT design schedule, prepared in Microsoft Project 2013 or later, which shows a breakdown of all tasks to be performed, and their relationship in achieving the completion of each phase of work. A bar chart schedule showing overall PROJECT time frames should also be prepared. These schedules must be submitted for COUNTY approval within ten (10) days of the initial PROJECT Notice to Proceed. These schedules will be used to verify CONSULTANT performance in relationship to Fees claimed and to allow the COUNTY'S Project Manager to monitor the CONSULTANT'S efforts. The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for any updates to these schedules and for documenting in writing to the COUNTY any major deviations in the actual versus estimated PROJECT time frames.
- F. The CONSULTANT shall respond, in writing, to all review comments made by the COUNTY, and shall incorporate appropriate design adjustments into the PROJECT, in a timely manner, resulting from the review exchange.

## 2.4 GENERAL DESIGN CONDITIONS

2.4.1 The CONSULTANT shall coordinate and solicit appropriate input, with the knowledge of the COUNTY.

2.4.2 All design data, plans, and drawings shall be delivered electronically and or on CD ROM formatted to .DXF or .DWG utilizing Civil 3D 2012 or later; as well as providing reproducible hard copies of plans and drawings. All specification and other documents shall be delivered electronically and or on a CD ROM, Microsoft Word & Excel format as required, as well as the reproducible hard copies.

2.4.3 One (1) original and nine (9) copies of all deliverables are required unless specific submittal requirements are specified elsewhere in this Agreement.

2.4.4 The CONSULTANT shall develop acceptable alternates to any and all design recommendations that may be declared unacceptable.

## 2.5 GOVERNING SPECIFICATIONS REGULATIONS AND PERTINENT DOCUMENTS

The PROJECT shall be designed by the CONSULTANT in accordance with applicable industry standards. The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for utilizing and maintaining current knowledge of any laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, standards, guidelines, special conditions, specifications, or other mandates relevant to the PROJECT or the services to be performed.

### **SECTION 3 SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED BY THE CONSULTANT**

3.1 SEE EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF SERVICES.

#### 3.2 BIDDING PHASE

The CONSULTANT shall prepare with the COUNTY'S assistance the necessary bidding information, bidding forms, the conditions of the contract, and the form of agreement between the COUNTY and the Contractor. The CONSULTANT also, shall bear the cost of two (2) complete sets of documents (plans and specifications), two (2) of which shall be signed and sealed by the CONSULTANT as original record sets for the PROJECT. Each sheet in the two (2) construction plans print sets shall be signed, sealed and dated. The title sheet only of the two (2) specifications sets shall be signed, sealed, and dated. Additionally, any required addenda shall be signed, sealed, and dated.



3.2.1 The CONSULTANT, following the COUNTY'S review of the Construction Documents and of the latest Statement of Probable Construction Cost, shall be available to assist the COUNTY in obtaining bids, and in preparing and awarding construction contracts for each bid package. The CONSULTANT shall assist conducting pre-bid conferences, and shall prepare a Bid Tabulation spreadsheet following receipt of bids.

3.2.2 If the Advertisement for bids has not commenced within sixty (60) days after the CONSULTANT submits the approved Construction Documents to the COUNTY, any fixed limit of Construction Cost established as a condition of this Agreement shall be adjusted to reflect any change in the general level of prices which may have occurred during that period of time in construction industry. The adjustment shall reflect changes between the date of submission of the Construction Documents to the COUNTY and the date on which the Advertisement for Bids occurred.

3.2.3 The CONSULTANT shall prepare any required addenda to construction plans and specifications on the PROJECT during the bidding phase affecting the CONSULTANT'S plans and specifications. The CONSULTANT shall also provide any addenda during the Construction Phase in sufficient quantity to distribute to all necessary parties as determined by the COUNTY. Addenda material shall be placed in envelopes by the CONSULTANT for mailing by the COUNTY. The CONSULTANT shall also furnish certified mail receipt material and prepare mailing labels. The COUNTY shall mail all addenda.

### 3.3 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

All contact and/or communication from the CONSULTANT to the Contractor shall be coordinated with the knowledge of the COUNTY.

#### A. Construction Consultation Services

1. Processing, review, approval and distribution of shop drawings, product data, samples and other submittals required by the Contract Documents.
2. Maintenance of master file of submittals with duplicate for COUNTY.
3. Construction Field Observation Services consisting of visits to the site as frequent as necessary, but not less than once every week, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the work and to determine in general if the work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents and prepare related reports and communications. Provide written report of each visit. This field observation requirement shall include any sub-consultants at appropriate construction points.
4. Review for comment or approval any and all proposal requests, supplemental drawings and information and change orders.
5. Review for correctness Contractors pay requests for the COUNTY.
6. Prepare, reproduce and distribute supplemental drawings, specifications and interpretations in response to requests for clarification by the Contractor or the COUNTY as required by construction exigencies. Response to any request must be received by the COUNTY within twenty-four (24) hours of request, or the next available working day when the request is prior to a weekend or holiday.
7. Review, upon notice by the Contractor that work is ready for final inspection and acceptance.
8. Notify the COUNTY of any deficiencies found in follow-up reviews.
9. Evaluate all testing results and make recommendations to the COUNTY.

10. Assist in the establishment by the COUNTY of programs of operation and maintenance of the physical plant and equipment.
11. Arrange for and coordinate instructions on operations and maintenance of equipment in conjunction with manufacturer's representatives.
12. Prepare an operation and maintenance manual for the COUNTY'S use.
13. The CONSULTANT shall visit the project as necessary, but at a minimum of three (3) month, six (6) month and upon construction completion in order to certify that the permit conditions have been met satisfactorily. This shall not relieve the CONSULTANT of other needed visits to the project should specific issues arise.
14. Assistance in the training of the facility operation and maintenance personnel in proper operations, schedules, procedures and maintenance inventory.
15. Prepare as-built record drawings, based on information furnished by the Contractors including significant changes in the work made during construction. The CONSULTANT will provide one (1) set of signed and sealed prints and one (1) CADD disk of the as-built record construction documents.
16. Transmit certified as-built record drawings and general data, appropriately identified, to the COUNTY within thirty (30) days following completion of construction.
17. Consult with, and recommend solutions to, the COUNTY during the duration of warranties in connection with inadequate performance of materials, systems, and equipment under warranty.
18. Review facilities or equipment prior to expiration of warranty period(s) to ascertain adequacy of performance, materials, systems and equipment.
19. Document noted defects or deficiencies and assist the COUNTY in preparing instructions to the Contractor for correction of noted defects.
20. The Contractor shall provide the CONSULTANT with all the required project close out material for CONSULTANT'S use in the warranty period services.
21. The Contractor shall have prime responsibility in the warranty period for all services herein. The CONSULTANT shall assist, consult, observe review and document as noted.

### 3.4 PROVISIONS RELATED TO ALL PHASES

3.4.1 The CONSULTANT will investigate and confirm in writing to the COUNTY, to the best of the CONSULTANT'S knowledge, conformance with all applicable local public and utility regulations.

3.4.2 The CONSULTANT will coordinate work designed by various disciplines.

3.4.3 The CONSULTANT shall submit to the COUNTY design notes and computations to document the design conclusions reached during the development of the construction plans.

- a. Five (5) copies of the design notes and computations shall be submitted to the COUNTY with the design development review plans. When the plans are submitted for final review, the design notes and computations corrected for any COUNTY comments shall be resubmitted. At the PROJECT completion, a final set of the design notes and computations, properly endorsed by the CONSULTANT, shall be submitted with the record set of plans and tracings.

- b. The design notes and calculations shall include, but not be limited to, the following data:
- 1) Design criteria used for the PROJECT.
  - 2) Roadway geometric calculations
  - 3) Structural calculations.
  - 4) Drainage calculations.
  - 5) Traffic design calculations
  - 6) Traffic control calculations
  - 7) Calculations as required by provisions of the Florida Energy Conservation Manual (Department of General Services), latest revision.
  - 8) Calculations showing probable cost comparisons of various alternatives considered.
  - 9) Documentation of decisions reached resulting from meetings, telephone conversations or site visits.
  - 10) Other PROJECT-related correspondences as appropriate.

3.4.4 Each set of plans for the PROJECT shall be accurate, legible, complete in design, suitable for bidding purposes and drawn to scales acceptable to the COUNTY. The completed plans shall be furnished on reproducible material and in a format, which is acceptable to the COUNTY.

3.4.5 The CONSULTANT shall make such reviews, visits, attend such meetings and conferences and make such contacts as are necessary for the proper preparation of plans and specifications for the PROJECT.

3.4.6 The COUNTY in no way obligates itself to check the CONSULTANT'S work and further is not responsible for maintaining project schedules.

3.4.7 Other CONSULTANT responsibilities shall be as listed below:

- a. Provide necessary sealed drawings to obtain building permits or any utility permit.
- b. Assist the COUNTY in Contractor claims and/or litigation.
- c. Review the Adequacy and completeness of documents submitted by the Contractor to protect the COUNTY against claims by suppliers or third parties.

3.4.8 The CONSULTANT must be familiar with the intent, thoroughness, safety factors and design assumptions of all structural calculations.

3.4.9 All work prepared and/or submitted shall be reviewed and checked by a CONSULTANT (Architect/Engineer) registered in Florida. All plans shall be signed and sealed by the Professional CONSULTANT in responsible charge.

### 3.5 PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS

3.5.1 The CONSULTANT shall prepare all permit applications, data and drawings required for submittal BY THE COUNTY for approval of local, state and federal agencies.

3.5.2 The CONSULTANT shall, at no additional cost to the COUNTY, make all reasonable and necessary construction plans revisions required to obtain the necessary permit approvals for construction of the PROJECT.

3.5.3 For the purpose of ensuring the timely approval of all permits necessary for the construction of the PROJECT, the CONSULTANT shall schedule the necessary contacts and liaison with all agencies having permit jurisdiction over the PROJECT, and shall furnish, on a timely basis, such plans, data and information as may be necessary to secure approval of the required permits.

### 3.6 COORDINATION WITH UTILITY SERVICES AND AFFECTED PUBLIC AGENCIES

3.6.1 The requirements of the various utility services shall be recognized and properly coordinated with the PROJECT design.

3.6.2 Drainage investigations and drainage design shall be coordinated with any city or drainage district that may be affected by or have an effect on the PROJECT.

### **SECTION 4 SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED BY THE COUNTY**

4.1 The COUNTY shall provide the following for the CONSULTANT'S use and guidance:

- A. Copies of existing maps, existing aerial photographs, as-built construction plans and data pertinent to the PROJECT design, which the COUNTY may have in its possession.
- B. Reproduces of the COUNTY Engineering Department Standard Drawings applicable to the PROJECT.
- C. Sample copies of the COUNTY standard contract documents and specifications.
- D. Preparation of legal (front-end) section of the specifications.

### **SECTION 5 PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TECHNICAL LIAISON**

The following services shall be provided at no additional cost to the COUNTY:

5.1 Prior to the commencement of design activities, the COUNTY will conduct with the CONSULTANT a pre-design conference for the purpose of discussing issues relative to the PROJECT, plans preparation and submittal procedures and to convey to the CONSULTANT such items provided for under Section 4 as may be required and available at that time.

5.2 The CONSULTANT shall make presentations to the COUNTY'S Director of Utilities or designee as often as reasonably requested and at any point in the PROJECT development should issues arise which make additional presentations other than those listed elsewhere in this Agreement, in the COUNTY'S best interest.

5.3 The CONSULTANT shall participate in Monthly PROJECT Conferences with COUNTY staff personnel. The meetings will be scheduled by the COUNTY at a location provided by the COUNTY.

5.4 The CONSULTANT shall attend, as technical advisor to the COUNTY all meetings or hearings conducted by permitting agencies or public bodies in connection with any permit required for the construction of the PROJECT, and shall prepare all presentation aids, documents and data required in connection with such meetings or hearings, and at the discretion of the COUNTY, shall either plead the COUNTY'S case or provide engineering and technical assistance to the COUNTY in its pleading of the case.

5.5 The CONSULTANT shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and distribute copies to all attending. These meetings shall be set up through the COUNTY and appropriate COUNTY staff shall attend.

**SECTION 6  
PAYMENT GUIDELINES AND CATEGORY OF SERVICES**

**6.1 BASIC SERVICES**

The services described and provided for under Sections 2, 3 and Exhibit A shall constitute the Basic Services to be performed by the CONSULTANT under this Agreement.

**6.2 OPTIONAL SERVICES**

Services noted in Exhibit A of this Agreement as "Optional" shall constitute the Optional Services to be performed by the CONSULTANT under this Agreement. Optional Services shall be rendered by the CONSULTANT only upon written authorization by the COUNTY's Director of the Utilities, or designee.

**6.3 CONTINGENCY SERVICES**

When authorized in writing by the COUNTY'S Director of Utilities or designee, the CONSULTANT shall furnish services resulting from unforeseen circumstances not anticipated under Basic Services due to minor changes in the PROJECT scope.

Compensation for any Contingency Services assignments shall be negotiated between the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT at the time the need for services becomes known.

**6.4 ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

When executed by the County Administrator or Board of County Commissioners as an amendment to this Agreement, the CONSULTANT shall provide such additional services as may become necessary because of changes in the Scope of PROJECT. Additional Services shall be classified as any change beyond the Contingency Services upset limit for compensation.

**6.5 INVOICING**

The CONSULTANT may submit invoices for fees earned on a monthly basis. Such invoicing shall be supported by a Progress Report showing the actual tasks performed and their relationship to the percentage of fee claimed for each phase. Billings within each phase of work shall be for the percentage of work effort completed to date for that phase. The COUNTY shall make payments to the CONSULTANT for work performed in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70 et. seq., F.S.

The following services shall be considered reimbursable services and may be filled in full upon their completion and acceptance. The CONSULTANT shall provide copies of supporting receipts/invoices/billing documentation. Self-performed reimbursable work shall be reimbursed at the firm's standard hourly rates for all related services. A breakdown of man hours and billing rates shall be provided with each invoice. An hourly rate sheet is attached (Exhibit B).

- A. Soil Analysis/Geotechnical Investigations.
- B. Contamination Assessments/Hazardous Material Analysis (if required).
- C. Aerial Photography (if required).
- D. Payment of Permit Fees (if required).
- E. Payment of the Public Information Meeting Advertisements, if required.
- F. Payment of the Court Reporter for public meetings, if required.
- G. Printing and Binding Services.

Should an invoiced amount for fees earned appear to exceed the work effort believed to be completed, the COUNTY may, prior to processing of the invoice for payment, require the CONSULTANT to submit satisfactory evidence to support the invoice.

All progress reports shall be mailed to the attention of the designated Project Manager, Utilities, 14 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, Clearwater, FL 33756.

SUPPLIER shall submit invoices for payment due as provided herein with such documentation as required by Pinellas County and all payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 218.70 *et. seq.*, Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." Invoices shall be submitted to the address below unless instructed otherwise on the purchase order, or if no purchase order, by the ordering department:

Finance Division Accounts Payable  
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
P. O. Box 2438  
Clearwater, FL 33757

Each invoice shall include, at a minimum, the Supplier's name, contact information and the standard purchase order number. The County may dispute any payments invoiced by SUPPLIER in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process for Invoiced Payments, established in accordance with Section 218.76, Florida Statutes, and any such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the County's Dispute Resolution Process.

Fees for contingent or additional services authorized shall be invoiced separately, and shall be due and payable in full upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence that the corresponding services have been performed.

## **SECTION 7 COMPENSATION TO THE CONSULTANT**

7.1 For the BASIC SERVICES provided for in this Agreement, as defined in Section 3.10, the COUNTY agrees to pay the CONSULTANT as follows:

- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 1 – General Task Phase of the PROJECT.
- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 2 - Phase of the PROJECT.
- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 3 –Phase of the PROJECT.
- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 4 –Phase of the PROJECT.
- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 5 –Phase of the PROJECT
- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 6 –Phase of the PROJECT
- A Lump Sum Fee of: for the Task 7 –Phase of the PROJECT

The above fees shall constitute the total not to exceed amount of (\$) to the CONSULTANT for the performance of Basic Services. All man hours are billed per the established and agreed hourly rates. The hourly rates are fully loaded and include all labor, overhead, expenses and profit of any nature including travel within the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical area. Travel outside of the Tampa Bay Metropolitan Statistical Area will be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061 F.S. and/or the County Travel Policy, as approved by the County.

7.2 For the OPTIONAL SERVICES provided for in the Agreement, as defined in Exhibit A, the COUNTY agrees to pay the CONSULTANT as follows:

A Lump Sum Fee of: **(\$)** for the Task 8a of the PROJECT

7.3 For any CONTINGENCY SERVICES performed, the COUNTY agrees to pay the CONSULTANT, a negotiated fee based on the assignment, up to a maximum amount not to exceed **(\$)** for all assignments performed.

7.4 Total agreement amount **(\$)**.

7.5 For any ADDITIONAL SERVICES, the COUNTY agrees to pay the CONSULTANT a negotiated total fee based on the work to be performed as detailed by a written amendment to this Agreement.

7.6 In the event that this Agreement is terminated under the provisions of this contract the total and complete compensation due the CONSULTANT shall be as established by the COUNTY based on the COUNTY'S determination of the percentage of work effort completed to date of termination.

## **SECTION 8 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

Time is of the essence in this Agreement. The CONSULTANT shall plan and execute the performance of all services provided for in this Agreement in such manner as to ensure their proper and timely completion in accordance with the following schedule:

8.1 The services to be rendered by the CONSULTANT shall be commenced upon receipt from the COUNTY of written "NOTICE TO PROCEED."

8.2 All project phases shall be completed on or before the milestone dates provided in the COUNTY approved PROJECT design schedule referenced in 2.3 E.

8.3 The CONSULTANT shall not be held responsible for delays in the completion of the PROJECT design when the COUNTY causes such delays. The COUNTY reviews related to the above submittals shall not exceed twenty-one (21) days.

## **SECTION 9 AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINGENT OR ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

9.1 The CONTINGENCY services provided for under this Agreement shall be performed only upon prior written authorization from the Director of Utilities or designee.

9.2 The ADDITIONAL services provided for under this Agreement shall be performed only upon approval of the County Administrator or Board of County Commissioners.

9.3 The CONSULTANT shall perform no services contemplated to merit compensation beyond that provided for in this Agreement unless such services, and compensation therefore, shall be provided for by appropriate written authorization or amendment(s) to this Agreement.

## **SECTION 10 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING SUBCONSULTING SERVICES**

The COUNTY reserves the right to review the qualifications of any and all subconsultants, and to reject any subconsultant in a proper and timely manner, deemed not qualified to perform the services for which it shall have been engaged. Any subconsultant not listed as part of the prime consultants team at time of award must be approved by the Director of Purchasing prior to performing any service.

**SECTION 11  
SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE**

All services to be provided by the CONSULTANT under the provisions of this Agreement, including services to be provided by subcontractors, shall be performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the COUNTY'S Director of Utilities or designee.

**SECTION 12  
RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS**

12.1 The COUNTY shall reasonably decide all questions and disputes, of any nature whatsoever, that may arise in the execution and fulfillment of the services provided for under this Agreement.

12.2 The decision of the COUNTY upon all claims, questions, disputes and conflicts shall be final and conclusive, and shall be binding upon all parties to this Agreement, subject to judicial review.

**SECTION 13  
CONSULTANT'S ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

13.1 Records of expenses pertaining to all services performed shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures.

13.2 The CONSULTANT'S records shall be open to inspection and subject to examination, audit, and/or reproduction during normal working hours by the COUNTY'S agent or authorized representative to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of any invoices, payments or claims submitted by the CONSULTANT or any of his payees pursuant to the execution of the Agreement. These records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures, subcontractor files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders), original estimates, estimating worksheets, correspondence, change order files (including documentation covering negotiated settlements), and any other supporting evidence necessary to substantiate charges related to this Agreement. They shall also include, but not be limited to, those records necessary to evaluate and verify direct and indirect costs (including overhead allocations) as they may apply to costs associated with this Agreement. The COUNTY shall not audit payroll and expense records on task assignments paid by lump sum fee.

13.3 For the purpose of such audits, inspections, examinations and evaluations, the COUNTY'S agent or authorized representative shall have access to said records from the effective date of the Agreement, for the duration of work, and until five (5) years after the date of final payment by the COUNTY to the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement.

13.4 The COUNTY'S agent or authorized representative shall have access to the CONSULTANT'S facilities and all necessary records in order to conduct audits in compliance with this Section. The COUNTY'S agent or authorized representative shall give the CONSULTANT reasonable advance notice of intended inspections, examinations, and/or audits.

**SECTION 14  
OWNERSHIP OF PROJECT DOCUMENTS**

Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, all records, documents, tracings, plans, specifications, maps, evaluations, reports and other technical data, other than working papers, prepared or developed by the CONSULTANT under this Agreement shall be delivered to and become the property of the COUNTY. The CONSULTANT, at its own expense, may retain copies for its files and internal use. The COUNTY shall not reuse any design plans or specifications to construct another project at the same or a different location without the CONSULTANT'S specific written verification, adaptation or approval.



**SECTION 15  
INSURANCE COVERAGE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

15.1 The Contractor must maintain insurance in at least the amounts required in the Request for Proposal throughout the term of this contract. The contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance in accordance with Insurance Requirements of the Request for Proposal, evidencing such coverage prior to issuance of a purchase order or commencement of any work under this Contract. See Section C Insurance Requirements – Attached

15.2 If the CONSULTANT is an individual or entity licensed by the state of Florida who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481, Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, under Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, to practice land surveying and mapping, or under Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who enters into a written agreement with the COUNTY relating to the planning, design, construction, administration, study, evaluation, consulting, or other professional and technical support services furnished in connection with any actual or proposed construction, improvement, alteration, repair, maintenance, operation, management, relocation, demolition, excavation, or other facility, land, air, water, or utility development or improvement, the CONSULTANT will indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the CONSULTANT and other persons employed or utilized by the CONSULTANT in the performance of the Agreement.

**SECTION 16  
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE  
FOR CONTRACTS NOT SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246**

In carrying out the contract, the CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

**SECTION 17  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986**

CONSULTANT acknowledges that it is functioning as an independent contractor in performing under the terms of this Agreement, and it is not acting as an employee of COUNTY. CONSULTANT acknowledges that it is responsible for complying with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, located at 8 U.S.C. Section 1324, et seq., and regulations relating thereto. Failure to comply with the above provisions of this contract shall be considered a material breach and shall be grounds for immediate termination of the contract.

**SECTION 18  
PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEE**

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

**SECTION 19  
TRUTH IN NEGOTIATIONS**

By execution of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT certifies to truth-in-negotiations and that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. Further, the original contract amount and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums where the COUNTY determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. Such adjustments must be made within one (1) year following the end of the contract.

**SECTION 20  
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The CONSULTANT shall not assign, sublet, or transfer his interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the COUNTY.

**SECTION 21  
INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS**

In the event of any disputes between the parties to this Agreement, including without limitation thereto, their assignees and/or assigns, arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement, which results in litigation and a subsequent judgment, award or decree against either party, it is agreed that any entitlement to post judgment interest, to either party and/or their attorneys, shall be fixed by the proper court at the rate of five percent (5%), per annum, simple interest. Under no circumstances shall either party be entitled to pre-judgment interest. The parties expressly acknowledge and, to the extent allowed by law, hereby opt out of any provision of federal or state statute not in agreement with this paragraph.

**SECTION 22  
TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

22.1 The COUNTY reserves the right to cancel this Agreement, without cause, by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the CONSULTANT of the intention to cancel. Failure of the CONSULTANT to fulfill or abide by any of the terms or conditions specified shall be considered a material breach of contract and shall be cause for immediate termination of the contract at the discretion of COUNTY. Alternatively, at the COUNTY'S discretion, the COUNTY may provide to CONSULTANT thirty (30) days to cure the breach. Where notice of breach and opportunity to cure is given, and CONSULTANT fails to cure the breach within the time provided for cure, COUNTY reserves the right to treat the notice of breach as notice of intent to cancel the Agreement for convenience.

22.2 If COUNTY terminates the Agreement for convenience, other than where the CONSULTANT breaches the Agreement, the CONSULTANT'S recovery against the COUNTY shall be limited to that portion of the CONSULTANT'S compensation earned through date of termination, together with any costs reasonably incurred by the CONSULTANT that are directly attributable to the termination. The CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to any further recovery against the COUNTY, including but not limited to anticipated fees or profit on work not required to be performed.

22.3 Upon termination, the CONSULTANT shall deliver to the COUNTY all original papers, records, documents, drawings, models, and other material set forth and described in this Agreement.

22.4 In the event that conditions arise, such as lack of available funds, which in the COUNTY'S opinion make it advisable and in the public interest to terminate this Agreement, it may do so upon written notice.

**SECTION 23  
AGREEMENT TERM**

This Agreement will become effective on the date of execution first written above and shall remain in effect for 1,095 consecutive calendar days from the commencement date on the Notice to Proceed) unless terminated at an earlier date under other provisions of this Agreement, or unless extended for a longer term by amendment.

## **SECTION 24 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

24.1 By accepting award of this Contract, the CONSULTANT, which shall include its directors, officers and employees, represents that it presently has no interest in and shall acquire no interest in any business or activity which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, including as described in the CONSULTANT'S own professional ethical requirements. An interest in a business or activity which shall be deemed a conflict includes but is not limited to direct financial interest in any of the material and equipment manufacturers suppliers, distributors, or contractors who will be eligible to supply material and equipment for the PROJECT for which the CONSULTANT is furnishing its services required hereunder.

24.2 If, in the sole discretion of the County Administrator or designee, a conflict of interest is deemed to exist or arise during the term of the contract, the County Administrator or designee may cancel this contract, effective upon the date so stated in the Written Notice of Cancellation, without penalty to the COUNTY.

## **SECTION 25 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement represents, together with all Exhibits and Appendices, the entire written Agreement between the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT and may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT.

## **SECTION 26 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

CONSULTANT is directed to the Florida Public Entity Crime Act, Fla. Stat. 287.133, and Fla. Stat. 287.135 regarding Scrutinized Companies, and CONSULTANT agrees that its bid and, if awarded, its performance of the agreement will comply with all applicable laws including those referenced herein. CONSULTANT represents and certifies that CONSULTANT is and will at all times remain eligible to bid for and perform the services subject to the requirements of these, and other applicable, laws. CONSULTANT agrees that any contract awarded to CONSULTANT will be subject to termination by the County if CONSULTANT fails to comply or to maintain such compliance.

## **SECTION 27 PUBLIC RECORDS**

Contractor acknowledges that information and data it manages as part of the services may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County public records policies. Contractor agrees that prior to providing services it will implement policies and procedures to maintain, produce, secure, and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies, including but not limited to the Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement relating to compensation, the Contractor agrees to charge the County, and/or any third parties requesting public records only such fees allowed by Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and County policy for locating and producing public records during the term of this Agreement.

### **CONTRACTOR'S DUTY**

**If the contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the Contractor's duty to provide public records relating to this contract, contact the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing Department, Operations Manager custodian of public records at 727-464-3311, [purchase@pinellascounty.org](mailto:purchase@pinellascounty.org), Pinellas County Government, Purchasing Department, Operations Manager, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756.**

**SECTION 28  
GOVERNING LAW AND AGREEMENT EXECUTION**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties herein have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

Firm Name:

PINELLAS COUNTY, by and through its  
Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Ken Burke, clerk of the Circuit Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVAL AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Attorney

Exhibit A  
Scope of Services

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Exhibit B  
Hourly Rate Sheet

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