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SEALED PROPOSAL • DO NOT OPEN

SEALED PROPOSAL NO.: **101-0028-CN (AM)**

PROPOSAL TITLE : **UTILITIES ENGINEERING
CONSULTING SERVICES**

DUE DATE/TIME: **DECEMBER 16, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.**


SUBMITTED BY: _____
(Name of Company)

DELIVER TO: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Board of County Commissioners
Annex Building –6th 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, www.pinellascounty.org/purchase/Current_Bids1.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.

SECTION A - GENERAL CONDITIONS

<p>SUBMIT TO:</p> <p>PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 400 S. FT. HARRISON AVENUE ANNEX BUILDING – 6TH FLOOR CLEARWATER, FL 33756</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- CONTINUING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AS GOVERNED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 287.055 (See Attachment #2)</p>
<p>ISSUE DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS RECEIVED AFTER SUBMITTAL DATE & TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED</p>
<p>TITLE: UTILITIES ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES</p>	<p>RFP NUMBER: 101-0028-CN (AM)</p>
<p>SUBMITTAL DUE: DECEMBER 16, 2010 3:00 P.M. <i>AND MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN FOR 120 DAYS FROM DATE LISTED ABOVE.</i></p>	<p>PRE-PROPOSAL DATE & LOCATION: NOT APPLICABLE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN QUESTIONS: TBD BY 3:00 P.M. SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO: AMELIA McFARLANE, CPPB AT amcfarla@pinellascounty.org Phone: (727) 464-3149 Fax: (727) 464-3925</p>	
<p>PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE LOBBYING CLAUSE ON PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH 15. BY SIGNING THIS PAGE, YOUR FIRM AGREES TO ADHERE TO PINELLAS COUNTY'S RULES IN REGARDS TO LOBBYING.</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: right;">JOSEPH LAURO, CPPO/CPPB Director of Purchasing</p>

PROPOSER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

BY SIGNING THIS PROPOSAL FORM YOU ARE AGREEING TO ALL PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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

Proper Corporate Identity is needed when you submit your bid, especially how your firm is registered with the Florida Division of Corporations. Please visit www.sunbiz.org for this information. It is essential to return a copy of your W-9 with your bid. Thank you.

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL CONDITIONS OF THIS BID & CERTIFY I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS BID FOR THE BIDDER.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME & TITLE
<p><i>We, the above signed, hereby declare that no person or persons, firm or corporation, other than the above signed, are interested in this proposal, as principals, and this Proposal is made without collusion with any person, firm or corporation, and we have carefully to our full satisfaction examined the Special Provisions and form of Agreement and Bond, together with approved Plans and Specifications for the above described Project, and we have made a full examination of the location of the proposed Work and source of supply of materials, and we hereby agree to furnish all necessary labor, equipment, and materials, fully understanding that quantities shown herewith are approximate only, and we will fully complete all necessary Work in accordance with Plans and, Specifications and requirements under the terms of the County, within the Agreement Amount and Agreement Period specified in this Proposal.</i></p>	

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RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

SECTION A - GENERAL CONDITIONS

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 Section 119.07(3)(m), all proposals submitted shall be subject to review as public records 10 days from opening, or earlier if an intended decision is reached before the 10-day period expires. **Unless a specific exemption exists, all documents submitted will be released pursuant to a valid public records request. All trade secrets claims shall be dispositively determined by a court of law prior to trade secret protection being granted.** Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason.
- 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.
- d) Pinellas County reserves the right to cancel the entire Request for Proposal.
- e) Pinellas County reserves the right to remedy or waive technical 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.

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.

SECTION A - GENERAL CONDITIONS**5. ORAL PRESENTATION:**

An oral presentation of proposal **is not a requirement but** may be requested of any firm, at the Evaluation Committee's discretion.

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, as provided for in Fla. Stat., §112.311, et. Seq. The Proposer further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.
- 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.

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 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and OSHA as applicable to this contract.

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 three years from the date of final payment..

11. STATEMENT RELATIVE TO "PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES":

The proposer is directed to the Florida Public Entity Crime Act, §287.133, Florida Statutes, and the County's requirement that the successful proposer comply with it in all respects prior to and during the term of this contract.

12. COUNTY INDEMNIFICATION:

- a) The first ten dollars (\$10) of compensation received by the contractor pursuant to this contract represents specific consideration for the following indemnification: contractor shall indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorneys' fees, and hold harmless the County from all suits, actions or claims of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons or property by or from the said contractor; or by, or in consequence of any neglect in safeguarding the work; or through the use of unacceptable materials in the construction of improvements; or by, or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of the said contractor; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the "Workers' Compensation Law" or of any other laws, by-laws, ordinance, order or decree, except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the County.
- b) The successful proposer(s) agrees to indemnify the County and hold it harmless from and against all claims, liability, loss, damage or expense, including counsel fees, arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon, with respect to the goods or any part thereof covered by this order, and such obligation shall survive acceptance of the goods and payment thereof by the County.

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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 Bidder 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.

15. LOBBYING:

Lobbying shall be prohibited on all county competitive selection processes, and 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, a protest is resolved, 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 questions related to the procurement process or protest.

Lobbying of evaluation committee members, county government employees, or elected officials regarding request for proposals, request for qualifications, bids, purchasing contracts, or bid protests, by the bidder/proposer/protestor any member of the bidder's/proposer's/protestor's staff, any agent or representative of the bidder/proposer/protestor, 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, any protest is finally resolved, or the competitive selection process is otherwise concluded. Any lobbying activities in violation of this section or on behalf of a bidder/proposer/protestor shall result in the disqualification or rejection of the proposal, quotation, statement of qualification, bid or contract, and may lead to debarment of the bidder or proposer/protestor as provided in Pinellas County Code, Section 2-161(8)b.

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, requests 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 or elected official who has been lobbied shall immediately report the lobbying activity to the director of purchasing.

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16. PROTEST PROCEDURE:

As per Section 2-162 of County Code

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(a) *Bid/Proposal protests.* Any actual or prospective bidder, proposer, who is allegedly aggrieved in connection with the issuance of a bid/proposal package or pending award of a contract, may protest to the director of purchasing.

(b) *Posting.* The Purchasing Department shall post the formal award on the departmental website. The formal award shall be publicly posted on the Purchasing Department's website no less than three full business days after the decision to recommend the award to the bidder/proposer 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 award of a contract, a formal written protest must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on the fifth business day after posting of either the contract award recommendation or the contract award itself. The formal written protest shall identify the protesting party and the solicitation involved; include a clear 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.

(3) A formal written protest is considered filed with the county when the Purchasing Department, County Administrator, or County Commission receives it. Accordingly, a protest is not timely filed unless it is received within the time specified above. 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) *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.

(e) *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.

(f) *Authority to resolve.* The Director of Purchasing shall resolve the protest in a fair and equitable manner and shall render a written decision to the protestant no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth business day after the filing thereof.

(g) *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 business day after the date of the written decision. The written notice shall include any written or physical materials, objects, statements, and arguments, which the bidder/proposer deems relevant to the issues raised in the request for review.

(2) If it is determined that the solicitation or award is in violation of law or the regulations and internal procedures of the Purchasing Department, the County Administrator shall immediately cancel or revise the solicitation or award as deemed appropriate.

(3) If it is determined that the solicitation or award should be upheld, the County Administrator shall issue a decision in writing stating the reason for the action with a copy furnished to the protesting party and all substantially affected persons or businesses no later than 5:00 p.m., on the fifth full business day. The decision shall be final and conclusive as to the county unless any further action is taken or a party commences action in court.

(h) *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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18. SERVICES AGREEMENT:

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 by collecting a deposit equal to the cost of reproduction.

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 grounds 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 Bidders 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.

24. PAYMENT/INVOICES:

The bidder must specify on the Bid Summary form exactly the company name and address which must be the same as invoices submitted for payment as a result of award of this bid. Further, the successful bidder is responsible for immediately notifying the Purchasing Department of any company name change, which would cause invoicing to change from the name used at the time of the original bid. Payment will be made, in arrears, in accordance with Fla. Stat. § 218.70, et. seq., the Local Government Prompt Payment Act.

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 Bank of America for your payable transactions. For more information please visit Pinellas County purchasing website at www.pinellascounty.org/purchase.

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25. 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 C– INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposal Title: UTILITIES ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES
Proposal Number: 101-0028-CN (AM)
1. PURPOSE:

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 commence upon execution of the agreement and continue as necessary to perform and complete all the work required. Duration of the contract shall be for the period of **thirty-six (36)** months from the date of execution of the agreement unless otherwise indicated.

3. TERM EXTENSION(S) OF CONTRACT

The contract may be extended subject to written notice of agreement from the County and successful bidder, for **two (2)** additional **twelve (12)** month period beyond the primary contract period. The extension shall be exercised only if all prices, terms and conditions remain the same and approval is granted by the County Administrator or Director of Purchasing.

The County reserves the right to re-negotiate rates based on current market conditions.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Following is the criteria that will be used by the County to evaluate and score responsive and qualified 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. The contract will be awarded to the most qualified proposer, per the evaluation criteria listed.

a. Ability of Firm and its Professional Personnel**375 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.

b. Firm's Experience with Projects of Similar Size and Past Performance**350 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.

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 contract value awarded to a firm during the two (2) previous completed fiscal years. 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

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\$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 1000 point evaluation scoring process, a firm deemed to be in the \$0-\$200,000 category threshold would be allotted 50 points etc.

d Effect of the Firms Current and Projected Workload 125 Points

1. Evaluates the workload commitments that will impact the firm’s ability to complete services on schedule.
2. 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.

e. 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 is designated as a minority business by the State of Florida, five (5%) percent of the total evaluation points are awarded. If the firm does not have minority business status as per the State of Florida, zero (0%) percent of the points available are awarded.

f. Location 50 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, 50 points are awarded. If not, no points will be awarded.

Total 1000 Points

5. ITEMS TO BE RETURNED WITH PROPOSAL:

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.

The Following Documents Shall Be Returned With Proposal:

- a) Standard Forms 330
- b) Certificate Of Florida Small and Minority Business issued by the Florida State Office of Diversity, Department of Management Services (if applicable)

6. TIME LINE:

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

Date	
November 26, 2010	Advertising & Publishing RFP
December 7, 2010	Deadline for Questions/Clarifications
December 16, 2010	Proposals due in Purchasing by 3:00 p.m. Public bid opening to follow immediately.
TBD	Evaluation of the RFP
TBD	Recommendation due to Purchasing from Pinellas County Utilities
TBD	Submit recommendation to Board for Award of Contract

7. INFORMATION PACKAGE

Per Florida Statute 287.055 the following applies and is required as applicable:

SECTION C– INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Request for Letters of Interest for Professional Services As Governed by Florida Statute 287.055

FS.287.055 (a) "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. Scope of Services

The intent of this solicitation is to acquire a broad range of professional services for Pinellas County based on the definition of "Continuing Contract" in FS 287.055:

FS.287.055 (g) A "continuing contract" is a contract for professional services entered into in accordance with all the procedures of this act between an agency and a firm whereby the firm provides professional services to the agency for projects in which estimated construction costs of each individual project under construction does not exceed \$2 million, for study activity if the fee for professional service for each individual study under the contract does not exceed \$200,000, or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract required by the agency, with the contract being for a fixed term or with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause.

The services sought may include, but are not limited to:

Architect**Landscape Architect****Engineering Services**

- 1) Civil
- 2) Electrical
- 3) Environmental
- 4) Geotechnical
- 5) Hazardous Waste
- 6) HVAC
- 7) Hydrogeological
- 8) Mechanical
- 9) Solid Waste
- 10) Structural
- 11) Surveying
- 12) Transportation/Traffic

Mapping/GIS Services**Planning Services****Construction Management Services**

The resulting "continuing contract" shall provide for issuance of individual Task Orders based on specific scopes of work. Task Orders will be individually negotiated based on a "Fee Schedule" and any additional negotiated services required within the scope of work.

"Fee Schedules" for the continuing contract shall be established based on data provided by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

3. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

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 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.

SECTION C– INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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.

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 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.

SECTION C– INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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**

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.

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 loose leaf binder**. The selection of the firms will be based on the information provided on the forms and in the additional sections.

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. Hours per project and direct expenses will be negotiated. 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 4, page 9 and 10, of this Section**. Firms will be notified in writing if they have been selected in a reasonable time after submittal date.

Proposals shall be submitted in one (1) original and SIX copies.

SECTION C– INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

I. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. The Consultant shall procure, pay for and maintain at least the following insurance coverage and limits. Said insurance shall be evidenced by delivery to the County of one (1) certificate of insurance executed by the insurers listing coverage and limits, expiration dates and terms of policies and all endorsements whether or not required by the Count, and listing all carriers issuing and policies; and (2) upon request, a certified copy of each policy including all endorsements. The insurance requirements shall remain in effect throughout the term of the contract.

- (1) Worker's Compensation in at least the limits as required by law; Employers' Liability Insurance of not less than \$100,000 for each accident.
- (2) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance including, but not limited to, Independent Contractor, Contractual, Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operation and Personal Injury covering the liability assumed under indemnification provisions of this Contract, with limits of liability for personal injury and/or bodily injury, including death, of not less than \$2,000,000, each occurrence; and property damage of not less than \$100,000, each occurrence. (Combined Single Limits of not less than \$2,000,000, each occurrence, will be acceptable unless otherwise stated). Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, and the policy shall include Broad Form Property Damage coverage, and Fire Legal Liability of not less than \$50,000 per occurrence, unless otherwise stated by exception herein.
- (3) Comprehensive Automobile and Truck liability covering owned, hired and non-owned vehicles with minimum limits of \$500,000 each occurrence, for bodily injury including death, and property damage of not less than \$100,000, each occurrence. (Combined Single Limits of not less than \$500,000, each occurrence, will be acceptable unless otherwise stated). Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, such insurance to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards.
- (4) Professional Liability Insurance (including Errors and Omissions) with minimum limits of \$5,000,000 per occurrence, if occurrence form is available; or claims made form with "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", CONSULTANT may submit annually to the COUNTY a current Certificate of Insurance proving claims made insurance remains in force throughout the same three (3) year period.

B. Each insurance policy shall include the following conditions by endorsement to the policy:

- (1) Each policy shall require that thirty (30) days prior to expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or any material change in coverage's or limits, a notice thereof shall be given to County by certified mail to: Pinellas County Purchasing Department, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Avenue, 6th Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756. Consultant shall also notify County, in a like manner, within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage received by said Contractor from its insurer; and nothing contained herein shall absolve Consultant of this requirement to provide notice.
- (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 Consultant.
- (3) The term "County" or "Pinellas County" shall include all Authorities, Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Divisions, Departments and offices of County and individual members, employees thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Pinellas County.
- (4) **Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners shall be endorsed** to the required policy or policies as an additional insured, exclusive of Professional Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance.
- (5) Consultant hereby waives subrogation rights for loss or damage against the County.
- (6) The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County to any such future coverage, or to County's Self-insured Retentions of whatever nature.

SECTION D –VENDOR REFERENCES

**Proposal Title: UTILITIES ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES
Proposal Number: 101-0028-CN (AM)**

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO REVIEW AND PROPERLY EVALUATE YOUR PROPOSAL.

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 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

 CITY, STATE

 CONTACT PERSON

 TELEPHONE

 FAX

 EMAIL ADDRESS

2 _____
 COMPANY NAME

 CITY, STATE

 CONTACT PERSON

 TELEPHONE

 FAX

 EMAIL ADDRESS

3 _____
 COMPANY NAME

 CITY, STATE

 CONTACT PERSON

 TELEPHONE

 FAX

 EMAIL ADDRESS

4 _____
 COMPANY NAME

 CITY, STATE

 CONTACT PERSON

 TELEPHONE

 FAX

 EMAIL ADDRESS

SECTION E –SCOPE OF WORK

Proposal Title: UTILITIES ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES
Proposal Number: 101-0028-CN (AM)

A. OBJECTIVE:

The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County is seeking qualified consultants to provide professional engineering services to support the implementation of the Utilities' Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Continuing Engineering Consultant shall serve as an extension of the County's resources by providing qualified technical and professional personnel to perform duties assigned under the terms of the agreement.

B. BACKGROUND:

This contract will replace existing contract for utility related engineering consulting services.

C. SCOPE OF WORK:

1. General

Work consists of multidiscipline engineering projects relating to the design, permitting and other engineering services associated with water supply and treatment, water transmission and distribution pipe networks, sewage collection pipe networks, FDOT utilities and support projects, water and sewage pumping systems, water and sewage treatment facilities, water and sewer relocations, reclaimed water transmission and distribution pipe networks, reclaimed water pumping systems, solid waste facilities, hydraulic system network modeling, hydrogeological related projects and other engineering projects on a multiple year/multiple work order basis. Projects will include, but not be limited to, sewage gravity and force main pipeline designs, water transmission and distribution pipeline designs, reclaimed water transmission and distribution pipeline designs, water and sewage pump station designs, miscellaneous water and sewage treatment plant designs, solid waste designs, permitting activities, structural designs, construction consultation, hydrogeological design, engineering evaluations and engineering presentations.

Services will include, but not be limited to, evaluation of alternatives, planning, engineering studies/modeling, preliminary design and engineering (PD&E), final design (construction documents), permitting, value engineering, bidding assistance, construction engineering and inspections services, surveying, and project management. Work products will be required to be delivered according to the Pinellas County Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) Manual for Land Survey and Civil Engineering and the Pinellas County Public Works CADD Project Administration Manual for Land Survey and Civil Engineering, and supplemental amendments that may be made to such manuals as warranted by the County.

Work to be performed by the consultant shall be on an assignment-by-assignment basis. Work assignments (Work Orders) shall be made by the County Director of Engineering & Environmental Sciences or designee. Prior to any work assignments being made, based on mutual discussions between the County and the Consultant, the consultant shall be required to prepare a detailed scope of work and schedule for the assignment which shall include a not to exceed budget amount for the assignment. The Consultant shall not perform work under the contract without written authorization from the County. The consultant shall waive any claim for compensation for any work performed without written authorization

2. Unspecified Works: Unspecified works are those that are in accordance with Section 287.055, F.S. whereby the Consultant provides services for projects that do not exceed \$2 million in construction costs, or \$200,000 in fees.

SECTION E –SCOPE OF WORK

3. Specified Works: Specified works are those for identified projects required by the County that may exceed the limits established Section 287.055, F.S. whereby the Consultant provides services for projects that may exceed \$2 million in construction costs, or \$200,000 in fees. Works of a specified nature to be performed by the successful Consultant(s) during the course of the contract are detailed below:

a. Logan Station Booster Pump Modifications

Improvements to the Logan Station Booster Pumping system and associated electrical components. The scope of work required for this effort includes hydraulic modeling, mechanical design including but not limited to pump selection, piping modifications, instrumentation and electrical design, structural design, permitting, preparation of plans and technical specifications for construction purposes.

b. Keller Booster Pumping Station and Plant Decommissioning

These projects include tasks to complete project planning, PD&E, final design; environmental data collection; civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and geotechnical engineering services including geotechnical data collection and 60, 90, and 100 design; survey; and permitting to construct the Booster Pumping Station and associated piping as necessary. The other component of this task is to plan decommissioning of Plant No. 1 and Plant No. 2 in conjunction with the successful implementation of new water transmission and distribution master plan developed by Jones Edmunds and Associates (JEA).

c. North County Home Electronics Collection (HEC) Facility

This project includes the tasks to complete project planning, PD&E, layout and final design; environmental data collection; civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and geotechnical engineering services, survey, and permitting to construct the HEC Facility. Conceptually the plan is to use the existing plans for the recently constructed existing HEC Facility and modify as appropriate for a location that is yet to be selected.

d. Landfill Gas Collection/Flaring/Micro-turbine System

This project will include the necessary tasks to complete project planning, PD&E, layout, final design including 30, 60 90, and 100 percent design submittals, environmental data collection; civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and geotechnical engineering services including geotechnical data collection survey, and permitting to construct the Landfill Gas Collection System. Conceptually the plan is to flare the off-gases. If enough gas is produced the design of a micro-turbine generating facility will be explored.

SECTION F –INSTRUCTIONS FOR BID SUBMITTAL

**Proposal Title: UTILITIES ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES
Proposal Number: 101-0028-CN (AM)**

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

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.

Proposals shall be submitted in one (1) original and SIX copies.

Electronic Payment (ePayables)

The Board of County Commissioners (County) is offering faster payments. The County would prefer to make payment using credit card.

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

Yes No

For more information about ePayables credit card program please visit Purchasing Department website www.pinellascounty.org/purchase.

Company Name

Signature

Printed Signature

W-9 REQUEST FOR TAXPAYER 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (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:

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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***Instructions to Form W-9 available upon request.**

Detach on the perforation

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 H –STATEMENT OF NO PROPOSAL

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. **101-0028-CN (AM)**
for UTILITIES ENGINEERING CONSULTING 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:

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

COMPANY NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TYPED NAME OF ABOVE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance

In order for a “Continuing Contract” to be established with Pinellas County, Florida a fee schedule must be established. **The Purchasing Department on behalf of Pinellas County will accept a “Fee Schedule” as published by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). These fees may change and Consultants are responsible for confirming that the fee schedule is in conformance with that published by FDOT.**

Individual Task Orders will be negotiated with the “Fee Schedule” as a “ceiling”.

Yes, the FDOT “Fee Schedule” formula is acceptable.

Firms who do not accept the FDOT “Fee Schedule” may be deemed to be non-response to the County’s requirement

Signature

Title

FLORIDA STATUTES

287.055 Acquisition of professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited; penalties.--

(1) SHORT TITLE.--This section shall be known as the "Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act."

(2) DEFINITIONS.--For purposes of this section:

(a) "Professional services" means 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.

(b) "Agency" means the state, a state agency, a municipality, a political subdivision, a school district, or a school board. The term "agency" does not extend to a nongovernmental developer that contributes public facilities to a political subdivision under s. 380.06 or ss. 163.3220-163.3243.

(c) "Firm" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity permitted by law to practice architecture, engineering, or surveying and mapping in the state.

(d) "Compensation" means the total amount paid by the agency for professional services.

(e) "Agency official" means any elected or appointed officeholder, employee, consultant, person in the category of other personal service or any other person receiving compensation from the state, a state agency, municipality, or political subdivision, a school district or a school board.

(f) "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity described in the public notice of the state or a state agency under paragraph (3)(a). A project may include:

1. A grouping of minor construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activities.
2. A grouping of substantially similar construction, rehabilitation, or renovation activities.

(g) A "continuing contract" is a contract for professional services entered into in accordance with all the procedures of this act between an agency and a firm whereby the firm provides professional services to the agency for projects in which estimated construction costs of each individual project under the contract does not exceed \$2 million, for study activity if the fee for professional service for each individual study under the contract does not exceed \$200,000, or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract required by the agency, with the contract being for a fixed or with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause. Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.

(h) A "design-build firm" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that:

1. Is certified under s. 489.119 to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
2. Is certified under s. 471.023 to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under s. 481.219 to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under s. 481.319 to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.

(i) A "design-build contract" means a single contract with a design-build firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

(j) A "design criteria package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications of the public construction project. The purpose of the design criteria package is to furnish sufficient information to permit design-build firms to prepare a bid or a response to an agency's request for proposal, or to permit an agency to enter into a negotiated design-build contract. The design criteria package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and

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conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project.

(k) A "design criteria professional" means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under chapter 481 to practice architecture or landscape architecture or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under chapter 471 to practice engineering and who is employed by or under contract to the agency for the providing of professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the design criteria package.

(3) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AND QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES.--

(a) Each agency shall publicly announce, in a uniform and consistent manner, each occasion when professional services must be purchased for a project the basic construction cost of which is estimated by the agency to exceed the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FIVE (\$250,000) or for a planning or study activity when the fee for professional services exceeds the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO (\$25,000), except in cases of valid public emergencies certified by the agency head. The public notice must include a general description of the project and must indicate how interested consultants may apply for consideration.

(b) Each agency shall encourage firms engaged in the lawful practice of their professions that desire to provide professional services to the agency to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data.

(c) Any firm or individual desiring to provide professional services to the agency must first be certified by the agency as qualified pursuant to law and the regulations of the agency. The agency must find that the firm or individual to be employed is fully qualified to render the required service. Among the factors to be considered in making this finding are the capabilities, adequacy of personnel, past record, and experience of the firm or individual.

(d) Each agency shall evaluate professional services, including capabilities, adequacy of personnel, past record, experience, whether the firm is a certified minority business enterprise as defined by the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act of 1985, and other factors determined by the agency to be applicable to its particular requirements. When securing professional services, an agency must endeavor to meet the minority business enterprise procurement goals under s. 287.09451.

(e) The public must not be excluded from the proceedings under this section.

(4) COMPETITIVE SELECTION.--

(a) For each proposed project, the agency shall evaluate current statements of qualifications and performance data on file with the agency, together with those that may be submitted by other firms regarding the proposed project, and shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentations by, no fewer than three firms regarding their qualifications, approach to the project, and ability to furnish the required services.

(b) The agency shall select in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. In determining whether a firm is qualified, the agency shall consider such factors as the ability of professional personnel; whether a firm is a certified minority business enterprise; past performance; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; location; recent, current, and projected workloads of the firms; and the volume of work previously awarded to each firm by the agency, with the object of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms, provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selection of the most highly qualified firms. The agency may request, accept, and consider proposals for the compensation to be paid under the contract only during competitive negotiations under subsection (5).

(c) This subsection does not apply to a professional service contract for a project the basic construction cost of which is estimated by the agency to be not in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FIVE (\$250,000) or for a planning or study activity when the fee for professional services is not in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO (\$25,000).

(d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit a continuing contract between a firm and an agency.

ATTACHMENT #2 – PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERVICES

(5) COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION.--

(a) The agency shall negotiate a contract with the most qualified firm for professional services at compensation which the agency determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable. In making such determination, the agency shall conduct a detailed analysis of the cost of the professional services required in addition to considering their scope and complexity. For any lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional service contract over the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FOUR (\$150,000), the agency shall require the firm receiving the award to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. Any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required must contain a provision that the original contract price and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the agency determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments must be made within 1 year following the end of the contract.

b) Should the agency be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price the agency determines to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be formally terminated. The agency shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm. Failing accord with the second most qualified firm, the agency must terminate negotiations. The agency shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm.

(c) Should the agency be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the agency shall select additional firms in the order of their competence and qualification and continue negotiations in accordance with this subsection until an agreement is reached.

(6) PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.--

(a) Each contract entered into by the agency for professional services must contain a prohibition against contingent fees as follows: "The architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional engineer, as applicable) warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or registered surveyor and mapper, or professional engineer, as applicable) to solicit or secure this agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional engineer, as applicable) any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement." For the breach or violation of this provision, the agency shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

(b) Any individual, corporation, partnership, firm, or company, other than a bona fide employee working solely for an architect, professional engineer, or registered land surveyor and mapper, who offers, agrees, or contracts to solicit or secure agency contracts for professional services for any other individual, company, corporation, partnership, or firm and to be paid, or is paid, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon, or resulting from, the award or the making of a contract for professional services shall, upon conviction in a competent court of this state, be found guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(c) Any architect, professional engineer, or registered surveyor and mapper, or any group, association, company, corporation, firm, or partnership thereof, who offers to pay, or pays, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon, or resulting from, the award or making of any agency contract for professional services shall, upon conviction in a state court of competent authority, be found guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(d) Any agency official who offers to solicit or secure, or solicits or secures, a contract for professional services and to be paid, or is paid, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon the award or making of such a contract for professional services between the agency and any individual person, company, firm, partnership, or corporation shall, upon conviction by a court of competent authority, be found guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(7) **AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**--Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Department of Management Services shall be the agency of state government which is solely and exclusively authorized and empowered to administer and perform the functions described in subsections (3), (4), and (5) respecting all projects for which the funds necessary to complete same are appropriated to the Department of Management Services, irrespective of whether such projects are intended for the use and benefit of the Department of Management Services or any other agency of government. However, nothing herein shall be construed to be in derogation of any authority conferred on the Department of Management Services by other express provisions of law. Additionally, any agency of government may, with the approval of the Department of Management Services, delegate to the Department of Management Services authority to administer and perform the functions described in subsections (3), (4), and (5). Under the terms of the delegation, the agency may reserve its right to accept or reject a proposed contract.

(8) **STATE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AGENCIES.**--On any professional service contract for which the fee is over \$25,000, the Department of Transportation or the Department of Management Services shall provide, upon request by a municipality, political subdivision, school board, or school district, and upon reimbursement of the costs involved, assistance in selecting consultants and in negotiating consultant contracts.

(9) **APPLICABILITY TO DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS.**--

(a) Except as provided in this subsection, this section is not applicable to the procurement of design-build contracts by any agency, and the agency must award design-build contracts in accordance with the procurement laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the agency.

(b) The design criteria package must be prepared and sealed by a design criteria professional employed by or retained by the agency. If the agency elects to enter into a professional services contract for the preparation of the design criteria package, then the design criteria professional must be selected and contracted with under the requirements of subsections (4) and (5). A design criteria professional who has been selected to prepare the design criteria package is not eligible to render services under a design-build contract executed pursuant to the design criteria package.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in s. 337.11(7), the Department of Management Services shall adopt rules for the award of design-build contracts to be followed by state agencies. Each other agency must adopt rules or ordinances for the award of design-build contracts. Municipalities, political subdivisions, school districts, and school boards shall award design-build contracts by the use of a competitive proposal selection process as described in this subsection, or by the use of a qualifications-based selection process pursuant to subsections (3), (4), and (5) for entering into a contract whereby the selected firm will subsequently establish a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date. If the procuring agency elects the option of qualifications-based selection, during the selection of the design-build firm the procuring agency shall employ or retain a licensed design professional appropriate to the project to serve as the agency's representative. Procedures for the use of a competitive proposal selection process must include as a minimum the following:

1. The preparation of a design criteria package for the design and construction of the public construction project.
2. The qualification and selection of no fewer than three design-build firms as the most qualified, based on the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners or members thereof.
3. The criteria, procedures, and standards for the evaluation of design-build contract proposals or bids, based on price, technical, and design aspects of the public construction project, weighted for the project.
4. The solicitation of competitive proposals, pursuant to a design criteria package, from those qualified design-build firms and the evaluation of the responses or bids submitted by those firms based on the evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of competitive proposals.
5. For consultation with the employed or retained design criteria professional concerning the evaluation of the responses or bids submitted by the design-build firms, the supervision or approval by the agency of the detailed working drawings of the project; and for evaluation of the compliance of the project construction with the design criteria package by the design criteria professional.
6. In the case of public emergencies, for the agency head to declare an emergency and authorize negotiations with the best qualified design-build firm available at that time.

(10) REUSE OF EXISTING PLANS.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, there shall be no public notice requirement or utilization of the selection process as provided in this section for projects in which the agency is able to reuse existing plans from a prior project of the agency, or, in the case of a board as defined in s. 1013.01, a prior project of that or any other board. Except for plans of a board as defined in s. 1013.01, public notice for any plans that are intended to be reused at some future time must contain a statement that provides that the plans are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(11) CONSTRUCTION OF LAW.--Nothing in the amendment of this section by chapter 75-281, Laws of Florida, is intended to supersede the provisions of ss. 1013.45 and 1013.46.

History.--ss. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, ch. 73-19; ss. 1, 2, 3, ch. 75-281; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 1, ch. 77-199; s. 10, ch. 84-321; ss. 23, 32, ch. 85-104; s. 57, ch. 85-349; s. 6, ch. 86-204; s. 1, ch. 88-108; s. 1, ch. 89-158; s. 16, ch. 90-268; s. 15, ch. 91-137; s. 7, ch. 91-162; s. 250, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 1, ch. 93-95; s. 114, ch. 94-119; s. 10, ch. 94-322; s. 868, ch. 95-148; s. 2, ch. 95-410; s. 45, ch. 96-399; s. 38, ch. 97-100; s. 1, ch. 97-296; s. 80, ch. 98-279; s. 55, ch. 2001-61; s. 63, ch. 2002-20; s. 944, ch. 2002-387.

287.017 Purchasing categories, threshold amounts; procedures for automatic adjustment by department.

(1) The following purchasing categories are hereby created:

(a) CATEGORY ONE: \$15,000.

(b) CATEGORY TWO: \$25,000.

(c) CATEGORY THREE: \$50,000.

(d) CATEGORY FOUR: \$150,000.

(e) CATEGORY FIVE: \$250,000.

(2) The department shall adopt rules to adjust the amounts provided in subsection (1) based upon the rate of change of a nationally recognized price index. Such rules shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Designation of the nationally recognized price index or component thereof used to calculate the proper adjustment authorized in this section.

(b) The procedure for rounding results.

(c) The effective date of each adjustment based upon the previous calendar year data.

History.--ss. 5, 13, ch. 86-204; ss. 12, 34, ch. 90-268; s. 3, ch. 96-236; s. 17, ch. 98-65; s. 75, ch. 98-279; s. 43, ch. 99-399; s. 9, ch. 2002-207.



Joe Lauro, CPPO/PPB
Director

DECEMBER 13, 2010

TO: ALL INTERESTED PROPOSERS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: **Utilities Engineering Consulting Services**
PROPOSAL NUMBER: 101-0028-CN (AM)
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DATE RESCHEDULED TO: JANUARY 4, 2011

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Following is additional information, clarifications relative to referenced Professional Services Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 101-0028-CN (AM):

THE DUE DATE FOR THE REFERENCED RFP IS RE-SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 4, 2011 AT 3:00 P.M.

QUESTION 1:

Page 12 of 21 – C. Tab 2 – Statements and Documents

Proof of licenses / certifications. Do you want copies of professional licenses for every engineer included in the proposal?

ANSWER 1:

Yes.

QUESTION 2:

Page 11 of 21 - 3. Submittal Requirements

The submittal shall be limited to one hundred pages. However it is then indicated that there is a 50 page limit for Tab 1 and a 50 page limit for Tabs 2 through 6. So items within the Introduction Tab are not included in the page limit, correct?

ANSWER 2:

Correct.

QUESTION 3:

Page 11 of 21 – 2. Scope of Services

We will be submitting on the Engineering Services. If we do not provide all the services, such as Geotechnical and Survey, should we include a subconsultant on our team, or do we simply provide qualifications for the disciplines we do provide as the county will be hiring separate firms for each of these areas.

ANSWER 3:

Proposers may include sub-consultant(s) as they see fit.

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QUESTION 4:

The scope of work on page 16 of 21 mentions water, wastewater, reclaimed water, and solid waste projects, and ancillary services such as permitting, hydrogeology, structural, etc. In light of this, please:

- o explain the expected scope for transportation/traffic;
- o explain the expected scope for mapping/GIS services;
- o explain the expected scope for planning services;
- o explain the expected scope for construction management. Is this for normal engineering services during construction with on-site inspector, or more comprehensive true construction management services?

ANSWER 4:

The expected scope for any of the services listed is project driven as the need arises. The Consultant is reminded that they are an extension of the County's staff.

QUESTION 5:

1. Can you please let me know who the current incumbents are on the above mentioned contract?
2. Who are the firms that have existing contracts with Pinellas County for these services?

ANSWER 5:

See listing below.

1	Ash Engineering Inc.
2	Boyle Engineering Corp
3	Camp Dresser & McKee Inc.
4	Carollo Engineers PC
5	CH2M Hill Inc.
6	Cumbey & Fair Inc
7	Greeley & Hansen
8	HDR Engineering Inc.
9	Jones Edmunds & Associates
10	King Engineering Associates Inc.
11	Malcolm Pirnie Inc.
12	McKim & Creed
13	Metzger & Willard Inc.
14	Parsons Water & Infrastructure Inc.
15	Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan Inc. (PBS&J)
16	TBE Group Inc.
17	URS Corporation
18	Stearns Conrad & Schmidt Consulting

QUESTION 6:

How does the County plan to assign solid waste projects between the current continuing solid waste contract and this utilities contract which includes landfill facility and gas services?

ANSWER 6:

The County will assign projects as dictated by the needs of the departments and the project workload.

QUESTION 7:

Can we use an 11X17 page for the organizational chart? Will this still count as 1 page toward the 100-page restriction?

ANSWER 7:

Yes.

QUESTION 8 (4 related questions):

1. Page 11 of the RFP states that "Fee Schedules' for the continuing contract shall be established based on data provided by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)." How are FDOT rates applicable for a Utilities Contract?

2. Could you clarify the purpose of Attachment #1- Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance? This document is not listed among the documents required for submittal (i.e., Tab 5 requirements). We are not aware of a "Fee Schedule" that is published by the FDOT. If we need to execute Attachment #1 as part of the submittal, could the County please provide the FDOT "fee schedule" formula as referenced on "Attachment #1)?

3. Attachment #1 – Maximum Continuing Contract for Fee Schedule Acceptance.
Please explain in more detail how the FDOT "Fee Schedule" formula will be used, in particular, how labor multiplier will be established.

4. In Attachment #1 Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance, it states that Pinellas County Purchasing Department will accept a fee schedule as published by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). It also states that Consultants are responsible for confirming that the fee schedule is in conformance with that published by FDOT. In order to not be deemed non-responsive to the County's requirement, can you tell us where to find the FDOT's fee schedule formula?

ANSWER 8:

Attachment #1 contained in the RFP, and as it refers to the Maximum Continuing Contract Fee Schedule Acceptance form is no longer applicable to the RFP. Proposers shall remove the page from the RFP. This contract will result in negotiated rates that will be fully loaded and will encompass all profit, markup, and local travel expenses.

QUESTION 9:

I am an independent consultant considering teaming with larger consultants (as a subcontractor) to pursue this contract award. Does the County permit me to team and submit with multiple prime consultants for this work?

ANSWER 9:

As a response I am referring you to the information contained in Section B "Special Conditions" of the RFP page 11, Item 3 which as read does not limit the number of times. However, of consideration should be the idea that if a consultant submits as a sub with multiple primes and those primes are selected what about the subs workload at that time.

QUESTION 10:

On RFS page 10 of 21 paragraph "e", it is stated that 50 points are provided for minority business status as designated by the State of Florida. If the prime does not possess minority business status, will any points be awarded if subconsultants to the prime consultant have minority business status?

ANSWER 10:

No.

QUESTION 11:

The consultant's submittals are to be limited to a total of 100 pages. Are covers and/or section divider pages counted by the County in the page total?

ANSWER 11:

No.

QUESTION 12 (3 related questions):

1. Is the landfill, or parts of it, to be capped and closed, or will it continue to operate? If closed, has there been a report developed regarding closure. If so, can we obtain a copy of that report?
2. Have any studies been conducted on the quantity and quality of landfill leachate? If so, can we obtain copies of such studies?
3. Are there any known issues with the landfill (consent orders, ect.)?

ANSWER 12:

Any information, i.e. reports, studies, issues and other landfill related items will be made available to the Consultant after selection has been accomplished.

QUESTION 13 (2 related questions):

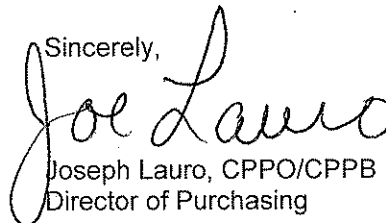
1. Has the County determined how many continuing consultants it will select?
2. How many firms is Pinellas County planning to select under this contract?

ANSWER 13:

No.

All other specifications, terms and conditions remain the same.

Please remember to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in Section G, Page 20, under Addendum No. 1 and return with completed bid package.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lauro, CPPO/CPPB
Director of Purchasing