

**Terms and Conditions**  
**INVITATION TO BID (B)**  
**CONSTRUCTION**

**1**        **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1        **Addendum/Addenda:** A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract Agreement/Contract. Addendum/Addenda may be issued following a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference or as a result of a specification or work scope change to the solicitation.
- 1.2        **Approved Alternate:** Solicitation documents may make reference of specific manufacturer(s) or product(s). These references serve only as a recommendation and a guide to minimum quality and performance. The references are not intended to exclude approved alternatives of other manufacturer(s) or product(s).
- 1.3        **Bid/Proposal Package:** A bid/proposal is a document submitted by a vendor in response to some type of solicitation to be used as a basis for negotiations or for entering into a contract.
- 1.4        **Bidder/Responder/Proposer:** One who submits a response to a solicitation.
- 1.5        **County:** Refers to Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 1.6        **Due Date and Time/Opening:** Is defined as the date and time upon which a bid or proposal shall be submitted to the Lee County Procurement Management Division. Only bids or proposals received prior to the established date and time will be considered.
- 1.7        **Liquidated Damages:** Damages paid usually in the form of monetary payment, agreed by the parties to a contract which are due and payable as damages by the party who breaches all or part of the contract. May be applied on a daily basis for as long as the breach is in effect.
- 1.8        **Procurement Management:** shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.
- 1.9        **Responsible:** A vendor, business entity or individual who is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the bid/proposal solicitation documents and subsequent contract. Must possess the full capability including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. Must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.
- 1.10       **Responsive:** A vendor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or request for proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the bid/proposal solicitation documents and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.
- 1.11       **Solicitation:** An invitation to bid, a request for proposal, invitation to negotiate or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

**2**        **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

- 2.1        In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the bid document is as follows:
  - 2.1.1      Florida State Law as applied to County Purchasing
  - 2.1.2      Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
  - 2.1.3      Change Order
  - 2.1.4      Agreement
  - 2.1.5      Addenda
  - 2.1.6      Special Conditions
  - 2.1.7      General Conditions, if any
  - 2.1.8      Specifications
  - 2.1.9      Supplemental Information
  - 2.1.10     Drawings/Plans, if any
  - 2.1.11     Figure Dimensions, if any
  - 2.1.12     Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)
  - 2.1.13     Terms and Conditions

**3**        **RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND LICENSES**

- 3.1        It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with all other federal, state, or county codes, rules, regulations, or other requirements, as each may apply. Any involvement with the Lee County shall be in accordance with but not limited to:
  - 3.1.1      Lee County Procurement Management Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21
  - 3.1.2      Pursuant to FL § Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records. Sealed bids, proposals or replies received by the agency pursuant to a solicitation are

exempt from public records request (s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I, of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.

3.1.3 FL § 215 regarding scrutinized companies and business operations.

3.1.4 FL § 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.

3.1.5 Florida State Law as applied to Municipal Purchasing in accordance with Title XIX, "Public Business", Chapter 287 "Procurement of Personal Property and Services."

3.1.6 FL § 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring system.

3.1.7 FL § Section 607.1501(1) states: A foreign corporation may not transact business in the State of Florida until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.

3.2 **Local Business Tax Account:** As applicable, anyone providing merchandise or services to the public within the jurisdiction of Lee County must obtain a Lee County business tax account to operate unless specifically exempted.

3.3 **License(s):** Bidder should provide, at the time of the opening of the bid, licenses required for this product and/or service.

#### 4 BID – PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL

4.1 **Sealed Bid:** Submission must be in a sealed envelope/box, and the outside of the submission must be marked with the following information (Sealed Bid Label Form is attached for your use):

4.1.1 Marked with the words "Sealed Bid"

4.1.2 Bid Number

4.1.3 Bid Title

4.1.4 Bid Due Date

4.1.5 Name of the firm submitting the bid

4.1.6 Contact e-mail and telephone number

4.2 **Bid submission shall include:**

4.2.1 Provide two (2) hard copies. Mark each: one "Original", one "Copy"

4.2.2 Provide one (1) electronic flash drive set of the entire submission documents.

4.2.3 Electronic submission document is to be one single Adobe PDF file in the same order as the original hard copy.

4.2.4 Limit the color and number of images to avoid unmanageable file sizes.

4.3 **Submission Format:**

4.3.1 Required Forms: complete and return **all** required forms. If the form is not applicable, please return with "Not Applicable" or "N/A" in large letters across the form.

4.3.2 Failure to submit required or requested information may result in the bidder being found non-responsive.

4.3.3 Execution of Bid: All documents must be properly signed by corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals affixed. All Bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bids shall be initialed.

4.3.4 If a cost/bid schedule was provided in Microsoft Excel format, the returned completed schedule should be included as a Microsoft Excel File on the Flash drive.

4.3.5 The submission should not contain links to other web pages.

4.3.6 Include any information requested by the County necessary to analyze your bid, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.

4.3.7 Bid Security/Bond(s), as applicable (Construction projects)

4.4 **Preparation Cost:** The Bidder is solely responsible for any and all costs associated with responding to this solicitation. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with the preparation and submittal of any bid, or for any travel and per diem costs that are incurred by any Bidder.

#### 5 RESPONSES RECEIVED LATE

5.1 It shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to deliver the bid submission to the Lee County Procurement Management Division prior to or on the time and date stated. All references to date and time herein reference Lee County, FL local time.

- 5.2 Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. The bid shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened bid to be returned at the bidder's request and expense.
- 5.3 The Lee County Procurement Management Division shall not be responsible for delays caused by the method of delivery such as, but not limited to; internet, United States Postal Service, overnight express mail service(s), or delays caused by any other occurrence.

## 6 BIDDER REQUIREMENTS (unless otherwise noted)

- 6.1 **Responsive and Responsible:** Only bids received from responsive and responsible bidders will be considered. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other necessary action, such as background checks, to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted, or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability for the bidder to perform.
  - 6.1.1 Additional sources may be utilized to determine credit worthiness and ability to perform.
  - 6.1.2 Any bidder or sub-contractor that will have access to County facilities or property may be required to be screened to a level that may include, but is not limited to fingerprints, statewide criminal. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the bidder or sub-contractor.
  - 6.1.3 Bidders are responsible for ensuring that any required background screening are conducted in accordance with Chapter 435. Bidders shall be aware, understand, and ensure compliance with the statutory requirements regarding background checks. FL Statutes Chapter 435 governs required background screenings for any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the Bidder who will have contact with any vulnerable person, as defined by statute, or who otherwise are required to undergo a Level 1 or Level 2 background screening in accordance with Florida law. Such requirements shall flow down to sub-contractors/consultants of the prime Bidder and prime Bidder shall ensure compliance with Chapter 435 of such parties.
    - 6.1.3.1 Documentation of such completed background screenings must be maintained for a period of no less than five (5) years and are subject to audit by Lee County at any time during such five (5) year period.
- 6.2 **BID--Past Performance:** Bidders past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) may be reviewed. Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.
- 6.3 Submission packages, unless otherwise noted, will be considered only from bidders normally engaged in the provision of the services specified here in. The bidder shall have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to Lee County. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform satisfactorily and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted, or investigation and evaluation indicated an inability of the bidder to perform.
- 6.4 **Prohibition Against Considering Social, Political Or Ideological Interests in Government Contracting – F.S. 287.05701:** Bidders are hereby notified of the provisions of section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the County will not request documentation of or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder. Bidders are further notified that the County's governing body may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

## 7 PRE-BID CONFERENCE

- 7.1 A pre-bid conference will be held in the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. The cover will also note if the pre-bid conference is Non-Mandatory or Mandatory. All questions and answers are considered informal. All prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain and review the solicitation documents prior to the pre-bid conference so they may be prepared to discuss any questions or concerns they have concerning this project. All questions must be submitted formally in writing to the procurement staff noted on the first page of the bid document. A formal response will be provided in the form of an addendum (see "County Interpretation/Addendums" for additional information.) A site visit may follow the pre-bid conference, as applicable.

- 7.2 **Non-Mandatory:** Pre-bid conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that prospective bidders participate.
- 7.3 **Mandatory:** Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference will result in the bid being considered **non-responsive**.

## 8 COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDUMS

- 8.1 Each Bidder shall examine the solicitation documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the solicitation shall be **submitted in writing prior to 5:00 PM at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the submission is due**.
- 8.2 Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on [www.lee.gov/procurement](http://www.lee.gov/procurement). It is solely the bidder's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement Management Division.
- 8.3 All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.
- 8.4 The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. Interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or any other contract document, or for correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency, or error there in, shall be in writing. Issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

## 9 QUALITY GUARANTEE/WARRANTY (as applicable)

- 9.1 Bidder will guarantee their work without disclaimers, unless otherwise specifically approved by the County, for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of final completion.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment and materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new, unused and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Refurbished parts or equipment are not acceptable unless otherwise specified in the specifications. All warranties will begin from the date of final completion.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, the equipment must be warranted for twelve (12) months, shipping, parts, and labor. Should the equipment be taken out of service for more than forty-eight (48) hours to have warranty work performed, a loaner machine of equal capability or better shall be provided for use until the repaired equipment is returned to service at no additional charge to the County.
- 9.4 If any product does not meet performance representation or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of such products or the specifications listed, the vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials, if in its judgment the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. The vendor shall refund, to the County, any money which has been paid for same.

## 10 SUBSTITUTION(S)/APPROVED ALTERNATE(S)

- 10.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If a bidder wishes to make a substitution in the specifications, the bidder shall furnish to the County, **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening date**, the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the substitution. Such information is submitted through the Procurement Management Division. Any such substitution shall be subject to County approval through the issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the County to be an **Approved Alternate** to the prescribed specifications.
- 10.2 A bid containing a substitution is subject to disqualification if the substitution is not approved by the County. Items bid must be identified by brand name, number, manufacturer, and model, and shall include full descriptive information, brochures, and appropriate attachments. Brand names are used for descriptive purposes only. An **Approved Alternate** product or service may be used.

## 11 NEGOTIATED ITEMS

- 11.1 Any item not outlined in the Scope of Work/Specifications may be subject to negotiations between the County and the successful bidder.
- 11.2 After award of this bid the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion.
- 11.3 At contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., if in its sole judgment, the County considers such adjustments to be in their best interest.
- 12 ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CALCULATION ERRORS (as applicable)**
- 12.1 **Calculation Errors:** In the event of multiplication/addition error(s), the unit price shall prevail. Written prices shall prevail over figures where applicable. All bids will be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to further evaluation.
- 13 CONFIDENTIALITY**
- 13.1 Bidders should be aware that all submissions provided are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality, unless provided by Chapter 119 FL §.
- 13.2 If information is submitted with a bid that is deemed “Confidential” the bidder must stamp those pages of the submission that are considered confidential. The bidder must provide documentation as to validate why these documents should be declared confidential in accordance with Chapter 119, “Public Records,” exemptions.
- 13.3 Lee County **will not reveal engineering estimates or budget amounts for a project** unless required by grant funding or unless it is in the best interest of the County. According to FL § 337.168: A document or electronic file revealing the official cost estimate of the department of a project is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until the contract for the project has been executed or until the project is no longer under active consideration.
- 14 BID -- CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 14.1 **Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Public Officers and Employees: General Provisions, Florida Statutes. All bidders must disclose with their submission the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Lee County or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder’s firm or any of its branches.
- 15 ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)**
- 15.1 Following FL § Section 287.057(23), Upon the issuance of the solicitation, prospective proposers/bidders or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such proposer/bidder shall not have any contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any Commissioner, Evaluation Review Committee, agent or employee of the County other than the Procurement Management Director or their designee. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any solicitation and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the solicitation has been cancelled. **If it is determined that improper communications were conducted, the Bidder/Proposer maybe declared non-responsible.**
- 16 ANTITRUST VIOLATION**
- 16.1 A person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list, available at [Antitrust Violator Vendor List / Vendor Registration and Vendor Lists / State Agency Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS \(myflorida.com\)](#), following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to Lee County; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with Lee County for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to Lee County; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with Lee County; and may not transact new business with Lee County.
- 17 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**
- 17.1 Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs.

**18 FLORIDA CERTIFIED ENTERPRISES**

- 18.1 The County encourages the use of Florida Certified Enterprises such as such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms.
- 18.2 Bidder/Proposer is requested to indicate whether the Firm and/or any proposed sub-consultants are a Florida Certified Enterprise. Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE or similar in procurements, and evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. Interested Florida Certified Enterprises such as Disadvantaged, Minority, Women, Veterans Business Enterprise (DBE, MBE, WBE, VBE) firms and similar are encouraged to submit.

**19 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

- 19.1 The bidder agrees to comply, in accordance with FL § 287.134, 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 19.2 The bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status. The bidder will make affirmative efforts to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status.
- 19.3 The bidder will include the provisions of this section in every sub-contract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor. The bidder will take such actions in respect to any sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 19.4 An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory Vendor List (This list may be viewed by going to the Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>) may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a vendor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

**20 SUB-CONTRACTOR**

- 20.1 The use of sub-contractors under this solicitation requires prior written authorization from the County representative.

**21 BID - PROJECT GUIDELINES (as applicable)**

- 21.1 The County has established the following Guidelines, Criteria, Goals, Objectives, Constraints, Schedule, Budget and or Requirements which shall service as a guide to the bidder(s) in conforming to the provision of goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement/Contract:
  - 21.1.1 No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an Agreement/Contract.
  - 21.1.2 Rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the Agreement/Contract period.
  - 21.1.3 This contract does not entitle any bidder to exclusive rights to County Agreement/Contracts. The County reserves the right to perform any and all available required work in-house or by any other means it so desires.
  - 21.1.4 In reference to vehicle travel, mileage and man-hours spent in travel time, is considered incidental to the work and not an extra compensable expense.
  - 21.1.5 Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all material, tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract.
  - 21.1.6 Any Single Large Project: The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately solicit any project that is outside the scope of this solicitation, whether through size, complexity or the dollar value.

**22 BID – TIEBREAKER**



- 22.1 Whenever two or more Bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from Responsive and Responsible Bidders, the following steps shall be taken to establish the Award to the lowest Bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.
- 22.1.1 **Step 1 - Local Bidder:** Between a Local Bidder, and a non-Local Bidder, a Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Local Bidder. **If local preference is prohibited by the funding source, then step 2 will replace step 1.**
- 22.1.2 **Step 2 - Drug Free Workplace:** At the conclusion of step 1, if all is equal, the Bidder with a Drug Free Workplace program shall be given preference over a Bidder with no Drug Free Workplace program. The Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Bidder with the Drug Free Workplace program.
- 22.1.3 **Step 3 - Coin Flip:** At the conclusion of Step 1 and Step 2, if all is equal, the Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, the final outcome shall be determined by the flip of a coin.
- 22.2 When the tie has been broken pursuant to the above procedures, the Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be furnished to the prevailing Bidder.
- 22.3 If an Award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the initial Bidder, Award or negotiations may commence with the next highest Bidder, utilizing the tiebreaker steps above to make the determination of next lowest Bidder, if necessary.

## 23 WITHDRAWAL OF BID

- 23.1 No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **180 calendar days** after the scheduled time for receiving submissions. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the solicitation opening date and time. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to the Procurement Management Director, who will approve or disapprove the request.
- 23.2 A bidder may withdraw a submission any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 23.3 After submissions are opened, but prior to award of the contract by the County Commission, the Procurement Management Director may allow the withdrawal of a bid because of the mistake of the bidder in the preparation of the submission document. In such circumstance, the decision of the Procurement Management Director to allow the submission withdrawal, although discretionary, shall be based upon a finding that the bidder, by clear and convincing evidence, has met each of the following four tests:
- 23.3.1 The bidder acted in good faith in submitting the bid,
- 23.3.2 The mistake in bid preparation that was of such magnitude that to enforce compliance by the bidder would cause a severe hardship on the bidder,
- 23.3.3 The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the bidder; and
- 23.3.4 The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the Agreement/Contract.

## 24 PROTEST RIGHTS

- 24.1 Any Bidder that has submitted a formal Response to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the Award, has the right to protest an intended decision posted by the County as part of the Solicitation process.
- 24.2 Notice of Intended Decision is posted on the Lee County Department of Procurement Management website ([www.leegov.com/procurement](http://www.leegov.com/procurement)). Bidders are solely responsible to check for information regarding the Solicitation.
- 24.3 Refer to the "Procurement Protest" section of the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 for a complete description of the protest process and associated requirements. The ordinance is posted on the Lee County website or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Management Director.
- 24.4 In order to preserve the right to protest, a written **"Notice of Intent to File a Protest"** must be filed with the **Lee County Procurement Management Director within seventy-two (72) hours of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.**
- 24.5 The notice shall clearly indicate all grounds being claimed for the protest.
- 24.6 The notice must be physically received by the Procurement Management Director within the required time frame described above. No additional time will be granted for mailing.

- 24.7 Following receipt of the Notice of Intent to File a Protest, a “**Protest Bond**” and “**Formal Written Protest**” must be filed **within ten (10) business days** of Posting of the Notice of Intended Decision.
- 24.8 **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the time frames as prescribed herein and in the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21 shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and shall bar any resulting claims.**

**25 AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**

- 25.1 This opportunity is also made available to any government entity. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the Agreement/Contract of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Lee County Board of County Commissioners will not be financially responsible for the purchases of other entities from this solicitation.

**26 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

**26.1 Designated Contact:**

- 26.1.1 The awarded bidder shall appoint a person(s) to act as a primary contact for all County departments. This person or back-up shall be readily available during normal working hours by phone or in person and shall be knowledgeable of the terms and procedures involved.
- 26.1.2 Lee County requires the awarded bidder to provide the name of a contact person(s) and phone number(s) which will afford Lee County access 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, of this service in the event of major breakdowns or natural disasters.

**26.2 BID – Term:** (unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Work or Detailed Specifications)

- 26.2.1 Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be for one (1) three-year (3) period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the term of two (2) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.**
- 26.2.2 The County reserves the right to renew this Agreement/Contract (or any portion thereof) and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 26.2.3 The County’s performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.

**26.3 BID – Basis of Award:**

- 26.3.1 The bid is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- 26.3.2 In the event the lowest responsible and responsive bid for a project exceeds the available funds the County may negotiate an adjustment of the bid price with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in order to bring the total cost of the project within the amount of available funds.
- 26.3.3 The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the bids received. Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) within the category chosen for basis of award.
- 26.3.4 The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple bidders at the discretion of the requesting authority and approval of the Procurement Management Director.

**26.4 Agreement/Contracts:**

- 26.4.1 The awarded bidder will be required to execute an Agreement/Contract as a condition of award. A sample of this document may be viewed on-line at <http://www.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.

**26.5 Records:**

- 26.5.1 Retention: The bidder shall maintain such financial records and other records as may be prescribed by Lee County or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, the bidder shall retain these records for a period of five years after final payment, or until they are audited by Lee County, whichever event occurs first.
- 26.5.2 Right to Audit/Disclosure: These records shall be made available during the term of the contract as well as the retention period. These records shall be made readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice and other persons in accordance with the Florida General Records Schedule.



Awarded Bidder/Proposer(s) are hereby informed of their requirement to comply with FL §119 specifically to:

- 26.5.2.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- 26.5.2.2 Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided or as otherwise provided by law.
- 26.5.2.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
- 26.5.2.4 Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

26.5.3 **Public Record:** **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, Email at [PRRCustodian@leegov.com](mailto:PRRCustodian@leegov.com) or Visit <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

26.5.4 **Ownership:** It is understood and agreed that all documents, including detailed reports, plans, original tracings, specifications, and all data prepared or obtained by the successful bidder in connection with its services hereunder, include any documents bearing the professional seal of the successful bidder, and shall be delivered to and become the property of Lee County, prior to final payment to the successful bidder or the termination of the Agreement/Contract. This includes any electronic versions, such as CAD or other computer aided drafting programs.

## 26.6 **Termination:**

26.6.1 **MATERIAL BREACH** A Contractor may be Terminated for Cause by the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, for failing to perform a contractual requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. A material breach of a term or condition of the Agreement may include but is not limited to: 1. Contractor failure to perform services or deliver materials, supplies, or equipment by the date required or by an alternate date as mutually agreed in a written amendment to the Agreement; 2. Contractor failure to carry out any warranty or fails to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Agreement; 3. Contractor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder; 4. Contractor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or relief from creditors and/or debtors that endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Contractor or any of the Contractor's property and such appointment endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder; 6. A determination that the Contractor is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Contractor unable to perform any aspect of the Agreement.

26.6.2 **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE** In the event that Contractor fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the County may issue a written cure notice. The Contractor may have a period of time in which to cure. The County is not required to allow the Contractor to cure defects if the opportunity for cure is not feasible as, determined solely within the discretion of the

County. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Contractor under the Agreement or by law. If the breach remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the County may do any one or more of the following: 1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; 2. Terminate this Agreement and any related contracts or portions thereof; 3. Procure replacements and impose damages as set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, if applicable; 4. Impose actual or liquidated damages; 5. Suspend or bar Contractor from receiving future solicitations or other opportunities; 6. Require Contractor to reimburse the County for any loss or additional expense incurred as a result of default or failure to satisfactorily perform the terms of the Agreement.

- 26.6.3 **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** In the event the Procurement Management Director, in his/her sole discretion, determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Agreement in a timely manner or is in material breach, the Procurement Management Director has the right to terminate this Agreement, in part or in whole. The Procurement Management Director shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise specified by the Procurement Management Director, or if such corrective action is deemed by the County to be insufficient, the Agreement may be terminated. The County reserves the right to withhold further payments or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the County to terminate the Agreement. In the event of termination, the County shall have the right to procure any replacement materials, supplies, services and/or equipment that are the subject of this Agreement on the open market. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any price difference between the original Agreement and the replacement or cover contract and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement contract, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time. If it is determined that: (1) the Contractor was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Contractor's or its subcontractor's control, fault or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience." The rights and remedies of the County provided in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
- 26.6.4 **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County, at the sole discretion of the Procurement Management Director, may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing to the Contractor. If this Agreement is so terminated, the County shall be liable only for payment required under this Agreement for properly authorized services rendered, or materials, supplies and/or equipment delivered to and accepted by the County prior to the effective date of Agreement termination. The County shall have no other obligation whatsoever to the Contractor for such termination.
- 26.6.5 The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any Agreement/Contract as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 26.6.6 Any bidder who has voluntarily withdrawn from a solicitation without the County's mutual consent during the contract period shall be barred from further County procurement for a **period of 180 days**. The vendor may apply to the Board for a waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by the Procurement Management Department.
- 26.6.7 The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:
- 26.6.7.1 Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
  - 26.6.7.2 Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List (FL §215.473);
  - 26.6.7.3 Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (FL § 215.471);
  - 26.6.7.4 Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. (FL § 215.4725);
  - 26.6.7.5 The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

- 27.1 Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded bidder shall have waived any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the bidder to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this Agreement/Contract.
- 28 LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES**
- 28.1 Unless otherwise noted, all vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:  
**Lee County Finance Department**  
**Post Office Box 2238**  
**Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238**
- 28.2 All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specifications for this project.
- 28.3 Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, proposer, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.
- 28.4 Lee County is generally a tax-exempt entity subject to the provisions of the 1987 legislation regarding sales tax on services. Lee County will pay those taxes for which it is obligated, or it will provide a Certificate of Exemption furnished by the Department of Revenue. All bidders should include in their bids, all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or sub-contractor's services.
- 29 SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) (as applicable)**
- 29.1 In accordance with Chapter 443 of the FL §, it is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.
- 30 DEBRIS DISPOSAL (as applicable)**
- 30.1 Unless otherwise stated, the bidder shall be fully responsible for the lawful removal and disposal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles, or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.
- 31 SHIPPING (as applicable)**
- 31.1 Cost of all shipping to the site, including any inside delivery charges and all unusual storage requirements shall be borne by the bidder unless otherwise agreed upon in writing prior to service. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to make appropriate arrangements, and to coordinate with authorized personnel at the site, for proper acceptance, handling, protection, and storage (if available) of equipment and material delivered. All pricing to be F.O.B. destination.
- 31.2 The materials and/or services delivered under the bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.
- 32 BOND/SURETY (CONSTRUCTION)**
- 32.1 Bonding/Surety is required in accordance with the Lee County Procurement Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21.
- 32.2 Bid Bond/Security: The Procurement Management Department shall determine if a Bid Bond shall be required for any Competitive Procurement. Each Bidder shall submit not less than five percent (5%) of the proposed dollar amount (including applicable Alternates) as Bid Bond/Security. One ORIGINAL Bid Bond/Security shall be submitted to the County with each Bid submission. The Bid Bond/Security of the Bidder will be retained until the Bidder and the County have entered into the Contract, whereupon the Bid Bond/Security may be returned. The Bid Bond/Security of a Bidder whom the County believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the Award may be retained by the County until the effective date of the Contract, whereupon any Bid Bonds/Securities furnished by a Bidder may be returned. The following types of Bid Security shall be accepted:
- 32.2.1 **A Certified Check or a Cashier's Check** in the stated dollar amount of not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount. Any Certified Check or Cashier Check submitted in lieu of a Bid Bond Shall be drawn on a solvent bank or trust company, made payable to Lee County Board of County Commissioners and shall have all necessary documentary revenue stamps attached (if required by law); or
- 32.2.2 **A Bid Bond** may be submitted on a Lee County paper Bid Bond Form. Must be signed by all required parties, of not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount (including Alternate(s) as applicable) shall

accompany each submission. The Bid Bond shall be issued by a duly authorized surety authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of state.

32.3 **Payment and Performance Bond:** In accordance with F.S. 255.05 and Lee County Ordinance 22-06 & 23-21, a Public Payment and Performance Bond is to be issued in a sum equal to one hundred (100%) percent of the total awarded contract amount by a surety company considered satisfactory by Lee County and otherwise authorized to transact business in the State of Florida shall be required from the successful bidder/vendor. This shall insure the faithful performance of the obligations imposed by the resulting contract and protect the County from lawsuits for non-payment of debts incurred during the successful bidder/vendor performance under such Contract.

32.3.1 A public Payment and Performance bond must be properly executed, by the Surety Company and successful bidder/vendor, and recorded with the Lee County Clerk of Court, within **seven calendar days** after notification by Lee County of the approval to award the Contract.

32.3.2 A **Clean Irrevocable Letter of Credit or Cash Bond** may be accepted by the County in lieu of the Public Payment and Performance Bond.

32.4 Only Lee County form(s) may be accepted. Forms are available at <https://www.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.

32.5 **Personal Checks are not acceptable to Lee County as a Bid Security.**

32.6 **Surety:** In order to be acceptable to the County, a Surety Company issuing Evidence of Bond ability, Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds or Letters of Credit called for herein shall meet and comply with the minimum standards set forth in as part of the Contract Documents.

The surety company shall be authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of State. All such bonds shall be issued or countersigned by an agent with satisfactory evidence of its authority to execute the bond being submitted.

### 33 LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

33.1 The Procurement Management Department will adhere to the Lee County Ordinance No. 22-06 & 23-21 and as may be amended from time to time (the County's "Local Vendor Preference"). It shall be at the discretion of the County Manager or Designee whether to apply Local Vendor Preference to any particular Solicitation.

33.2 The County's Local Vendor Preference, as it relates to Bidding preferences for local Vendors, is not applicable to Solicitations or Contracts when Commodities and/or Services may be provided in the event of an Emergency.

33.3 The County's Local Vendor Preference shall not apply in any procurement for Commodities or Services if the use of the Local Vendor Preference is prohibited by the terms of a grant or funding agreement or other prevailing law or policy.

### 34 INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)

34.1 Insurance shall be provided by the awarded bidder/vendor. Prior to execution of the Agreement/Contract a certificate of insurance (COI) complying with the bid documents shall be provided by the bidder/vendor.

34.2 Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and shall possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of "B or better."

End of Terms and Conditions Section