

RFP REGISTRATION

You **MUST** register using this form in order to receive notice of any addenda to these documents. Please fax the completed form to the Polk County Procurement Division as soon as possible. It is the vendor's responsibility to verify if addenda have been issued.

RFP Number & Title: 17-108 Professional Engineering Services for Parks and Natural Resources

Description: The County requires the support of professional consultants for a wide range of technical, engineering, scientific, and architectural services to assist parks and natural resources with projects in the County's work program and support the planning, design, construction, operation, monitoring and maintenance of the County's water resources facilities, water quality projects, environmental lands/natural areas, and parks.

Receiving Period: December 7, 2016, prior to 2:00 p.m.

Bid Opening: December 7, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

This form is for RFP registration. Please scroll down for additional information.

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and must be sent to Jeremy Mattingly, Procurement Specialist, via email at jeremymattingly@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789. All questions must be received by, Wednesday, November 30, 2016, by 4:00 p.m.

**RFP REGISTRATION
FAX THIS FORM BACK IMMEDIATELY
FAX: (863) 534-6789**

Carefully complete this form and mail or fax it to the Procurement Division. You must submit one form for each RFP that you are registering for.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

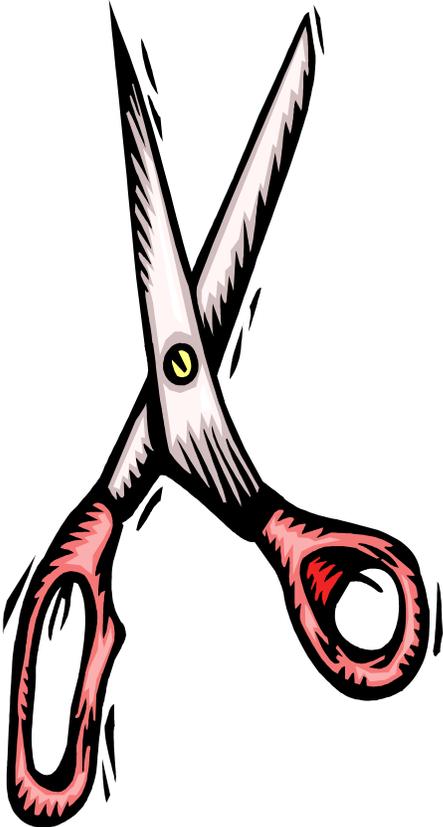
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cut along the outer border and affix this label to your sealed envelope to identify it as a “**Sealed RFP**”. Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the RFP where requested.

SEALED RFP • DO NOT OPEN
SEALED RFP NO.: 17-108
RFP TITLE: Professional Engineering Services for Parks and Natural Resources
DUE DATE/TIME: Wednesday December 7, 2016, prior to 2:00 p.m.
SUBMITTED BY: _____
(Name of Company)

DELIVER TO: PROCUREMENT DIVISION
330 West Church Street, Room 150
Bartow, Florida 33830



POLK COUNTY
Procurement Division
Fran McAskill
Procurement Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 17-108
Professional Engineering Services for Parks and Natural Resources

Sealed proposals will be received in the Procurement Division, **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 prior to 2:00 p.m.**

Attached are important instructions and specifications regarding responses to this Request for Proposal (the "RFP"). The failure of a responding proposer (a "Proposer") to follow these instructions could result in Proposer disqualification from consideration for a contract to be awarded pursuant to this RFP.

This document is issued by Polk County (the "County") which is the sole distributor of this RFP and all addenda and changes to the RFP documents. The County shall record its responses to inquiries and provide any supplemental instructions or additional documents pertaining to this RFP in the form of written addenda to the RFP. The County shall post all such addenda, together with any other information pertaining to this RFP, on the County's website at <http://www.polk-county.net/boccsite/doing-business/bids/>. It is the sole responsibility of each Proposer to review the website prior to submitting a responsive proposal (a "Proposal") to this RFP to ensure that that the Proposer has obtained all available instructions, addenda, changes, supporting documents, and any other information pertaining to this RFP.

The County is not responsible for any solicitations issued through subscriber, publications, or other sources not connected with the County and the Proposer should not rely on such sources for information regarding the RFP solicitation.

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and must be sent to Jeremy Mattingly, via email at jeremymattingly@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789. All questions must be received by Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

Proposers and any prospective Proposers shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to this RFP with any member of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners or any employee of Polk County other than the County Procurement Director or the individual designated above. This prohibition begins with the issuance of the Request for Proposal and ends upon execution of a contract. Any such communication initiated by a Proposer or prospective proposer shall be grounds for disqualifying the offender from consideration for a contract to be awarded pursuant to this RFP and for contracts to be awarded pursuant to RFPs or Requests for Bid that the County may issue in the future.

A Proposer's responsive Proposal to this RFP may be mailed, express mailed, or hand delivered to:

Polk County Procurement Division
330 West Church Street, Room 150
Bartow, Florida 33830
863-534-6757

INTRODUCTION

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida seeks professional engineering services for Parks and Natural Resources, and as further defined in the Scope of Services below.

Polk County's Selection Process for consultants' services is in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act ("CCNA"). The Professional Services Selection Committee will review the qualifications of all submitting firms.

It is the intent of the County to select and negotiate a Master Consulting Agreement with one (1) or more firm(s).

The County will negotiate a fee schedule and or overall lump sum price as part of "Selection Process", Elevation Level 4 Contract Negotiations.

Services under this contract will be in compliance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes referred to as the "Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act" (CCNA). Polk County's Procurement Procedure's Manual outlines the Procedures for Contracting for Professional Services Covered by CCNA. These procedures outline the process used for the selection of a consulting firm awarded through this RFP process.

All services must be performed in accordance with applicable Federal, State and Local regulations.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The County requires the support of professional consultants for a wide range of technical, engineering, scientific, and architectural services to assist parks and natural resources with projects in the County's work program and support the planning, design, construction, operation, monitoring and maintenance of the County's water resources facilities, water quality projects, environmental lands/natural areas, and parks.

Services may include, but are not limited to, planning, design, environmental sciences, environmental permitting, utility coordination, utility design, railroad coordination, right-of-way, surveying and mapping (including bathymetry), value engineering, geotechnical, construction management, construction inspection, historical, archaeological, and maintenance, permit operations, stormwater management facility operations, wetland and ecosystem operations, stormwater discharge systems operations, hazardous material operations, emergency response operations services, evaluation of drainage or flooding problems, water quality issues, addressing environmental land issues; watershed evaluations and management, preparation and recommendation of alternative solutions (including surface and ground water Best Management Practices (BMPs) and cost estimates,

design and permitting of cost efficient solutions, collection of hydrologic and other physical data, drainage calculations and/or modeling, geotechnical analyses, geographic information system (GIS) mapping and analysis, data analysis, scientific investigations, identifying, describing, and obtaining necessary easements and/or land acquisition; developing park amenities and/or improvements; wetland assessments; stormwater assessment.

Also, services may include all associated engineering services involved in the design, permitting and construction of any project for the Parks and Natural Resources Division or any other County Division. Additional services that may be required include; surveying, preparation of project bid documents and technical specifications, construction administration, as-built certifications, regulatory permit close outs and securing easements.

The following is a list of typical services that may be requested under this contract. The list is not intended to be all-inclusive:

- Long and short range planning services including studies, analysis, cost estimating, cost/benefit analysis, budgeting, scheduling and presentations relating to drainage, water resources, environmental, geotechnical and right-of-way.
- Complete studies, evaluations, inspection or monitoring for drainage, water quality, storm water management facilities, and environmental mitigation facilities.
- Sustainability studies including: setting baseline environmental conditions, determining carrying capacity and determination of limits of acceptable change.
- Provide planning, analysis, review and estimating assistance for construction proposed by developers, other agencies and County projects. This may include attending meetings and/or acting as a committee member.
- Prepare right-of-way and easement documents including right-of-way maps, legal descriptions and sketches, and support the right-of-way acquisition process including preparing for and attending mediations, settlements discussions, public meetings and court proceedings.
- Provide construction support including, but not limited to: bid review and analysis, responses to bid questions, pre-bid meetings, pre-construction meetings, construction management, construction inspection, construction progress meetings, as-built surveys, final certifications and review pay requests.

- Provide conservation easement documentation reports associated with determining baseline of conservation easement at acquisition. Provide annual compliance monitoring and reporting with terms of conservation easement agreement.
- Provide management, supervision, inspection, coordination services for emergency management or debris removal.
- Conduct environmental permitting through local, state, and federal agencies.
- Conduct compliance monitoring.
- Develop nutrient budgets for lakes, wetlands, and streams.
- Provide engineering, design and permitting of stormwater retrofits for water quality improvement.
- Provide engineering, design and permitting of natural resource restoration such as but not limited to wetland restoration.
- Assist the county in activities relating to the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program.
- Assist the county in grant writing and cooperative funding ventures.
- Conduct hydrologic/hydraulic (H&H), surface water quality, and pollutant loading modeling using state of the art tools.
- Conduct or provide oversight for sediment physical and chemical analyses and assessment.
- Provide engineering, design and permitting of park's driveway, parking entrances, trails picnic shelters, restrooms and other minor park improvements.

The Consultant shall function as an extension of the County's resources by providing qualified technical and professional personnel to perform duties and responsibilities assigned under the terms of this RFP according to County Standards and Procedures.

The County shall request Consultant services on an as-needed basis. There is no guarantee that any or all of the services described in this RFP will be assigned during the term of this agreement. Further, the Consultant is providing these services on a nonexclusive basis. The County, at its option, may elect to have any of the services set forth herein performed by other consultants or County staff.

The Consultant's home or branch offices may support this contract.

Any County Division may utilize the resulting Agreements to perform the solicited services.

AGREEMENT

The Master Consulting Agreement will be for five (5) years unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the master service agreement.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals should not contain information in excess of that requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the issues of this RFP. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other presentations beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective response to this RFP are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the Proposer's lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive visual aids, and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired unless specifically requested. The Proposal responses shall be contained within a three ring binder (original and each copy in separate binders). For the purposes of this RFP, **one page equals a single sided page**. It is requested that the responses be in the same order as the selection and evaluation procedures. The submittals should include the following:

Proposers that submitted for RFP 16-381, Professional Engineering Services for Transportation and Parks and Natural Resources please read the below

- If a Proposer submitted a Proposal for RFP16-381, they may submit any portion of that Proposal that has reference to RFP16-381 within this submittal in order not to duplicate effort. An example of this is the ability not to have to send out Tab 8, Surveys of Past Performance, to clients you previously submitted under Tab 3, Experience and Expertise that your firm is resubmitting under this RFP. You will have the ability to resubmit the same survey that has RFP 16-381 referenced on the form. You may also photo copy any response segment that still applies to any of the below tabs that are marked anywhere on any of the pages with RFP 16-381.

Tab 1 Executive Summary

(Items a-c: Maximum of two (2) pages)

- a) Name, company name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- b) State the number of years in business, as the same company/firm.
- c) State the number of full time employees.
- d) Provide documentation showing proper incorporation by the Secretary of State.
- e) Provide a copy of the firm's applicable certification(s) from the State of Florida allowing them to provide the services as

outlined in the Scope of Service as well as compliance with F.S. 287.055

- It will be at the sole discretion of the County whether any information disclosed pursuant to this Tab 1, or otherwise discovered during the RFP process, may result in the non-selection of the Proposer, regardless of their scoring.

Tab 2 Approach to the Project (35 points)

(Maximum of four (4) pages)

- a) Describe in detail the components of how your firm proposes to manage the progress for assigned project(s), based upon the scope of services. Please identify the services your firm provides which make you qualified to perform the required services.
- b) Describe the firm's Quality Assurance and Quality Control program as it pertains to engineering services.

Tab 3 Experience, Expertise, Personnel and Technical Resources (35 points)

- Identify a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eight (8) projects performed within the past five (5) years which best illustrate the experience of the firm and current staff as related to the desired services. At least three (3) of the projects identified should be projects performed for public entities. (Maximum of one (1) page only per project).

For each project please provide:

- a) Name and location of the project;
 - b) Size and cost of the project;
 - c) Project owner's representative name, address, phone number, and email address
 - d) Date project was completed or is anticipated to be completed;
 - e) The nature of the firm's responsibility on the project;
 - f) List of change orders, including dollar amount, which were the result of unforeseen circumstances or design errors/oversights;
 - g) List of any time extensions created by item f above; and
 - h) List senior technical staff that participated.
- Provide an organizational chart of the team highlighting the key individuals who will work on the master services agreement.

- Provide brief resumes of the firm’s key personnel to be assigned to the master service agreement including, but not limited to, the items in the list below (One (1) page maximum per resume):
 - a) Name and current position held by the person
 - b) Name, title and project assignment
 - c) Experience:
 - (1) Types of projects.
 - (2) Size of projects (dollar value of project).
 - (3) What were their specific project involvements?

- Identify any sub-consultants that may be involved throughout the duration of the agreement. For each sub consultant identified please provide:
 - A brief description of their experience outlining their qualifications to perform the intended services
 - A brief resume for each key personnel that will be assigned to perform the intended services

Tab 4 Is the Firm a “Polk County Entity”? (5 Points)

- There will be a maximum of five (5) points allocated for this Tab. If the Proposer is a Polk County Entity then five (5) points will be allocated. If the Proposer is not a Polk County Entity but is utilizing one or more sub-consultants that are a Polk County Entity to assist in performing the scope of work then the Proposal will be allocated one (1) point for each sub-consultant which is a Polk County Entity up to a maximum of five (5) points. The Polk County Entity sub-consultant(s) must have been identified under Tab 3, Experience, Expertise, Personnel and Technical Resources in order to qualify for point allocation.

- Provide documentation of the Proposers’ headquarters and local offices, if any, and the amount of time the firm has been located at each such local office. Please also indicate the number of employees at the local office.

- Provide documentation of the sub-consultant’s headquarters and local offices, if any, and the amount of time the sub-consultant has been located at each such local office. Please also indicate the number of employees at the local office.

- Proposers or sub-consultants will be allocated points if they meet the following Polk County Government definition of Polk County Entity.
 - The term “Polk County Entity” means any business having a physical location within the boundaries of Polk County, Florida, at which employees are located and business activity is managed and controlled on a day to day basis. Additionally,

the business must have been located within the boundaries of Polk County for a minimum of 12 months prior to the date the applicable solicitation is issued. This requirement may be evidenced through a recorded deed, an executed lease agreement, or other form of written documentation acceptable to the County. The County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to verify the foregoing requirements.

- In the event a Proposer lists one or more sub-consultants in Tab 4 which is a Polk County Entity and receives point(s) as a result, and after the Proposer is awarded the project, if successful, it is determined that the listed sub-consultant does not assist in the performance of the scope of work (and is not replaced with an alternative sub-consultant which is a Polk County Entity), then the Proposer acknowledges and agrees that it may be suspended or debarred by the Procurement Director for failure to comply with the conditions, specifications or terms of a proposal or contract with the County or for committing a fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a proposal or contract with the County, in accordance with the Polk County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual.

Tab 5 Is the Firm a “Certified Woman or Minority Business Enterprise” (5 Points)

- Polk County Board of County Commissioners has a long standing commitment to encouraging the utilization of Women and Minority Businesses that do business with the County as vendors. To that end we encourage all of our prime and professional services vendors to utilize W/MBE vendors where at all possible, irrespective of a company’s certification status. Please explain how the submitting firm will encourage minority participation in the project. **(Limit response to one page)**
- There will be a maximum of five (5) points allocated for this tab. If the Proposer is a Woman or Minority owned business then five (5) points will be allocated. If the Proposer is not a Woman or Minority owned business but is utilizing one or more sub-consultants that are a Women or Minority owned business to assist in performing the scope of work, then the Proposal will be allocated one (1) point for each sub-consultant which meets the County’s certification criteria of Women or Minority owned, up to a maximum of five (5) points. The Woman or Minority owned business sub-consultant(s) must have been identified under Tab 3, Experience, Expertise, Personnel and Technical Resources in order to qualify for point allocation.
- Proposers or sub-consultants will be allocated points if they are a certified W/MBE as evidenced by providing the documentation described below.
- If the Proposer or sub-consultant has a certified W/MBE status, provide documentation of the firms’ certified W/MBE status as defined by the Florida

Small and Minority Business Act and as defined in Polk County's Purchasing Procedures. Polk County's Purchasing Procedures recognize the following to meet the requirement of a certified W/MBE status:

- Valid W/MBE Certification from one of the following:
 - Florida Minority Supplier Development Council
 - Women Business Enterprise National Council
 - The State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity
 - Florida Department of Transportation
 - U. S. Small Business Administration
 - Federal Aviation Authority
 - Other Florida governmental agencies

Certifications from other governmental agencies will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- In the event a Proposer lists one or more sub-consultants in Tab 5 which is a Women or Minority owned business and receives point(s) as a result, and after the Proposer is awarded the project, if successful, it is determined that the listed sub-consultant does not assist in the performance of the scope of work (and is not replaced with an alternative sub-consultant which is a Women or Minority owned business), then the Proposer acknowledges and agrees that it may be suspended or debarred by the Procurement Director for failure to comply with the conditions, specifications or terms of a proposal or contract with the County or for committing a fraud or misrepresentation in connection with a proposal or contract with the County, in accordance with the Polk County Purchasing Ordinance and Procedures Manual.

Tab 6 Interactions with County and Regulatory Agency Staff (5 Points)

- Provide documentation supporting the specialized qualifications of the proposed staff in terms of meeting this scope of service in respect to regulatory matters. Qualifications should highlight experience with regulatory agencies, identifying specific agencies and the items being addressed, including construction permitting, water use permitting, consent orders, consultation, governing regulations; and other related activities. Describe the firm's ability to work with reporting agencies staff such as Florida Department of Transportation, Southwest Florida Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Health, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, US Environmental Protection Agency in order to successfully fulfill the scope of service. Demonstrate the firm's knowledge of permitting process, as well as local regulatory agencies. **(Limit response to one (1) page)**

Tab 7 Timely Completion of Projects (5 Points)

- Describe the firms' current and future projected workload. Describe specifically the firms' daily ability to handle each aspect of the scope of services described herein. **(Limit response to two (2) pages maximum)**

Tab 8 Surveys of Past Performance (10 Points)

- Provide reference surveys from past clients for the projects identified under Tab 3.
- Completed surveys. **(See Exhibit 1)** Procurement will take the average of all surveys and score as follows:
 - Average Score between 9-10 10 Points
 - Average Score between 7-8 8 Points
 - Average Score between 5-6 6 Points
 - Average Score between 3-4 4 Points
 - Average Score between 1-2 2 Points
 - Average Score of 0 0 Points

SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

Interested parties are invited to submit one original marked **ORIGINAL**, five (5) copies marked **COPY**, and one (1) complete submittal on **CD** of their proposal in a sealed container to the Procurement Division. The envelope should be labeled **“RFP #17-108, Professional Engineering Services for Parks and Natural Resources”** and marked with the respondents name and address. The Proposals may be mailed or delivered to:

**Polk County Procurement Division
330 West Church Street, Room 150
Bartow, FL 33830**

The submittal shall be received by the County only at the above address prior to **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2016.**

The delivery of the submittal on the above date and prior to the specified time is solely the responsibility of the respondent.

The submittal may be withdrawn either by written notice to the Procurement Director or in person, if properly identified, at any time prior to the above submittal deadline.

Selection Process

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with this section and all applicable County procurement policies and procedures.

The County shall appoint a selection committee (the "Selection Committee") that will be responsible for evaluating and scoring/ranking the Proposals in accordance with this Section.

The County will use a competitive selection process based on the Elevation Levels described in this Section. At Elevation Levels 2 and 3, the Selection Committee will score and/or rank the Proposals as applicable.

Selection of a final Proposal will be based upon the following steps and factors:

Elevation Level 1 (Procurement Requirements Assessment):

- The County Procurement Division shall review all Proposals for conformance with RFP guidelines and detailed submittal requirements. At the County's discretion, non-conforming Proposals may be eliminated from further consideration and conforming Proposals shall be elevated to Elevation Level 2. Procurement will distribute Proposals and evaluation criteria to the Selection Committee.
- Procurement will also ensure all firms meet the requirement of certification as outlined in Florida Statute 287.055(3)(c).
- The Selection Committee may convene to review questions that arise during individual member review of submitted Proposals before Elevation Level 2 to allow for questions, clarifications, explanations, or other discussion to be held before the review of Proposals is completed.

Elevation Level 2 (Scoring)

- Procurement shall score each Proposal on the following evaluation criteria:
 - Local (Tab 4) 5 points
 - W/MBE Certification (Tab 5) 5 points
 - Surveys of Past Performance (Tab 8) 10 points
 - Subtotal Points 20 points

by the process stated under each corresponding Tab description as set forth on Pages 9-13.

- Each Selection Committee member shall score each Proposal on the following evaluation criteria:
 - Approach to the Project (Tab 2) 35 points
 - Experience, Expertise, Personnel and Technical Resources (Tab 3) 35 points

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described sufficiently how and what will be accomplished in a manner that exhibited an adequate and average degree of understanding, skill, and competency, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver at a level slightly below expectation.

- POOR (0.2): Inadequate; lacking; inferior in quality; of little or less merit; substandard; marginal.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that did not satisfy the requirements and described in an inadequate manner how and what will be accomplished. The information provided simply reiterated a requirement, contained inaccurate statements or references, lacked adequate information, or was of inferior quality. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver at a substandard and inferior level.

- UNACCEPTABLE (0.0):

The Proposer failed to provide any information for a given criteria, provided information that could not be understood, or did not provide the information for a given category as requested.

(2) After a Selection Committee member has determined the description applicable for each evaluation criterion, the total points available for such criterion shall be multiplied by the factor associated with the applicable description to produce the number of points allocated for that evaluation criterion. For example, a Selection Committee member classifies the "Experience and Expertise" criterion (which shall be worth 25 points for the purpose of this example) as "Very Good" (which is a description factor multiplier of 0.8). The points that Selection Committee member allocated for that evaluation criterion would be 20, calculated as follows: 25 available points x 0.8 applicable description factor multiplier = 20 points.

(3) A Selection Committee member's total score for each Proposal shall equal the sum of the total points allocated for each evaluation criteria.

(4) When all Selection Committee members have completed their Proposal evaluations, the individual Selection Committee member's total scores for each Proposal will be added together to produce a final score for each Proposal.

(5) Procurement will confirm the calculations for the final score for each Proposal. Then, Procurement shall publish a rank-ordered listing of the

Proposals to the Selection Committee with the Proposal receiving the highest point as the highest-ranked Proposal.

(6) In accordance with Section 287.055(4)(a), Florida Statutes, if there are three (3) or more Proposers in Elevation Level 2, the Selection Committee will elevate no fewer than the three highest scored of such Proposers to Elevation Level 3 for interviews. If there are only two Proposers in Elevation Level 2, the Selection Committee shall elevate those two Proposers to Elevation Level 3 for interviews. If there is only one Proposer in Elevation Level 2, then the Selection Committee may collectively decide if they would like to elevate the Proposer to Elevation Level 3 for interviews or if they would like to recommend the Board authorize staff to enter into Contract Negotiations with the Proposer. In the latter case, after Board approval to authorize staff to negotiate a contract, the Proposer will then be elevated to Elevation Level 4 for contract negotiations.

Elevation Level 3 (Proposer Interviews)

The Selection Committee may be required to conduct interviews of the Proposers that it has elevated from Elevation Level 2 to Elevation Level 3.

During an interview, elevated Proposers may be requested to make a presentation focusing on their qualifications, approach to the project and the ability to furnish the required services. The Selection Committee members will have an opportunity to inquire about any aspect of the RFP and the Proposer's Proposal. After all elevated Proposer interviews, each Selection Committee member will individually rank the Proposers in numerical order beginning at number 1 for the Proposer deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. In accordance with Section 287.055(4)(b), Florida Statutes, in determining whether a Proposer is qualified, each Selection Committee member shall consider such factors as:

- Ability of Personnel
- Whether a Proposer is a certified minority business enterprise
- Past performance
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads
- Volume of work previously awarded to each Proposer by the County

Procurement shall receive and compile each Selection Committee member's ranking of each Proposer, and then publish a rank-ordered listing of Proposers to the Selection Committee, based on the combined average rankings given each Proposer. The Selection Committee members will then collectively decide if they would like to recommend the Board authorize staff to enter into Contract Negotiations with the highest-ranked Proposer(s). After Board approval to authorize staff to negotiate a contract, said Proposer will then be elevated to Elevation Level 4 for contract negotiations.

Elevation Level 4 (Contract Negotiations)

If a Proposer is elevated to this level, Procurement and the County Attorney's Office, with the assistance of the elevated Proposer shall negotiate an Agreement in accordance with Section 287.055(5), Florida Statutes.

If after negotiating for a reasonable time period the parties cannot agree on a contract, the County shall, in its sole discretion, terminate further contract negotiations with that Proposer. Procurement shall notify the Selection Committee that contract negotiations with the elevated Proposer have terminated. The Selection Committee shall then determine whether to recommend to the Board to approve contract negotiations with the next-highest-ranked Proposer, and so on. If the Selection Committee decides not to recommend contract negotiations with the next-highest-ranked Proposer, or if the County determines there is no other Proposer with whom the County can successfully negotiate a contract, then the RFP Selection Process shall terminate.

After contract negotiations with a Proposer are successfully completed pursuant to Elevation Level 4, the Selection Committee shall recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that it selects such Proposer to provide the services as outlined in the Agreement. The Board of County Commissioners shall make the final decision whether to enter into an Agreement with a Proposer.

ATTENTION PROPOSERS

The Successful Proposer must register in our new Vendor Database if you have not already done so prior to award of this RFP. A purchase order cannot be issued to a vendor until they have registered.

You may register by going to the following link:

<http://www.polk-county.net/boccsite/Doing-Business/Vendor-Registration/>

Registered vendors will receive a User ID and Password to access their company information. All registered vendors must provide their owner gender, owner ethnicity, corporate status, and a minimum of one (1) commodity code to be considered registered. It is the responsibility of all vendors to update their vendor information.

Only registered vendors will receive notifications of future RFP's.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CONTACT

After the issuance of any Request for Proposal, prospective proposers shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Request for Proposal with the Board of County Commissioners, and any employee of Polk County, other than the Procurement Director or as directed in the cover page of the Request for Proposal. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any Request for Proposal and ends upon completion execution of a contract. Such communications initiated by a proposer **shall** be grounds for disqualifying the offending proposer from consideration for award of the proposal and/or any future proposal.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The selected firm, if any, shall maintain, at all times, the following minimum levels of insurance and; shall, without in any way altering their liability, obtain, pay for and maintain insurance for the coverages and amounts of coverage not less than those set forth below. Provide to the County original Certificates of Insurance satisfactory to the County to evidence such coverage before any work commences. Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, shall be an additional named insured on all policies related to the project; excluding workers' compensation and professional liability. The Workers' Compensation and General Liability policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Polk County. All insurance coverage shall be written with a company having an A.M. Best Rating of at least the "A" category and size category of VIII. The firm's self-insured retention or deductible per line of coverage shall not exceed \$25,000 without the permission of the County. In the event of any failure by the firm to comply with the provisions; the County may, at its option, on notice to the firm suspend the project for cause until there is full compliance. Alternatively, the County may purchase such insurance at the firm's expense, provided that the County shall have no obligation to do so and if the County shall do so, the firm shall not be relieved of or excused from the obligation to obtain and maintain such insurance amounts and coverages.

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance providing statutory benefits, including those that may be required by any applicable federal statute:

Admitted in Florida	Yes
Employer's Liability	\$100,000
All States Endorsement	Statutory
Voluntary Compensation	Statutory

Commercial General Liability Insurance. \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death, and property damage, and personal injury resulting from any one occurrence, including the following coverages:

Premises and Operations and Products/Completed Operations;

Broad Form Commercial General Liability Endorsement to include blanket contractual liability (specifically covering, but not limited to, the contractual obligations assumed by the Firm);

Personal Injury (with employment and contractual exclusions deleted) and Broad Form Property Damage coverages;

Independent Contractors; Policy must include Separation of Insureds Clause.

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death, and property damage, and personal injury resulting from any one occurrence, including all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.

Professional Liability Insurance. \$2,000,000 for design errors and omissions, inclusive of defense costs. Selected firm shall be required to provide continuing Professional Liability Insurance to cover the project for a period of two (2) years after the projects are completed.

INDEMNIFICATION

Consultant, to the extent permitted by law, shall indemnify, defend (by counsel reasonably acceptable to County), protect and hold the County, and its officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all, claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, penalties, forfeitures, damages, losses, and expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred during negotiation, through litigation and all appeals therefrom) including, without limitation, those pertaining to the death of or injury to any person, or damage to any property, arising out of or resulting from (i) the failure of Consultant to comply with applicable laws, rules or regulations, (ii) the breach by Consultant of its obligations under any Agreement with the County entered into pursuant to this solicitation, (iii) any claim for trademark, patent, or copyright infringement arising out of the scope of Consultant's performance or nonperformance of the Agreement, or (iv) the negligent acts, errors or omissions, or intentional or willful misconduct, of Consultant, its professional associates, subcontractors, agents, and employees; provided, however, that Consultant shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the County with respect to any such claims or damages arising out of the County's sole negligence. The obligations imposed by this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid or proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid or proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. By submitting this proposal, the proposer hereby certifies that they have complied with said statute.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The County is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The County is committed to equal opportunity employment effort; and expects firms that do business with the County to have a vigorous affirmative action program.

WOMEN/MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OUTREACH

The County hereby notifies all Proposers that W/MBE's are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any request for proposal by the County and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin.

AFFIRMATION

By submitting their proposal, the Proposer affirms that the proposal is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; the Proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other person to submit a false or sham proposal; the Proposer has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal; and the Proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain for him/herself any advantage over other persons or over the County.

DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Neither the County nor its representative(s) shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with preparation of a response to the RFP. Proposers should prepare their proposals simply and economically, providing a straightforward and concise description of the proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP.

ADDENDA

The County may record its responses to inquiries and any supplemental instructions in the form of written addenda. The addenda will be posted on the County's website at <http://www.polk-county.net/boccsite/doing-business/bids/>. It is the sole responsibility of the proposers to check the website to ensure that all available information has been received prior to submitting a proposal.

CODE OF ETHICS

If any proposer violates or is a party to a violation of the code of ethics of Polk County or the State of Florida, with respect to this proposal, such proposer may be disqualified from performing the work described in this proposal or from furnishing the goods or services for which the proposal is submitted and shall be further disqualified from bidding on any future proposals for work, goods, or services for the County.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Preference shall be given to businesses with Drug Free Workplace (DFW) programs. Whenever two or more proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received by the County for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a proposal received from a business that has provided a statement that it is a DFW shall be given preference in the award process.

APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS

This RFP and any resulting agreements shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Florida and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought only in the courts of Polk County, Florida or the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, located in Hillsborough County, Florida. The proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

All contracts are subject to final approval of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners. Persons or firms who incur expenses or change position in anticipation of a contract prior to the Board's approval do so at their own risk.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

A proposal shall be binding upon the offeror and irrevocable by it for ninety (90) calendar days following the proposal opening date. Any proposal in which offeror shortens the acceptance period may be rejected.

ADDITION/DELETION

The County reserves the right to add to or delete any item from this proposal or resulting agreements when deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (Public Records Law), and except as may be provided by other applicable State and Federal Law, all proposers should be aware that Request for Proposals and the responses thereto are in the public domain. However, the proposers are required to **identify specifically** any information contained in their proposals which they consider confidential and/or proprietary and which they believe to be exempt from disclosure.

All proposals received from proposers in response to this Request for Proposal will become the property of the County and will not be returned to the proposers. In the event of contract award, all documentation produced as part of the contract will become the exclusive property of the County.

REVIEW OF PROPOSAL FILES

In accordance with Chapter 119.071 of the Florida Statutes, the responses received for this Request for Proposal are exempt from review for thirty (30) days after the Bid Opening Date or at Recommendation of Award, whichever event occurs first.

Should the RFP be cancelled and re-solicited for any reason, proposal responses shall remain exempt from disclosure for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months or at Recommendation of Award of the subsequent solicitation.

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN(S) The Consultant agrees that unauthorized aliens shall not be employed nor utilized in the performance of the requirements of this solicitation. The County shall consider the employment or utilization of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a). Such violation shall be cause for unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County. As part of the response to this solicitation, the successful consultant will complete and submit the form "AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS."

Employers may avail themselves of a program by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement called E-Verify. E-Verify is an Internet-based system operated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA). E-Verify is currently free to employers. E-Verify provides an automated link to Federal databases to help employers determine employment eligibility of new hires and the validity of their Social Security numbers.

If your company wishes to avail themselves of this program, you can register online for E-Verify at <https://www.vis-dhs.com/EmployerRegistration>, which provides instructions for completing the registration process. At the end of the registration process, you will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides the terms of agreement between you as the employer, the SSA, and DHS. An employee who has signatory authority for the employer can sign the MOU. Employers can use their discretion in identifying the best method by which to sign up their locations for E-Verify. To find out more about E-Verify, please visit www.dhs.gov/e-verify or contact USCIS at **1-888-464-4218**.

LIMITATIONS

This request does not commit Polk County to award a contract. Proposers will assume all costs incurred in the preparation of their response to this RFP. The County reserves the right to: 1) accept or reject qualifications and/or proposals in part or in whole; 2) request additional qualification information; 3) limit and determine the actual contract services to be included in a contract; 4) obtain information for use in evaluating submittals from any source and 5) reject all submittals.

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS: Each party shall be responsible for its own legal and attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any dispute or any litigation arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, including attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred for any appellate or bankruptcy proceedings.

PUBLIC RECORD LAWS

(a) The Consultant acknowledges the County's obligations under Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution and under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request and comply in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement. The Consultant further acknowledges that the constitutional and statutory provisions control over the terms of this Agreement. In association with its performance pursuant to this Agreement, the Consultant shall not release or otherwise disclose the content of any documents or information that is specifically exempt from disclosure pursuant to all applicable laws.

(b) Without in any manner limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent applicable, the Consultant acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records, and shall:

(1) keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services required under this Agreement;

(2) upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records or his/her designee, 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 in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

(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 term of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Consultant does not transfer the records to the County; and

(4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the County upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Consultant 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.

(c) IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIASON OFFICER
POLK COUNTY
330 WEST CHURCH ST.
BARTOW, FL 33830
TELEPHONE: (863) 534-7527
EMAIL: RMLO@POLK-COUNTY.NET**

THE FOLLOWING SECTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY ALL PROPOSERS:
(SUBMITTAL PAGE)

Company Name: _____

DBA/Fictitious Name (if applicable): _____

NOTE: COMPANY NAME MUST MATCH LEGAL NAME ASSIGNED TO TIN NUMBER.
CURRENT W9 SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID.

TIN #: _____

(Street No or PO Box Number) (Street Name) (City)

(County) (State) (Zip Code)

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Organization:

_____ Sole Proprietorship _____ Partnership _____ Non-Profit _____ Sub-Chapter

_____ Joint Venture _____ Corporation _____ LLC _____ LLP

_____ Publicly Traded _____ Employee Owned

State of Incorporation _____

The Successful Consultant must complete and submit this section prior to award. The Successful Consultant must invoice using the company name listed above.

**EXHIBIT 1
DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PREPARE AND SEND
PERFORMANCE SURVEYS**

The objective of this process is to identify the past performance of the firm submitting a proposal package. This is accomplished by sending survey forms to past customers. The customers should return the forms directly to the Consultant. The Consultant is to include all surveys in their proposal package.

Sending the Survey

The surveys shall be sent to all clients for whom the Consultant has identified under Tab 3. Surveys should correlate to all projects identified under Tab 3.

If more surveys are included then Procurement will only use those identified under Tab 3.

1. The Consultant shall complete the following information for each customer that a survey will be sent

CLIENT NAME	Name of the company or institution that the work was performed for (i.e. Cactus School District, Rock Industries, City of Austin).
FIRST NAME	First name of the person who will answer customer satisfaction questions.
LAST NAME	Last name of the person who will answer customer satisfaction questions.
PHONE NUMBER	Current phone number for the reference (including area code).
EMAIL ADDRESS	Current email address for the reference.
PROJECT NAME	Name of the project (Engineering Services for X Project) (Engineering Services for X Project), Etc.
COST OF SERVICES	Cost of services (\$150,000)
DATE COMPLETE	Date when the services were completed. (i.e. 5/31/2015)

2. The Consultant is responsible for verifying that their information is accurate prior to submission for references.
3. The survey must contain different services/projects. You cannot have multiple people evaluating the same job. However, one person may evaluate several different jobs.
4. The past projects can be either completed or on-going.
5. The past client/owner must evaluate and complete the survey.

Preparing the Surveys

1. The Consultant is responsible for sending out a performance survey to the clients that have been identified under Tab 3. The survey can be found on the next page.
2. The Consultant should enter the past clients' contact information, and project information on each survey form for each reference. The Consultant should also enter the name of the Consultant being surveyed.
4. The Consultant is responsible for ensuring all references/surveys are included in their submittal under Tab 8.
5. Polk County Procurement may contact the reference for additional information or to clarify survey data. If the reference cannot be contacted, there will be no credit given for that reference.

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To: _____
 (Name of Person completing survey) (Name of Client Company/Firm)

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Subject: Past Performance Survey of:

 (Project Name)
 Consultant Name: _____
 (Name of firm being surveyed)

Cost of Services: _____ Date Complete: _____

Rate each of the criteria on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing that you were very satisfied (and would hire the firm/individual again) and 1 representing that you were very unsatisfied (and would never hire the firm/individual again). Please rate each of the criteria to the best of your knowledge. If you do not have sufficient knowledge of past performance in a particular area, leave it blank.

NO	CRITERIA	UNIT	SCORE
1	Ability to manage cost	(1-10)	
2	Ability to maintain project schedule (complete on-time/early)	(1-10)	
3	Quality of workmanship	(1-10)	
4	Professionalism and ability to manage	(1-10)	
5	Close out process	(1-10)	
6	Ability to communicate with Client's staff	(1-10)	
7	Ability to resolve issues promptly	(1-10)	
8	Ability to follow protocol	(1-10)	
9	Ability to maintain proper documentation	(1-10)	
10	Appropriate application of technology	(1-10)	
11	Overall Client satisfaction and comfort level in hiring	(1-10)	
12	Ability to offer solid recommendations	(1-10)	
13	Ability to facilitate consensus and commitment to the plan of action among staff	(1-10)	
14	Ability to provide timely and accurate invoices	(1-10)	

 Printed Name of Evaluator

 Signature of Evaluator

Please fax or email the completed survey to: _____

**AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION
IMMIGRATION LAWS**

SOLICITATION NO.: RFP 17-108, Professional Engineering Services for Parks and Natural Resources

POLK COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 a(e) {SECTION 274A(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT ("INA").

POLK COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY POLK COUNTY.**

BIDDER ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

Company Name: _____

Signature Title Date

STATE OF: _____
COUNTY OF: _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ who has produced _____ (Print or Type Name)

_____ as identification.
(Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration