

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 Procurement Division as soon as possible. It is the vendor's responsibility to verify if addenda have been issued.

RFP Number and Title: **24-217, Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects**

Description: Provide acquisition services for the federally funded drainage projects, including but not limited to, negotiations, business damages, settlements and closing, relocation, suit preparation, file retirement, and appraisal and appraisal review services as further described herein.

Receiving Period: Prior to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Bid Opening: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

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

Special Instructions: Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and must be sent to Tabatha Shirah, Procurement Analyst, via email at tabathashirah@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789. All questions must be received by, Wednesday March 13, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

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FAX OR EMAIL THIS FORM BACK IMMEDIATELY

FAX: (863) 534-6789/EMAIL: PROCUREMENT@POLK-COUNTY.NET

Carefully complete this form and email 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: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Proposers must submit their proposal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the receiving date. Proposals must be submitted in a “sealed” parcel or electronically through Polk County’s secure website, Kiteworks. Proposals will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on the receiving date.

Sealed Parcel Submittal:

If you are submitting a sealed parcel proposal submit one (1) original marked ORIGINAL and five (5) copies marked COPY of the proposal in a sealed parcel to the Procurement Division. The parcel should be labeled “**RFP #24-217, Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects**” and marked with the proposer’s name and address. The Proposals may be mailed or delivered to:

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

To assist with labeling the sealed parcel, please cut along the outer border and affix this label. Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the proposal where requested.

Sealed Proposal. DO NOT OPEN	
RFP Number	24-217
RFP Title	Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects
Due Date/Time:	March 20, 2024, prior to 2:00 pm
Submitted by:	
Deliver To:	Polk County Procurement Division 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida 33830

Proposals may be mailed, express mailed or hand delivered. It is the Proposers responsibility to ensure their package is delivered to the Procurement Division

prior to 2:00 p.m. on the Receiving date and time referenced above. Proposals delivered at 2:00 p.m. or later will not be accepted.

Electronic Proposals Submittal:

All prospective Proposers that are interested in submitting their proposals electronically can do so via the County’s secure electronic submittal website, Kiteworks. Proposers must email tabathashirah@polk-county.net at least 48 hours prior to opening to receive a link to upload their submittal. Please only upload your documents as a PDF or Excel file for the Cost Tab, if applicable. Please use the name convention of your files as follow:

“RFP 24-217 Tab 1”

“RFP 24-217 Tab 2”

“RFP 24-217 Tab 3”

“RFP 24-217 Tab 4”

“RFP 24-217 Tab 5”

“RFP 24-217 Tab 6”

For more instructions, a video tutorial has been produced to further explain the electronic solicitation submittal process. It can be found by clicking here for RFP Submittals: https://youtu.be/vkn_7AHgioE. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Tabatha Shirah, tabathashirah@polk-county.net

Procurement recommends that Proposers submitting electronically double check the documents submitted into Kiteworks to ensure all requested tab information has been uploaded. Failure to upload the requested tab information may result in the proposal being deemed nonresponsive.

POLK COUNTY

Procurement Division

Fran McAskill

Procurement Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 24-217

Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects

Sealed proposals will be received in the Procurement Division, **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, prior to 2:00p.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/procurement/procurement-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 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 Tabatha Shirah, via email at tabathashirah@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789. All questions must be received by Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 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, is soliciting proposals from Florida Department of Transportation District One qualified acquisition firms with federal funded acquisition and appraisal experience that are interested in providing real property/easement acquisition services for the following drainage projects:

Group A:

- Armstrong Road/S. Pipkin Road/Old Medulla Road drainage
- Creekwater Drive Drainage improvements.
- Carefree Cove drainage improvements

Group B:

- Hamilton Road & Medulla Road drainage improvements

The County reserves the right to remove any of the projects listed at any time from the resulting Agreements.

Acquisition services includes appraisal and relocation services in accordance with federal guidelines, and preparation of condemnation suit packages.

It is the intent of the County to select and negotiate agreements with up to two (2) firms, one (1) for each group, however, the County reserves the right to award both groups to one (1) firm.

Division shall mean Real Estate Services (RES) and Division Representative shall mean the Real Estate Services Administrator or other Designated Recipient.

These services are wholly funded by U.S. Department of Treasury (USDT) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF). All requirements of the federal award are applicable to the Successful Proposer, sub-consultants, and any material suppliers.

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

Background & Purpose:

Background

On May 3, 2022, the Board awarded multiple contracts to engineering firms to provide drainage evaluation, design, permitting and post-design services for several drainage improvement projects funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which must be completed by December 31, 2026. The design services for each of the drainage projects are currently in various stages. The construction plans/revised construction plans, property information/title reports, legal descriptions/sketches for each project to the extent completed are available on the following FTP site: <https://ftp3.polk-county.net>, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is procurevendor and the password is solicitation. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder “RFP 24-217 RFP Attachments”, select “Open” or “Save As” to download the RFP documents. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Tabatha Shirah at tabathashirah@polk-county.net.

Purpose

The selected consultant(s) will assist the County by providing the necessary property and/or easement acquisition services along with providing appraisal report services establishing values for the parcels required to allow the County to construct its drainage projects.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

ACQUISITIONS

Negotiations

1. Establish and maintain an accurate and complete working file for each parcel utilizing the Division’s number system and transmit all required documentation to the Division Representative when requested.

2. Review title searches provided by the Division, verify all title work through confirmation with the owner, and clarify any discrepancies through county property rolls and other necessary records.
3. Review right-of-way maps, legal descriptions and sketches, and construction plans provided by the Division and notify the Division Representative of any discrepancies.
4. Issue notification to affected parties (property owners and business owners) of condemnation rights as required by Florida Statute 73.015.
5. Verify that legal descriptions and sketches, right-of-way maps, surveys (if provided), and appraisal reports correspond with each other.
6. Identify parcels requiring subordination, prepare and process Subordination Agreements to Division Representative.
7. Initiate negotiations by making written purchase offer and, if necessary, provide applicable notice to business owner.
8. Issue all applicable notices in accordance with State and Federal policies and procedures and statutory requirements.
9. Conduct negotiations for the acquisition of each parcel in accordance with all Division policies and procedures.
10. Thoroughly and timely document all contacts with the property owners and/or their representatives.
11. Submit suit information packages to the Division Representative on all parcels identified in the Notice to Proceed no later than ninety (90) days after date of issuance of the approved appraisal reports, unless an administrative settlement has been approved by the County or the Division Representative directs the Consultant otherwise. The Consultant shall continue to use its best efforts to assist the Division in reaching a settlement until the Order of Taking is granted or until directed otherwise by the Division Representative.
12. Maintain a detailed production chart, approved by Division Representative, which will include, at a minimum, the Parcel number, owner(s), assigned agent, attorney information, significant dates, a history of negotiations undertaken, and information relating to closings.
13. Attend production meetings as directed by the Division Representative at which meetings all appropriate personnel must be present to discuss negotiation progress for each assigned parcel. A schedule of production meetings shall be established by the Division and during the negotiation process Consultant may be required to attend a minimum of two meetings per month at the direction of the Division Representative.

Business Damages (when applicable)

- Conduct in-depth business interviews with business owners to determine eligibility for potential damage claims and obtain appropriate documentation to support/refute their eligibility.
- Obtain “business records”, as defined by Florida Statute 73.015(2)(c)(2), if possible, from business owners and review any business damage offers submitted during negotiations.

- Conduct negotiations with the business owners regarding damages, based on the approved business damage report as part of normal acquisition negotiations.
- If appropriate, obtain, prior to or at closing, Business Damage Waivers/Releases, or an Agreement from all businesses eligible to make a business damage claim.

Settlements and Closing

1. Receive and review counteroffers from property owners or their representatives for consideration by the Division.
2. When appropriate, prepare justifications and recommendations for administrative settlements and submit such recommendations to the Division Representative for approval and further handling.
3. Conduct all necessary closings and all related activities including, but not limited to, providing an update title search, obtaining appropriate mortgage releases, satisfaction of all liens and encumbrances, collection, and payment of prorated real estate taxes. The Consultant shall perform an updated title search within or no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to closing a parcel.
4. At the discretion of the Division, Consultant shall prepare property inventory within one (1) day of closing or, if appropriate, within five (5) days of receipt of the certificate of deposit.

Relocation Services

When applicable, the consultant will provide relocation services to meet the requirements as set forth in the Uniform Relocation Act (federally funded projects).

Suit Preparation

- Review title searches provided by the Division, verify all information, obtain all suit information from property owners, comply with public disclosure requirements as necessary, and provide to the Division a complete list of all parties having a property interest in the parcel along with verified addresses sufficient to accomplish service of process. The Division will provide updated title work for suit packages.
- Provide right-of-way acquisition project personnel to assist the County Attorney's Office in providing testimony, responding to interrogatories and requests for production, verifying information required for service of process, and providing litigation assistance as needed.
- Using forms and a format approved by the Division, Consultant shall produce, prepare, and compile documents, pleadings, and litigation materials necessary for eminent domain lawsuits as directed by the Division and the County Attorney's Office. The schedule for such

lawsuits and suit packages shall be established during and provide comprehensive administrative support in the area of preparation of lawsuit packages, organization of same, and required photocopying, as directed by the Division Representative or the County Attorney's Office.

- When appropriate, revise litigation documents to reflect changes in ownership interests, property descriptions, valuations, or other elements intrinsic to the integrity of the lawsuit.
- Be available for the aforementioned revisions, consultations, and administrative support for litigation packages up to the time the Order of Taking is obtained at which time suit preparation services shall end.

File Retirement

Within thirty (30) days after title has been transferred to the County, the Consultant shall merge and consolidate the Consultant's file with the Division's file in accordance with Division's procedure.

Record Maintenance

1. Maintain all files and distribute all documents in accordance with the requirements of the Division.
2. Assist the Division with the maintenance of the official records management files as necessary to ensure the integrity of the files by delivering parcel documentation to the Division Representative on a timely basis.
3. Turn over all files to the Division Representative on a timely basis.
4. All Consultant project files shall be accessible and available to the Division Representative during normal business hours prior to completion of the Project.

Production Control

1. Report on the complete status of production on the project on a schedule to be determined by the Division Representative. Division may request suggestions for actions necessary to meet or improve the overall project schedule.
2. Using the form approved by the Division, Consultant shall provide production information to the Division Representative that is necessary to maintain the Division's right-of-way control system and other projection control systems necessary for the project.
3. Consultant shall utilize their own internal resources to maintain, and track assigned project acquisition or parcels.
4. Consultant shall provide a high-quality work product utilizing the appropriate standards for preparation, review and execution of all required documentation

associated with the overall acquisition and suit process prior to submittal to the Division.

Personnel

The Consultant shall provide a sufficient number of qualified personnel as necessary to effectively carry out its responsibilities under the agreement. The Consultant shall utilize only competent personnel who are qualified by experience and education, which are acceptable to the Division Representative. The Consultant may not make changes in personnel working on activities pursuant to the agreement without prior written approval of the Division Representative.

APPRAISAL AND APPRAISAL REVIEW

Appraisal Services

Appraisal Services include preparation of written appraisal reports and updates which shall conform to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices and the minimum standard as set forth in the Florida Statutes for property being acquired through eminent domain. The Appraiser shall be a State certified general appraiser. In addition, appraisals and appraisers must follow federal guidelines due to federal funds being used on the subject projects; and litigation services including, but not limited to, providing expert testimony in court proceedings (e.g. order of taking hearings, mediations, depositions and consultations), if requested by the RES Administrator, County Attorney's Office or by assigned outside counsel. The Consultant's designated Appraiser of Record shall be responsible for all work necessary and incidental to the completion of said items for this project unless otherwise noted herein. Such work may require services beyond the professional expertise of the appraiser of record, thus necessitating the use of sub-consultants.

Appraisal Review Services

Appraisal Review Services shall include the review of comparable sales data sheets and/or project data books, market studies, appraisal reports, etc., for accuracy and compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices the

minimum standard as set forth in the Florida Statutes, and federal guidelines for property being acquired through eminent domain, requesting and obtaining necessary corrections and/or additional data for appraisal reports, writing Review Appraisal Statements that recommend compensation due the landowner, which is based on market data, and, when requested by the RES Administrator or other designated County staff, preparing Review Appraiser Reports (Value Determinations) which reflect recommended compensation. The review appraiser will be responsible for all work necessary and incidental to the completion of said items for assigned projects unless otherwise noted therein.

Appraisers working for the selected acquisition consultant shall have experience in the preparation and review of federally funded condemnation appraisal reports. All appraisals shall be in a narrative format with three (3) hard copies remitted to the County.

Sub-Consultant Services

Consultant(s) may subcontract for specialized services that may be necessary in order for the Consultant(s) to carry out its requirements pursuant to the contract.

Issuance of Work

A Work Authorization with a corresponding Purchase Order and Notice to Proceed will be issued for each project. Each Work Authorization will include the agreed upon lump sum amount, scope of work, and schedule. Consultant will be paid based on the agreed upon milestones. Consultant may submit partial invoices for the percentage of work completed in each milestone. Work will be paid upon work task or milestone.

	TASK/MILESTONE
Acquisition	Property Owner and Business Tenant Notification
Acquisition	Initiation of Negotiations/First Offer

Acquisition	Approved Settlement and/or Approval of Submitted Lawsuit by Polk County
Acquisition	Property Closing or Order of Taking
Acquisition	File Retirement
Appraisal	Appraisal and Appraisal Review

No Work shall begin on any project until a duly authorized Purchase Order and Notice to Proceed has been issued.

The County will provide to the consultant construction plans/revised construction plans, property information/title reports, legal descriptions/sketches for each project listed below along with appropriate County acquisition documentation/form (e.g. Notice to Owner, Written Offer, etc.) to be utilized as templates for the Consultant.

The following are the subject drainage projects with estimated parcel counts:

- **Armstrong Road/S. Pipkin Road/Old Medulla Road Drainage (Estimate 1 Fee Parcel and 1 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcel [2 Fee owned parent parcels])**

This Project consists of addressing significant roadway flooding that occurs along Armstrong Road, S. Pipkin Road, and Old Medulla Road.

- **Creekwater Drive Drainage Improvements (Estimate 4 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcels and 1 Temporary Construction Easement Parcel [4 Fee owned parent parcels])**

This Project consists of upgrading an existing cross-drain under Creekwater Drive. The culvert is currently undersized and is subject to overtopping causing the road to washout.

- **Carefree Cove Drainage Improvements (Estimate 1 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcel [1 Fee owned parent parcel])**

This is a drainage improvement project to address localized street flooding within the Carefree Cove Community.

- **Hamilton Road & Medulla Road Drainage Improvements (Estimate 7 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcels and 9 Temporary Construction Easement Parcels [9 Fee owned parent parcels])**

The intersection of Hamilton Road and Medulla Road currently floods during heavy storm events.

AGREEMENT

The term of the agreement will begin upon the effective date of the agreement through acceptance and approval of the County of all deliverables to be outlined in the agreement.

The actual term will be negotiated as part of the Selection Process, Elevation Level 4.

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:

Tab 1 – Executive Summary

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

- Name, company name, address, telephone number, and email address.
- State the number of years in business, as the same company/firm.
- State the number of full-time employees.

- Provide documentation showing proper incorporation by the Secretary of State.
- Provide evidence of being an approved Florida Department of Transportation Acquisition Consultant.
- Exhibit III – Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters
- Exhibit IV – Certification Regarding Lobbying

Tab 2 – Approach to Project (20 Points)

(Maximum of four (4) pages)

- Provide a short narrative project approach outlining how you propose to respond to and manage this project.
- Please describe the specific abilities of the firm/team in regard to this approach. Include any innovative approaches to providing the services, and include any additional information not directly cited in the scope of services.
- Briefly describe firm’s quality assurance/quality control program.
- Please include a project schedule.

Tab 3 – Experience, Expertise, Personnel & Technical Resources (30 Points)

- Provide three (3) recent projects performed within the past five (5) years for which your firm performed federally funded acquisition services as the prime. At least two (2) of the projects should include multiple parcels. (Limit response to one (1) page per project)
- For each project please provide:
 - Name and location of the project;
 - Size and cost of the project;
 - Project representative name, address, phone number, and email address;
 - Date project was completed or is anticipated to be completed; compare to the original date.
 - The nature of the firm’s responsibility on the project;
 - Identify the key staff and their role in each project;
 - Identify working relationship of consultants or joint venture on project, if applicable;
- Provide the original budget and the final budget of the project. Explain the reason(s) for differences, such as owner requested change, consultant oversights, etc.
- List of any time extensions created by item h above.
- Provide an organizational chart of the team highlighting the key individuals who will work on this contract as identified above.
- The key staff presented in the consultant’s response shall be the staff utilized on this contract. Please provide the resumes of the key staff

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) Copy of license or certification (if applicable)
- d) Experience:
 - 1) Types of projects.
 - 2) Size of projects (dollar value of project).
 - 3) What were their specific project involvements?
- Identify sub consultants to be used, if any. 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, and a copy of licenses/certifications (if applicable).

Tab 4 – Cost (30 Points)

Please complete one, original copy of Attachment A, Cost Proposal. Proposers must provide a lump sum cost for each project listed below to be considered responsive. The lump sum amount for each project shall be inclusive of all costs to perform the services.

The Proposer with the lowest total cost of Groups A and B will receive the maximum 30 points. Each additional Proposer cost point allocation will be calculated based upon their relative cost difference from the lowest Proposers cost.

Tab 5 – Timely Completion of Projects (10 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 6 – Surveys of Past Performance (10 Points)

- Provide reference surveys from past clients for all projects identified under Tab 3.
- Completed surveys. (**See Exhibit I**) Procurement will take the average of all three 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** and five (5) copies marked **COPY**, and one (1) complete submittal on CD or flash drive of their proposal in a sealed container to the Procurement Division. The sealed container should be labeled “**RFP #24-217, Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects**” and marked with the respondent’s name and address. The Proposals may be mailed or delivered to:

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

The submittal shall be received by the County only at the above address prior to **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024.**

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.
- 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:
 - Surveys of Past Performance (Tab 6) 10 points
 - Cost (Tab 4) 30 points
 - Subtotal Points** **40 points**

by the process stated under each corresponding Tab description as set forth on Pages 15-18.

- Each Selection Committee member shall score each Proposal on the following evaluation criteria:
 - Approach to Project (Tab 2) 20 Points
 - Experience, Expertise, (Tab 3) 30 Points
 - Personnel and Technical Resources

- Timely Completion of Projects (Tab 5) 10 points
- Subtotal Points **60 points**

by the following process:

(1) Each Selection Committee member shall determine which of the following descriptions applies to each of the foregoing evaluation criteria:

- EXCELLENT (1.0): Of the highest or finest quality; exceptional; superior; superb; exquisite; peerless.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described specifically how and what will be accomplished in such a manner that exhibited an exceptional and superior 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 far beyond expectation.

- VERY GOOD (0.8): To a high degree; better than or above competent and/or skillful.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described specifically how and what will be accomplished in such a manner that exhibited a very high 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 beyond expectation.

- GOOD (0.6): Having positive or desirable qualities; competent; skilled; above average.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described specifically how and what will be accomplished in such a manner that exhibited a skillful and above-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 the expected level.

- FAIR (0.4): Average; moderate; mediocre; adequate; sufficient; satisfactory; standard.

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) If the Selection Committee decides to interview Proposers based on the final scores, then at a minimum the Selection Committee shall elevate the

two highest-ranked Proposers to Elevation Level 3 for interviews. If the Selection Committee decides not to interview Proposers, they will collectively decide if they would like to recommend the Board, or if applicable the County Manager authorize staff to enter into Contract Negotiations with all Proposers, starting with the highest scoring Proposer. After Board or County Manager approval, as applicable, to authorize staff to negotiate a contract, the Proposers will then be elevated to Elevation Level 4 for contract negotiations.

The determination of whether the County Manager may authorize negotiations, without further approval of the Board, is contingent upon whether the anticipated cost of the agreement exceeds \$100,000. The County Manager may authorize contract negotiations for contracts which are not anticipated to exceed \$100,000 in total.

Elevation Level 3 (Proposer Interviews)

The Selection Committee shall conduct interviews of the Proposers that it has elevated from Elevation Level 2 to Elevation Level 3. During an interview, elevated Proposers shall make a presentation describing the key elements of their Proposal and/or address any specific topics the Selection Committee may determine necessary. 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 shall evaluate each Proposer with emphasis on the following:

Proposer interview and presentation focusing on the key elements of their presentation and answers to questions of the Selection Committee.

After the interviews, each Selection Committee member will individually rank the Proposers in numerical order beginning at number 1 for the highest-ranked Proposer. 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, or if applicable the County manager, authorize staff to enter into Contract Negotiations with all Proposers elevated to Proposer Interviews, starting with the highest-ranked Proposer. After Board or County Manager approval, as applicable, to authorize staff to negotiate a contract, the highest-ranked Proposer will then be elevated to Elevation Level 4, Contract Negotiations.

The determination of whether the County Manager may authorize negotiations, without further approval of the Board, is contingent upon whether the anticipated cost of the agreement exceeds \$100,000. The County Manager may authorize contract negotiations for contracts which are not anticipated to exceed \$100,000 in total.

Elevation Level 4 (Contract Negotiations)

If a Proposer is elevated to this level, Real Estate Services, Procurement and the County Attorney's Office, with the assistance of the elevated Proposer shall negotiate an Agreement.

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 enter into contract negotiations with the next-highest ranked Proposer, and so on. If the recommend the Board 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, and so on, 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 Commissions 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

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 or 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 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 deductible per line of coverage shall not exceed \$25,000 without the permission of the County. Policies that include Self Insured Retention may not be accepted, as provided by federal rule or regulation. In the event of any failure by the firm to comply with these 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	\$200,000
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; Delete Exclusion relative to Collapse, Explosion and Underground Property Damage Hazards; 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. \$1,000,000 for errors and omissions, exclusive of defense costs.

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent provided by law, the Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and the U.S. Department of Treasury, and each of their respective officers, agents, and employees, against any actions, claims, or damages arising out of, relating to, or resulting from negligent or wrongful act(s) of the Consultant, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, acting within the scope of their office or employment, in connection with the rights granted to or exercised by the Consultant hereunder, to the extent and within the limitations of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

The forgoing indemnification shall not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond the limits set forth in Florida Statutes, Section 768.28. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by the Consultant to indemnify the County for the negligent acts or omissions of the County, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. Nor shall the same be construed to constitute agreement by the Consultant to indemnify the U.S Department of Treasury for the negligent acts or omissions of the Department, its officers, agents, or employees, or third parties. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

The Consultant declares and warrants that neither the Consultant nor any of the Consultant's affiliates, as that term is defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, are subject to the restrictions in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, regarding the commission of a public entity crime. If during the term of this Agreement, the Consultant or any affiliate is convicted of a public entity crime or is otherwise prohibited from performing work for or transacting business with the County pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, then the Consultant shall be in material default of this Agreement, and in such case, the County shall have the rights and remedies as provided herein.

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.

TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT – During the performance of this Contract, the Consultant, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “Consultant” agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21;
2. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
3. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
5. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age).
6. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 U.S.C. 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color national origins or sex).
7. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and consultants, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
8. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities,

public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38.

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 submittal 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 <https://www.polk-county.net/procurement>. 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, 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

Intentionally omitted. Not applicable with Federal Funds.

TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION

Pursuant to Section 287.055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the agency shall negotiate a contract with the most qualified firm for professional services at compensation which the agency determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable. In making such determination, the agency shall conduct a detailed analysis of the cost of the professional services required in addition to considering their scope and complexity. For any lump-sum or cost –plus-a-fixed-fee professional service contract over the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FOUR, the agency shall require the firm receiving the award to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. Any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required must contain a provision that the original contract price and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the agency determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments must be made within 1 year following the end of the contract.

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, State of Florida or the Middle District of Florida, Hillsborough County, Florida. The proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

CONTRACT

All contracts are subject to final approval of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners. Persons or firms which 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 one hundred and twenty (120) 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 submittals 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, **citing specifically the applicable exempting law.**

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 submittals received for this Request for Proposal are exempt from review for thirty (30) working 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 submittals shall remain exempt from disclosure for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months or at Recommendation of Award of the subsequent solicitation.

RFP PROTEST: Any proposer desiring to file a protest, with respect to a recommended award of any RFP, shall do so by filing a written protest. The written protest must be in the possession of the Procurement Division within three (3) working days of the Notice of Recommended Award mailing date. All proposers who submitted a proposal will be sent a Notice of Recommended Award, unless only one proposal was received.

A copy of the protest procedures may be obtained from the Polk County Procurement Division or can be downloaded from the County's website <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/protest-procedures/>.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROTEST PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TIME FRAMES PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS ESTABLISHED BY POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE PROPOSER'S RIGHT TO PROTEST AND ANY RESULTING CLAIM.

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN(S)

The vendor 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 firm will complete and submit the attached form "AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS."

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-Verify)

A. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below, or as may otherwise be defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time:

(i) "Contractor" means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies,

or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration; and

(ii) "E-Verify system" means an Internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees; and

(iii) "Subcontractor" means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.

B. Pursuant to Section 448.095(2)(a), Florida Statutes, effective January 1, 2021, public employers, contractors and subcontractors shall register with and use the E-verify system in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

(i) All persons employed by the Contractor to perform employment duties during the term of this contract; and

(ii) All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by the Contractor to perform work pursuant to this contract.

C. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System and compliance with all other terms of this section is an express condition of this contract, and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of this contract. By entering into this contract, the Contractor becomes obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes but is not limited to utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees, and requiring all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The *Contractor* shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this contract, or if

a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute, the subcontract must be terminated immediately. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If this contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of 1 year after the date of termination. The Contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of this contract. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow intentional discrimination of any class protected by law.

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.

INVOICING AND PAYMENT: Invoices are paid in accordance with Florida Statutes 218.70 Chapter 218 “Local Government Prompt Payment Act”. The successful proposer shall submit a properly certified invoice to the County at the contract prices. **An original invoice shall be submitted to the appropriate User Division.** The proposer shall include the contract number and/or the purchase order number on all invoices. By submitting an invoice, the proposer’s Project Manager or any authorized officer is attesting to the correctness and accuracy of all charges. Invoices will be processed for payment when approved by the appropriate Division’s Project Manager or designee. The County’s payment of an invoice shall not constitute evidence of the County’s acceptance of the Proposers performance of the Service or the County’s acceptance of any work.

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.

Prohibition Against Considering Vendor Interests: In accordance with Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not (i) request documentation of or consider a Vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Vendor is a responsible vendor; or (ii) give preference to a Vendor based on the Vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

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 Consultant 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 LIAISON OFFICER

POLK COUNTY

330 WEST CHURCH ST.

BARTOW, FL 33830

TELEPHONE: (863) 534-7527

EMAIL: RMLO@POLK-COUNTY.NET

RECORD RETENTION: Records are to be retained by the County and the Consultant for a minimum of ten (10) years from the date of final payment of these services or final payment of any related construction project, whichever occurs last.

EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE: The County project manager will complete a performance evaluation on the Successful Proposer upon completion of the scope of services described in this RFP.

ALLOWABLE COSTS: A determination of allowable costs in accordance with the Federal cost principles will be performed for services rendered under the resulting agreement to this RFP.

TERMINATION: The County may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, either for the County's convenience or because of the failure of the Consultant to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement, by delivering written notice to the Consultant. Upon receipt of such notice, the Consultant shall:

1. Immediately discontinue all affected Services unless the notice directs otherwise, and
2. Deliver to the County all data, reports, summaries, and any and all such other information and materials of whatever type or nature as may have been accumulated by the Consultant in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process.
3. Unless in dispute or subject to the County's right of set-off or other remedy, the Consultant shall be paid for Services actually rendered to the date of termination.
4. The rights and remedies of the County provided are in addition and supplemental to any and all other rights and remedies provided by law or under this agreement.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: In accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, 23 CFR 1.33, & 23 CFR 172.7(b)(4), no official or employee of a State or any other governmental instrumentality who is authorized in his official capacity to negotiate, make, accept or approve, or to take part in negotiating, making, accepting or approving any contract or subcontract in connection with a project shall have, directly or indirectly, any financial or other personal interest in any such contract or subcontract. No engineer, attorney, appraiser, inspector or other person performing services for a State or a governmental instrumentality in connection with a project shall have,

directly or indirectly, a financial or other personal interest, other than his employment or retention by a State or other governmental instrumentality, in any contract or subcontract in connection with such project. No officer or employee of such person retained by a State or other governmental instrumentality shall have, directly or indirectly, any financial or other personal interest in any real property acquired for a project unless such interest is openly disclosed upon the public records of the State highway department and of such other governmental instrumentality, and such officer, employee or person has not participated in such acquisition for and in behalf of the State. It shall be the responsibility of the State to enforce the requirements of this section.

Scrutinized Companies and Business Operations Certification; Termination.

A. Certification(s)

(I) By its execution of this Agreement, the Vendor hereby certifies to the County that the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, nor is the Vendor engaged in a boycott of Israel, nor was the Vendor on such List or engaged in such a boycott at the time it submitted its bid, proposal, quote, or other form of offer, as applicable, to the County with respect to this Agreement.

(II) Additionally, if the value of the goods or services acquired under this Agreement are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), then the Vendor further certifies to the County as follows:

(a) the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and

(b) the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and

(c) the Vendor is not engaged in business operations (as that term is defined in Florida Statutes, Section 287.135) in Cuba or Syria; and

(d) the Vendor was not on any of the Lists referenced in this subsection A(ii), nor engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria when it submitted its proposal to the County concerning the subject of this Agreement.

(iii) The Vendor hereby acknowledges that it is fully aware of the penalties that may be imposed upon the Vendor for submitting a false certification to the County regarding the foregoing matters.

B. Termination. In addition to any other termination rights stated herein, the County may immediately terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) The Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection A(i) above, or the Vendor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

(ii) The Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection A(ii) above, or the Vendor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and the value of the goods or services acquired under this Agreement are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS-FEDERAL CLAUSES

The County has been awarded and received American Rescue Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) for the services to be provided under the Agreement from the U.S. Department of Treasury. In accordance with the federal procurement standards at 2 C.F.R. sections 200.317 through 200.327 the following clauses are incorporated in this RFP, any resulting award with the prime Consultant, and any resulting contracts between the prime Consultant and sub-contractors and material suppliers. The following conditions are supplemental to the General Terms and Conditions. Where there is conflict, these Supplemental Conditions prevail unless the General Terms and Conditions are stricter.

1. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(1) Overtime requirements. Neither the Consultant, nor any subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the Consultant and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such consultant and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours

without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. the U.S. Department of Treasury, the applicable Federal agency, or Polk County as the recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the consultant or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime consultant, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime consultant, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such consultant or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The Consultant or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Clean Air Act

(1) The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

(2) The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the U.S. Department of Treasury and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

(1) The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

(2) The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the U.S. Department of Treasury, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Debarment and Suspension (Exhibit III)

(1) This Contract/Purchase Order is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Consultant is required to verify that none of the Consultant, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The Consultant must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Polk County. If it is later determined that the Consultant did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the U.S. Department of Treasury and the County. The Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract or purchase order that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)

Consultants who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification (attached hereto as Exhibit IV). Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

Procurement of Recovered Materials.

(1) In the performance of this Contract/Purchase Order, the Consultant shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

- (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- (iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>."

Domestic Preference

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.322, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, the County must provide a preference for the purchase acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of this section:

(1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

Affirmative Action.

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.321, the County is committed to taking all necessary steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. The Consultant shall also take such affirmative steps in the selection of its subcontractors, laborers and materialmen. Affirmative steps include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract and any Purchase Order issued hereunder:

(1) The Consultant agrees to provide Polk County and the U.S. Department of Treasury, or any of their authorized representatives, including but not limited to the Government Accountability Office ("GOA"), Treasury's Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), and the Pandemic Relief Accountability Committee ("PRAC"), access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Consultant which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Consultant agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The Consultant agrees to provide the U.S. Department of Treasury or their authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the applicable Purchase Order."

USDT Seal, Logo, and Flags. The Consultant shall not use the USDT seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of USDT agency officials without specific USDT pre- approval.

Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders. This is an acknowledgement that U.S. Department of Treasury American Rescue Plan financial assistance will be used to fund the Contract only. The Consultant will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

No Obligation by Federal Government. The Federal Government is not a party to this Purchase Order and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, consultant, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Purchase Order.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts.

The Consultant acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Consultant's actions pertaining to this Purchase Order.

Default and Remedy.

Process. If the Consultant materially defaults in the timely performance of any Contract obligation, or if the Consultant is otherwise in material default of the Contract, including, without limitation, the Consultant's failure to timely deliver any portion, or the entirety, of the Project Work in accordance with the Contract documents, then the County shall have the right to (i) with or without terminating the Contract, immediately call in any bonds or other form of security, and engage other consultants or providers at the Consultant's sole cost and expense to provide those unperformed or deficient Contract obligations of the Consultant; (ii) set-off the monetary amount of any and all damages arising therefrom, whether direct or indirect, actual or liquidated, from the amounts due Consultant pursuant to the Contract documents, (iii) immediately terminate the Contract by delivering written notice to the Consultant, and (iv) pursue any and all remedies available in law, equity, and under the Contract, including, without limitation, the recovery of any increased cost to the County to complete the Project Work due to the loss of American Rescue Plan funding caused, directly or indirectly, by the Consultant's delay. Upon any such termination pursuant to this Section, the County shall pay the Consultant the full amount due and owing for all services properly performed through the date of the Contract termination, less any amount subject to the County's right of set-off, and all liability of the County to the Consultant shall cease.

Certain Material Defaults. Among other matters, including without limitation, the Consultant's failure to timely deliver any portion, or the entirety, of the Project Work in accordance with the Contract documents, as described immediately above, any of the following shall constitute the Consultant's material default of the Contract: the appointment of a receiver to take possession of all or substantially all of the Consultant's assets, a general assignment by the Consultant for the benefit of creditors, or any action taken by or suffered by Consultant under any insolvency or bankruptcy act; or the Consultant is convicted of a public entity crime, is determined to have violated federal or state law prohibiting discrimination as stated in Section 287.134, Florida Statutes, or is prohibited from performing work for or transacting business with the County pursuant to Section 287.133 or to Section 287.134, Florida Statutes; or an assignment of the Contract made without the express written consent of the County; or the submission of a false certification to the County or engagement in prohibited business operations, both as described in the Contract Documents.

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

EXHIBIT I

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PREPARE AND SEND PERFORMANCE SURVEYS

The objective of this process is to identify the past performance of the Consultant 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. Monroe County Florida, X School Board, City of Ft. Lauderdale, etc.).
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 (Acquisition & Appraisal Services for Hillsborough County)
COST OF SERVICES	Cost of services (\$100,000)
DATE COMPLETE	Date when the services were completed. (i.e. 5/31/2019)

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 firm 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 firm should enter the past clients' contact information, and project information on each survey form for each reference. The firm should also enter the name of the Consultant being surveyed.
3. The firm is responsible for ensuring all references/surveys are included in their submittal under Tab 6.
4. 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.

EXHIBIT I - Survey Questionnaire – Polk County

RFP 24-217, Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects

To: _____ (Name of Person completing survey)
 _____ (Name of Client Company/Consultant)
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Total Annual Budget of Entity _____

Subject: Past Performance Survey of Similar work:

Project name: _____

Name of Consultant being surveyed:

Cost of Services: Original Cost: _____ Ending Cost: _____

Contract Start Date: _____ Contract End Date: _____

Rate each of the criteria on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing that you were very satisfied (and would hire the Consultant /individual again) and 1 representing that you were very unsatisfied (and would never hire the Consultant /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)	

Printed Name of Evaluator _____

Signature of Evaluator: _____

Please fax or email the completed survey to: _____

EXHIBIT II - AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.: RFP 24-217

PROJECT NAME: Acquisition Services – Drainage Projects

POLK COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONSULTANT 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 CONSULTANT 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 acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (name) as _____ (title of officer) of _____ (entity name), on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

Notary Public

Print Name _____

EXHIBIT III

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

For all awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities, the Offeror must complete and sign the following:

The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the consultant is required to verify that none of the consultant, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The consultant must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the "County"). If it is later determined that the consultant did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the U.S. Department of Treasury, the County, and the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

SIGNATURE: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT IV

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned _____ (Consultant) certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Consultant, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Consultant understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Consultant’s Authorized Official _____

Name and Title of Consultant’s Authorized Official _____

Date _____

Attachment A, Cost Proposal

Project	Project Description	Lump Sum Amount
Group A		
1	Armstrong Road/S. Pipkin Road/Old Medulla Road Drainage (Estimate 1 Fee Parcel and 1 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcel [2 Fee owned parent parcels])	\$
2	Creekwater Drive Drainage Improvements (Estimate 4 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcels and 1 Temporary Construction Easement Parcel [4 Fee owned parent parcels])	\$
3	Carefree Cove Drainage Improvements (Estimate 1 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcel [1 Fee owned parent parcel])	\$
Group B		
4	Hamilton Road & Medulla Road Drainage Improvements (Estimate 7 Perpetual Drainage Easement Parcels and 9 Temporary Construction Easement Parcels [9 Fee owned parent parcels])	\$
Grand Total of Groups A & B		\$

Proposers must provide a lump sum cost for each project listed below to be considered responsive.

Proposer Name: _____