



FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FWC 12/13-11**

SOUTH REGIONAL OFFICE HVAC REPLACEMENT

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RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEID): _____

Vendor's Class A Certified Air Conditioning License Number: _____

I certify that this RFP response is submitted without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same professional services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this RFP and certify that I am authorized to sign this acknowledgement for the respondent.

PRINTED NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

SUBMIT RFP RESPONSE TO:

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PURCHASING OFFICE, ROOM 364
620 SOUTH MERIDIAN STREET
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-1600
PHONE: (850) 488-3427**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SCHEDULE | DUE DATE | METHOD |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RFP Advertised | July 17, 2012 | Posted electronically via the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu |
| MANDATORY Site Visit | July 26, 2012 | See "Mandatory Site Visit" clause to arrange a site visit |
| Deadline for Questions | Must be received PRIOR to: July 31, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m. | See "Deadline for Questions" clause |
| SEALED RESPONSES DUE AND OPENED (make sure RFP Number is clearly marked on envelope) | Must be received PRIOR to: August 8, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. | Submit to: Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Attn: Purchasing 620 S. Meridian St., Room 364 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600 |

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The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's ("FWC" or "Commission") mission in Florida is to manage fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people. The Commission administers six major programs including habitat and species conservation, freshwater fisheries management, law enforcement, marine fisheries management, hunting and game management and fish and wildlife research.

PURPOSE

The intent of this Request for Proposal ("RFP") is to obtain competitive proposals for HVAC replacement services at the Commission's facility located at 8535 Northlake Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33412, per the specifications contained in this RFP document.

BACKGROUND

The current system at the facility is costing FWC thousands of dollars in repairs and maintenance annually. In the last several months there have been malfunctions in the water flow of the tower that caused the consumption of thousands of unnecessary gallons of water. This unit has been inspected by FWC staff and HVAC contractors and FWC believes that if this unit is not replaced in the near future there will be a catastrophic failure of the existing piping, valves and electric motors causing fire, flooding that will cause irreversible damage to the existing equipment. FWC hopes that by replacing the current system the electricity costs can be reduced by approximately thirty (30) percent and will cut the facility's water bill in half.

MINIMUM VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

Vendor qualifications shall include at a minimum a Class A Certified Air Conditioning License for unlimited work in air conditioning issued by the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

The vendor shall furnish all professional & skilled services, supervision, labor, materials, tools, equipment, insurance and permits, if necessary, to provide an energy efficient, environmentally friendly air conditioning system to replace the facility's existing HVAC system. In addition, vendor shall oversee work and set a schedule for completing the work, which will be approved by the FWC Contract Manager. Note: Vendor's proposal should include the manufacturer's specifications for the HVAC units.

The system at a minimum should contain the following:

- Meet or exceed the performance and proper tonnage of existing units.
- Ability to precisely control the temperature and humidity in the facility.
- Flexibility to provide solutions to the numerous "hot spots" throughout the facility.
- Controls that can be monitored and operated offsite twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week.
- Controls that monitor the entire system and will provide internet or cell phone trouble alerts if the temperature or humidity exceeds the preset parameters.
- Equipment that is compatible with the existing duct system and would require only minor modifications to the existing electrical system.
- Capacity for expansion and modification if building load requirements increase or move within the structure.
- Entire system should be highly energy efficient and should operate reliably and quietly.

The vendor shall at a minimum perform the following:

- Vendor shall ensure that work is done on weekends starting at 5:00 pm on Friday and completed by 8:00 am on Monday or after hours on weekdays and shall ensure that facility is returned to normal air conditioned operations in air conditioned spaces during FWC working hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm OR vendor shall provide air conditioned trailer/work space on-site for any work conducted Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Vendor shall install equipment in strict compliance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations.
- Vendor shall reconnect all electrical.
- Vendor shall reconnect all ductwork.
- Vendor shall ensure that upon completion of installation that all systems are checked, tested and started.
- Vendor shall disconnect, remove and dispose of old existing unit(s). Vendor shall be responsible for hauling off and appropriately disposing of any trash, debris, etc. to an acceptable off-base facility for proper disposal. Vendor shall also be responsible for appropriately removing, processing, and/or disposing of hazardous materials encountered during this project in accordance with federal, state and local statutes and codes. Vendor shall provide certification of proper disposal of existing units, if requested.
- Vendor shall obtain any necessary permits at vendor's expense.
- Vendor shall provide material and equipment security. Vendor is responsible for ensuring that all materials and equipment are properly secured at all times against man-made and/or natural events.
- Vendor shall provide a secure staging area for storing equipment and supplies pertinent to contract actions
- Vendor shall protect all furniture, carpeting, flooring, doors, door facings, ceilings, windows, and interior walls from damage, and shall make all repairs or replacements at the vendor's expense and shall be responsible for any negligence of its workers, and shall report to FWC any such damage to the building, which may exist or may occur during the project.

MANDATORY SITE VISIT

A mandatory site visit will be held at the facility on the date specified in the Calendar of Events (Page 1). The purpose of Site Visit is to discuss the contents of this RFP and to accept verbal questions from vendors concerning the project. **Vendors must attend this site visit in order to submit a proposal.**

The FWC will make a reasonable effort to answer verbal questions asked at the site visit, however, vendors should clearly understand that verbal discussions held at the site visit shall not be binding on the FWC, and the FWC will only issue an official written response to verbal questions subsequently submitted in writing in accordance with the Deadline for Questions clause below.

Contact person for visit to the site:

Donny Moore, Regional Operations Manager
8535 Northlake Boulevard
West Palm Beach, Florida 33412
(561) 882-5757
donald.moore@myfwc.com

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The Vendor, in undertaking the work under this contract, is assumed to have visited the premises and to have taken into consideration all conditions which might affect the work. No consideration will be given to any claims based on lack of knowledge of existing conditions.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS

Any questions from vendors that require an official FWC answer concerning this project shall be submitted in writing to the Procurement Manager identified below. Questions must be received no later than the date and time specified in the Calendar of Events (Page 1). Questions may be sent via e-mail, hard copy by mail, or facsimile. It is the responsibility of the respondent to confirm receipt of questions if needed.

If questions are received, an addendum will be issued and shall be posted on the Vendor Bid System internet site at the following address: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu

Questions shall be directed to:

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Tallahassee Purchasing Office
Attn: Jerilyn Bailey, Procurement Manager
620 South Meridian Street, Room 364
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
(850) 488-3427
jerilyn.bailey@myfwc.com

PROPOSAL OPENING LOCATION

The public opening of this RFP will be conducted as specified in the Calendar of Events, at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, **Tallahassee Purchasing Office**, Room 364, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1600. **PRPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED WILL BE REJECTED.**

Any person with a qualified disability shall not be denied equal access and effective communication regarding any proposal documents or the attendance at any related meeting or proposal opening. If accommodations are needed because of a disability, please contact the Purchasing Section at (850) 488-3427 at least three workdays prior to the opening.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The vendor shall **submit one (1) hard copy original AND five (5) electronic copies on individual disks** of their proposal to the address listed on the Calendar of Events.
2. The vendor shall submit their proposal **before the opening date and time** stated in the Calendar of Events.
3. All proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box marked "South Regional Office HVAC Replacement, RFP FWC 12/13-11".

MANDATORY RESPONSIVENESS REQUIREMENTS/PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposal submission should be organized as follows:

TAB A. Respondent Acknowledgment Form (Page 2 - Mandatory Form)

In order for a potential vendor's response to be valid, the vendor shall complete and submit the Respondent Acknowledgment form enclosed herein. By affixing your signature to the Respondent Acknowledgment form, the vendor hereby states that the vendor has read all RFP specifications and conditions and agrees to all terms, conditions, provisions, specifications, and is currently licensed to do business within the State of Florida, if required by State or Federal Law, for the services or commodities the vendor will provide the Commission under these RFP specifications. The Respondent Acknowledgment form shall be completed in its entirety, and returned, as part of the RFP response or the response shall be rejected.

TAB B. Contractor Qualification form (Pages 20-22 - Mandatory Form)

The vendor shall complete and submit the Contractor Qualification form enclosed herein, to document that they are competent and have the necessary resources to fulfill the terms and conditions of this RFP. The Contractor Qualification form shall be completed in its entirety, and returned, as part of the RFP response or the response shall be rejected.

TAB C. References Form (Page 23 - Mandatory Form) - The vendor shall complete and submit the References form enclosed herein, to provide a minimum of three (3) references for similar projects completed. Current contact names, phone numbers and email addresses shall be given. This information shall be provided on the Reference Form, enclosed herein, and submitted with proposal. The References form shall be completed in its entirety, and returned, as part of the RFP response or the response shall be rejected.

TAB D. Experience Form (Page 24 - Mandatory Form) - The vendor shall complete and submit the Experience form, enclosed herein, which should include a chronological list of vendor's experience, a description of the services provided for each operation, and duration of each project. The Experience form shall be completed in its entirety, and returned, as part of the RFP response or the response shall be rejected.

TAB E. Project Plan (Created by Vendor - Mandatory Submission)

1. Demonstration of Understanding
2. Approach
3. Experience and ability
4. Optional Services offered and the costs of those optional services

TAB F. Price Proposal (Created by Vendor - Mandatory Submission)

TAB G. Addendum Forms (if applicable)

NOTE: The COMMISSION shall not be responsible for the U.S. Mail or other couriers regarding mail being delivered by the specified date and time so that a proposal may be considered. Proposals received after the opening date and time shall be returned to the vendor. The COMMISSION does not accept faxed or electronically mailed proposals, and if a faxed or electronic mailed proposal is received, it will be automatically rejected as non-

responsive. In addition the Commission is not responsible for the opening of any envelopes or packages that are not properly marked.

SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

A committee composed of at least five (5) representatives of the Commission who have experience and knowledge of the required services and/or commodities required, shall independently evaluate and score each of the proposals. The evaluation shall include the overall response to the RFP and the requirements defined in the RFP evaluation criteria.

Each evaluation committee member's score for each Proposal will be added and averaged to determine the final score for each Proposal. The proposal with the highest score shall be awarded the contract.

In cases where Vendors submit proposals that are determined by the Commission's evaluation committee to contain equal or very nearly equal terms, stated herein, the evaluation committee shall have no obligation except to select the proposal which they consider to be in the best interest of the State.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. General

1. The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received and reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the responses submitted. Therefore, responses should be submitted initially in the most favorable manner.
2. A non-responsive proposal shall include, but not be limited to, those that: a) are irregular or are not in conformance with the requirements and instructions contained herein; b) fail to utilize or complete prescribed forms; or c) have improper or undated signatures. **A NON-RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
3. The Commission may waive minor informalities or irregularities in the proposals received where such are merely a matter of form and not substance, and the corrections of which **ARE NOT PREJUDICIAL** to other respondents.

B. Scoring

Up to 100 points shall be awarded based on the categories outlined below.

1. Prior and Related Experience – Total 20 Point Value
2. Project Plan – Total 40 Point Value
3. Price – Total 40 Point Value

LIMITATION ON VENDOR CONTACT DURING SOLICITATION PERIOD

Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement manager or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

VENDOR INQUIRIES

If the RFP specifications could restrict potential Vendor competition, the Vendor may request in writing, to the Commission, that the specifications be changed prior to submission of the RFP. The Commission shall determine what changes to the RFP are acceptable to the Commission. If accepted, the Commission shall issue an addendum reflecting the changes to this RFP, which shall be posted to the Vendor Bid System, internet site: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu. Said specifications shall be considered as the Commission's minimum mandatory requirements. Also, the Commission shall recognize only communications from Vendors, which are signed, by the Vendor and in writing as duly authorized expressions on behalf of the Vendor.

ECONOMY OF PRESENTATION

Each proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise delineation of Vendor's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Elaborate binding, colored displays, and promotional materials are not required; however, examples of services provided may be included as attachments to the proposal. Emphasis in each proposal must be on completeness and clarity of content. In order to expedite the evaluation of proposals, it is essential that Vendors follow the format and instructions contained herein. All costs associated with preparing a response to this RFP is the sole responsibility of the respondent.

POSTING OF PROPOSAL TABULATION

Proposal Tabulation, with recommended award, will be posted for review by interested parties on the Vendor Bid System's internet site (http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu) on or about the date indicated in the calendar of events, and will remain posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours, which does not include weekends or state observed holidays. Any vendor who desires to protest the recommended award must file a notice of protest with the Purchasing Section, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 S. Meridian Street, Room 364, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes.

Failure to file a protest within time prescribed in Section 120.57 (3), Florida Statutes, will constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F. S. Either failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a petition will constitute such waiver.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms conditions take precedence over the PUR1001 and PUR1000 forms where applicable. The Commission objects to and shall not consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by a respondent, including any appearing in documents attached as part of a respondent's response. In signing and submitting its response, a respondent agrees that any additional terms or conditions, whether submitted intentionally or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. Failure to comply with terms and conditions, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a response, shall be grounds for rejecting a response.

CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The respondent is required to examine carefully the conditions and specifications of this RFP and to be thoroughly informed regarding any and all requirements of the conditions and specifications.

VERBAL INSTRUCTION PROCEDURE

Vendors may not consider any verbal instructions as binding upon the Commission. No negotiations, discussions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Vendor as a result of any discussion with any Commission employee. Only those communications from the

Commission that are in writing, may be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Commission.

ADDENDUMS

If the COMMISSION finds it necessary to supplement, modify or interpret any portion of the specifications or documents during the ITB period an addendum shall be posted on the Vendor Bid System internet site: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu. An Addendum Acknowledgment Form will be included with each addendum and shall be signed by an authorized vendor representative, dated, and returned to the COMMISSION prior to the opening date and time specified in the Calendar of Events. Each vendor is responsible for monitoring the Vendor Bid System site for new or changing information relative to this procurement.

NOTICE TO PROCEED

The successful respondent shall not initiate work under this contract until the required insurance have been received by the Commission. The respondent may begin work once it has received an official written Notice to Proceed from the Project Manager.

CONTRACT

This RFP, the successful vendor's response, and the Direct Order/Written Agreement, shall form the contract between the parties. In the event there is any disagreement between the documents, the parties shall refer first to the Request for Proposal then to Vendor's response. The Commission reserves the right to revise the Direct Order/Written Agreement as necessary to meet the requirements of this RFP.

CONTRACT TERM

Contract execution will be based on the appropriation of funds to pay for the project. The contract shall begin upon execution by both parties and will be in effect from the date of execution until a date determined by the FWC based on vendor responses to this RFP.

If circumstances constituting Force Majeure have occurred, or if anything occurs beyond the Vendor's control, the Vendor may request in writing an extension. The FWC Contract Manager and the Contract Administrator, upon review of the extension request, will determine and approve if the extension can be made.

FWC CONTRACT MANAGER

The FWC employee identified below is designated as Contract Manager and shall perform the following on behalf of the FWC:

- Review, verify, and approve receipt of services/deliverables from the vendor;
- Submit requests for change orders/amendments/renewals, if applicable;
- Review, verify, and approve invoices from the vendor; and, if applicable, the Certificates of Partial Payment requests, and the Certificate of Contract Completion form
- Maintain an official record of all correspondence between the Commission and the vendor and forward the original correspondence to the Tallahassee Procurement Manager for the official file.

The FWC Contract Manager is:

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Graham Singers, Contract Manager
8535 Northlake Boulevard
West Palm Beach, FL 33412
(561) 625-5122
graham.singers@myfwc.com

DELIVERABLES

The following services or service tasks are identified as deliverables for the purposes of this Contract:

- a.) Performance of all services set forth in the Scope of Work.
- b.) Submission of all invoicing, supporting documentation, Corrective Action Plans and reports.

PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING

The vendor shall perform the services described in the Scope of Work in 100% compliance with all of the Terms and Conditions of this Contract. The Commission's Contract Manager and/or his designee will monitor the vendor's service delivery to determine if the vendor has achieved the required level of performance. The Commission reserves the right for any Commission staff to make scheduled or unscheduled, announced or unannounced monitoring visits. If the Commission determines that the vendor failed to meet any of the Terms and Conditions of this Contract, the vendor will be sent a formal written contract notice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of notice the Vendor shall provide with Commission with a formal written Corrective Action Plan in response to all noted deficiencies. The Vendor shall correct all identified deficiencies within forty-five (45) days of notice. The Commission may conduct follow-up monitoring at any time to determine compliance based on the submitted Corrective Action Plan. Failure to meet 100% compliance with all of the Terms and Conditions of this Contract or failure to correct the deficiencies identified in the notice within the time frame specified may result in liquidated damages, and/or termination of this Contract in accordance with the Termination section.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the Vendor fails to complete the work or the conditions of the Purchase Order Contract and/or Amendments by the completion date, the Commission shall have the right to deduct from any amount due and payable to the Vendor, as liquidated damages, in an amount \$100.00 per calendar day. All liquidated damages assessed after the agreed to work completion date will include every day of the week (weekdays and weekends). Exceptions to this may be made if a delay is attributable to circumstances that are clearly beyond the control of the Vendor. The burden of proof of unavoidable delay shall rest with the Vendor and shall be supplied in a written form and submitted to the Project Manager.

PERMITTING

Permitting for this project, if needed, is the responsibility of the vendor. A copy of all permits will be shall be posted at the work site location at all times during the project. The vendor is responsible for complying with all permit conditions and the vendor shall pay any penalties arising from the vendor's permit violations.

LICENSURE

The Vendor shall be licensed as necessary to perform under this Contract as may be required by law, rule, or regulation, and shall provide evidence of such compliance to the Commission upon request.

WARRANTIES/DAMAGED ITEMS/DELIVERY

The vendor shall assume full responsibility for providing or ensuring warranty coverage and/or warranty service on any and all items including goods, materials, or equipment provided to the Commission. If the vendor is not the Manufacturer, all Manufacturer warranties must be passed through to the Commission.

This project will have a two (2) year workmanship and material warranty at the completion of project. Vendor will provide semi-annual warranty inspections during the warranty period and provide a final warranty report prior to the twenty-third (23rd) month of the warranty period. Warranty inspections shall be scheduled during change over between heating and cooling seasons.

Delivery shall be made no later than the Delivery Date specified by the FWC Contract Manager. The vendor shall pay all costs associated with delivery of parts and equipment and shall assume full responsibility for all item(s) damaged prior to the F.O.B. destination delivery and agree to hold harmless the Commission of all responsibility for prosecuting damage claims.

The vendor shall assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged parts and equipment within thirty (30) days of notice by the Commission of such defect or damage.

GUARANTEE

If parts and/or equipment do not comply with the specifications contained herein, the vendor shall replace the product(s) at the vendor's expense. The delivery of the replacement parts and/or equipment shall be made within thirty (30) days following the FWC Contract Manager's notification to the vendor that the original product(s) was non-compliant. All costs of replacement parts and/or equipment will be the sole responsibility of the vendor.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Workers' Compensation

To the extent required by law, the Vendor will either be self-insured for Worker's Compensation claims, or will secure and maintain during the life of this Contract, Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of its employees connected with the work of this project. If any work is subcontracted, the Vendor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Vendor. Such self-insurance program or insurance coverage shall comply fully with the Florida Workers' Compensation law. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under this Contract is not protected under Workers' Compensation statutes, the Vendor shall provide, and cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate insurance satisfactory to the Commission, for the protection of his employees not otherwise protected.

Employers who have employees who are engaged in work in Florida must use Florida rates, rules, and classifications for those employees. In the construction industry, only corporate officers of a corporation or any group of affiliated corporations may elect to be exempt from workers' compensation coverage requirements. Such exemptions are limited to a maximum of three per corporation and each exemption holder must own at least 10% of the corporation. Independent contractors, sole proprietors and partners in the construction industry cannot elect to be exempt and must maintain workers' compensation insurance.

2. Vendor's Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance

The vendor shall secure and maintain, during the life of this contract, comprehensive general liability insurance as shall protect him/her from claims based on personal injury, including accidental death, as well as claims for property damage which may arise from operations under this contract whether such operations be by vendor or by

vendor's agents or employees in the amount that such insurance shall be the minimum limit as follows:

1. Bodily Injury Liability - \$300,000 each incident
2. Property Damage Liability (other than automobile) - \$100,000 each incident

The vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Commission harmless from any and all claims or demands for any personal injury or property damage resulting or occurring in connection with any activities conducted under this contract and shall investigate all claims of every nature at its expense. In addition, the vendor agrees to be responsible for any injury or property damage resulting from any activities conducted under this agreement.

The Commission shall be exempt from, and in no way be liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor and/or sub-contractor providing such insurance.

The Vendor shall provide and maintain the insurance as set forth in this contract and shall not cause this coverage to lapse for any reason during the life of the contract.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

The Vendor agrees to supply proof of insurance to the Commission's Tallahassee Purchasing Office within five (5) calendar days after execution of the Purchase Order/Contract, with the types and coverage outlined herein by the Commission. The proof of insurance must contain the RFP number and all insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in Florida. Copies are acceptable and can be faxed to (850) 921-2500.

DAMAGES TO STATE PROPERTY

Any damages to state property (i.e. structures, roads, culverts, fences, trees, or other natural resources etc.) caused by the Vendor while working on this project shall be the responsibility of the vendor to remedy, as determined by the Commission. The vendor shall be responsible for the conduct of all vendor personnel at all times while on the job site.

Should any historical or cultural artifacts be uncovered the vendor shall immediately halt work and notify the Project Manager. Please note: The State Archeologist has the power to halt work if he or she has reason to believe artifacts are being disturbed.

SUBCONTRACTS

The Vendor is fully responsible for all work performed under the Contract resulting from this RFP. The Vendor may, upon receiving prior written consent from the Project Manager, enter into written subcontract(s) for performance of certain functions under the Contract. No subcontract, which the Vendor enters into with respect to performance of any of its functions under the Contract, shall in any way relieve the Vendor of any responsibility for the performance of its duties. All payments to subcontractors shall be made by the Vendor.

TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

This contract shall terminate immediately upon the Commission giving written notice to the Vendor in the event of fraud, willful misconduct, failure to perform work in an appropriate and timely manner, or breach of this contract. If this contract is terminated because of failure on part of the Vendor to fulfill his/her undertakings under this contract,

the Commission may order the vendor to cease all work and assume the work and services and perform them to completion under the contract specifications or otherwise. Upon such order and completion of work by the Commission, the Vendor shall be liable to the Commission for any excess cost occasioned to the Commission thereby.

In such an event, the Vendor may be found in default and removed from the Department of Management Services' approved Vendor list as per 60A-1.006 of the Florida Administrative Code; it is also possible the company may be removed from the State of Florida's approved Vendor list.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The Commission may terminate this Contract at any time with or without cause by a written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, from the Commission to the Vendor. Upon receipt of such notice, the Vendor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue all work and services. If the contract is terminated for the convenience of the Commission, payment to the Vendor will be made promptly at the contract price for that portion of work actually performed and accepted.

Upon termination of this Contract, the Vendor shall promptly render to the Commission all property belonging to the Commission. For the purposes of this section, property belonging to the Commission shall include, but shall not be limited to, all books and records kept on behalf of the Commission.

FAMILIARITY WITH LAWS

The Vendor is required to be familiar with all Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. The vendor shall comply with all laws and rules applicable to the vendor(s) that shall provide the required commodities or services to the Commission. Ignorance on the part of the Vendor will in no way relieve him from responsibility.

ELIGIBILITY

The Vendor shall be licensed as necessary to perform under this contract as may be required by law, rule, or regulation; and shall provide evidence of such compliance to the Commission upon request.

By acceptance of this contract, the Vendor warrants that it has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good-faith performance as a responsible vendor, and that the Vendor shall comport with Chapter 287, F.S., and all other applicable rules and laws.

Unless otherwise provided herein, the Commission will not reimburse the Vendor for any non-expendable equipment or personal property for use by the Vendor to perform services under this Contract.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

The parties agree that there is no conflict of interest or any other prohibited relationship between the Vendor and the Commission.

PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS

In accordance with Executive Order 96-236, the Commission shall consider the employment by the Vendor of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Contract if the Vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens.

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

The Vendor shall enroll in and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification System (<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>) to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Vendor during the term of this Contract.

The Vendor shall include in any subcontracts for the performance of work or provision of services pursuant to this Contract the requirement that the subcontractor use the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

The Vendor further agrees to maintain records of its participation and compliance with the provisions of the E-Verify program, including participation by its subcontractors as provided above, and to make such records available to the Commission or other authorized state entity consistent with the terms of the Vendor's enrollment in the program. This includes maintaining a copy of proof of the Vendor's and subcontractors' enrollment in the E-Verify Program (which can be accessed from the "Edit Company Profile" link on the left navigation menu of the E-Verify employer's homepage).

Compliance with the terms of the Employment Eligibility Verification provision is made an express condition of this Contract and the Commission may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the proceeds or benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Contract.

DISCRIMINATION

An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a response on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a response on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit responses on leases or real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a Vendor, supplier, Subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

In accordance with Section 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not perform work as a grantee, Vendor supplier, subcontractor, consultant or by any other manner under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, F.S., for Category Two, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

PRIDE

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out, this Contract may be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946, F.S., if available, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Section 946.515(2), F.S. The "Corporation identified" is PRISON REHABILITATIVE INDUSTRIES AND DIVERSIFIED ENTERPRISES, INC. (P.R.I.D.E.) which may be contacted at:

P.R.I.D.E.
12425 28th Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33716
Phone (727) 572-1987

COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTIAL PAYMENT

The Vendor will be required to complete a Certificate of Partial Payment form to receive partial payments if such provision is included in the contract or purchaser order. This form must be submitted to the Project Manager with each invoice requesting partial payment. The Project Manager shall supply copies of these forms to the Vendor upon request. A minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total project cost shall be held back for final payment. Final payment will only be made once the Commission Project Manager has agreed to project completeness.

CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

The Project Manager shall conduct a final inspection of the work to determine if completion has occurred. Upon satisfactory completion of the work, the Vendor shall send the Project Manager a notarized Certificate of Contract Completion (Attachment A) and the contract shall be deemed completed upon the issuance date of such Certificate.

PAYMENT OF FUNDS

The Commission shall pay the Vendor for satisfactory service upon submission of invoices, accompanied by required reports or deliverables, and after acceptance of services and deliverables in writing by the Commission's Contract Manager. Each invoice shall include the Commission Contract Number and the Vendor's Federal Employer Identification (FEID) Number. An original and two (2) copies of the invoice shall be submitted. The Commission shall not provide advance payment. All bills for amounts due under this Contract shall be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof. Invoices shall be submitted to the Accounting Office.

PROMPT PAYMENT CLAUSE

Section 215.422, F.S. provides that agencies have 5 working days to inspect and approve goods and services, unless RFP specifications or the P.O. specifies otherwise. With the exception of payments to health care providers for hospital, medical, or other health care services, if payment is not available within 40 days, measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved, a separate interest penalty set by the Comptroller pursuant to Section 55.03, F.S., will be due and payable in addition to the invoice amount. To obtain the applicable interest rate, please contact the Agency's Fiscal Section at 850/488-3323 or Purchasing Office at 850/488-3427. Payments to health care providers for hospitals, medical or other health care services, shall be made not more than 35 days from the date of eligibility for payment is determined, and the daily interest rate is .03333%. Invoices returned to a vendor due to preparation errors will result in a payment delay. Invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the agency. A Vendor Ombudsman, whose duties include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payments from a State agency, may be contacted at (850) 410-9724 or by calling the State Comptroller's Hotline, 1-800-848-3792.

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Each vendor desiring to do business with the State through the on-line procurement system is pre-qualified to do so, and shall register, unless exempted, in the MyFloridaMarketPlace system. Respondent agrees to self-register for MyFloridaMarketPlace. For more information and to register please go to <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com> and navigate to the Online Vendor Registration section under Vendors.

The address the company has registered under has to be the address listed on the response, and has to be the address entered on the Respondent Acknowledgment form in order for the response to be valid. Information about the registration process is available, and registration may be completed, at the MyFloridaMarketPlace website above. Interested persons lacking Internet access may request assistance from the MyFloridaMarketPlace Customer Service at 866-FLA-EPRO, (866-352-3776) or from State Purchasing, 4050 Esplanade Drive, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

VENDOR TRANSACTION FEES

The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system. Pursuant to section 287.057(23), Florida Statutes (2002), all payments, unless exempt under Rule 60A-1.030(3), F.A.C., shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which the vendor shall pay to the State.

For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the vendor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the vendor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, vendor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

The vendor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the vendor for the purchase of any items(s) if such items(s) are returned to the vendor through no fault, act, or omission of the vendor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the vendor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring the vendor in default and recovering re-procurement costs from the vendor in addition to all outstanding fees. VENDORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM CONDUCTING FUTURE BUSINESS WITH THE STATE.

PUBLIC RECORDS OF NONGOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

All records in conjunction with this contract shall be public records and shall be treated in the same manner as other public records are under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

PUBLIC RECORDS

The Commission reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this contract for refusal by the Vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119 F.S., and made or received by the Vendor in conjunction with this contract.

RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

The Vendor shall maintain accurate books, records, documents and other evidence that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this contract, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals. The Vendor shall allow the Commission, the State, or other authorized representatives, access to periodically inspect, review or audit such documents as books, vouchers, records, reports, canceled checks and any and all similar material. Such audit may include examination and review of the source and application of all funds whether from the state, local or federal government, private sources or otherwise. These records shall be maintained for five (5) years following the close of this contract. In the event any work is subcontracted, the Vendor shall require each subcontractor to similarly maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS/DATA/REPORTS/RESEARCH/SURVEYS ETC.

The Vendor hereby agrees that all documents (data, reports, research, surveys, etc.) in hard copy or electronic that are collected or used for this project are the sole property of the Commission. The Vendor also hereby agrees to unconditionally transfer and assign to the Commission all copyright claims, trade secrets or other proprietary rights with respect to such documents. Upon request by the Commission at any time during and for 5 years after the expiration of this agreement, Vendor shall immediately deliver, transfer, and transmit to the Commission all originals and all copies of said documents and materials referenced herein.

RIGHTS IN PROPERTY, COPYRIGHTS, AND INVENTIONS

The Commission reserves the right to determine the disposition of its title and rights to any inventions and/or processes that may result from any experimental or developmental research performed under this Contract. If Federal funding is involved in support of this Contract, the Federal Government may reserve ultimate jurisdiction over title and right privileges.

Regardless of title or ownership of the products and materials developed under this Contract, the Commission and the State of Florida shall reserve a royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use said work for non-competing governmental purposes. If Federal funding is involved in support of this Contract, the Federal Government shall also reserve a royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use said work for governmental purposes.

Should the Vendor cease providing services hereunder to FWC, as a result of termination, expiration or in any other manner, FWC shall retain an unlimited license in all video, world wide web (WWW) sites, and printed materials created as a result of this Project whatsoever for further research, educational purposes, for publication, to provide access required by Florida's public records law or any other purpose related to FWC's duties under law.

SEVERABILITY AND CHOICE OF VENUE

This Contract has been delivered in the State of Florida and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Florida. Wherever possible, each provision of this Contract shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Contract shall be prohibited or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Contract. Any action in connection herewith, in law or equity, shall be brought in Leon County, Florida.

JURY TRIAL WAIVER

As consideration of this Contract, the parties hereby waive trial by jury in any action or proceeding brought by any party against any other party pertaining to any matter whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this Contract.

ADDITIONAL LEGAL REQUIREMENT

All corporations seeking to do business with the State shall, at the time of submitting a response, be on file with the Department of State in accordance with provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes; similarly, partnerships seeking to do business with the State shall, at the time of submitting such response, have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes. For further information on required filing and forms, please go to the following sites: <http://www.sunbiz.org/index.html> or <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>.

FLORIDA EMERGENCY SUPPLIER NETWORK

Suppliers of products and services needed by government during hurricanes and other emergencies are invited to join a Florida Emergency Supplier Network. Suppliers will identify emergency products and services available, emergency contact information, plans to maintain their operations and supply chain in emergency circumstances, and pricing arrangements.

This information will be organized and furnished to buyers at State and County Emergency Operations Centers, and suppliers will be recognized with a certificate identifying their business as a member of the Florida Emergency Supplier Network. Please go to the following website to obtain a FESN application and contract:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/florida_emergency_network/florida_emergency_supplier_network_fesn

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

The Vendor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required.

The parties agree that there is no conflict of interest or any other prohibited relationship between the Vendor and the Commission.

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CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATION FORM

The Vendor is a:

- Corporation
- Individual
- Non Profit
- Partnership

Name of Vendor _____

Principal Office Address _____

Official Representative _____

The Vendor identified herein shall mean the individual, representative/president of the non-profit organization, the partnership itself, or if a corporation, the corporation itself.

1. Each Vendor must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida and, if a corporation, must be incorporated under the laws of one of the States of the United States. Proof of same must be provided. If a new corporation is to be formed, provide full information as may be required.
2. Each Vendor must certify, and proof may be required, that it can carry out all the conditions required of it.

ADDITIONAL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All corporations seeking to do business with the State shall, at the time of contract execution be on file with the Department of State in accordance with provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes; similarly, partnerships seeking to do business with the State shall, at the time of submitting such proposal, have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes. To be eligible for consideration, each corporation shall have inserted its corporate charter number in the space provided on the "*Request For Proposal Contractual Services Acknowledgment Form*", or, if applicable, have attached to its proposal a signed statement to the effect that said corporation is exempt from the above-described requirements of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, and set forth particular reason(s) thereof.

If a corporation, answer the following:

When incorporated _____

In what State _____

If a foreign corporation, date of registration with Florida Secretary of State, and name and address of Resident Agent

Operating Officers

President's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Vice President's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Board of Directors

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

If an Individual, Non-Profit, or Partnership, answer the following:

Date of organization _____

General or limited partnership _____

Name and address of each Partner:

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

The Vendor understands that information contained in the *Contractor Qualification Form* is to be relied upon by the Commission, and such information is warranted by the Vendor to be true. The undersigned Vendor agrees to furnish such additional information, prior to the acceptance of any proposal relating to the qualification and stability of the Vendor, as may be required by the Commission.

The Vendor understands that the Commission has the right to verify the information submitted and to seek any additional information relating to Vendor qualifications and stability.

Authorized Signature:

Print Name _____

Date _____

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REFERENCES FORM

A minimum of three (3) references from persons or firms for whom the respondent has performed similar jobs as per the specifications in this RFP must be supplied with the response. The firms and/or contact persons should be available between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. If any reference is not available as stated above, this may be cause for rejection of the vendor's response. Provide a description (scope of work) of each job.

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE(S): _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE(S): _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE(S): _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

VENDOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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EXPERIENCE FORM

Information should include a chronological list (starting with most recent experience first) of vendor's experience, a description of the services provided for each operation, and duration of each project.

EXPERIENCE:

Dates of Experience: _____ TO _____

EXPERIENCE:

Dates of Experience: _____ TO _____

EXPERIENCE:

Dates of Experience: _____ TO _____

EXPERIENCE:

Dates of Experience: _____ TO _____

VENDOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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1. Definitions. The definitions contained in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:
- (a) "Contract" means the legally enforceable agreement that results from a successful solicitation. The parties to the Contract will be the Customer and Contractor.
- (b) "Customer" means the State agency or other entity identified in a contract as the party to receive commodities or contractual services pursuant to a contract or that orders commodities or contractual services via purchase order or other contractual instrument from the Contractor under the Contract. The "Customer" may also be the "Buyer" as defined in the PUR 1001 if it meets the definition of both terms.
- (c) "Product" means any deliverable under the Contract, which may include commodities, services, technology or software.
- (d) "Purchase order" means the form or format a Customer uses to make a purchase under the Contract (e.g., a formal written purchase order, electronic purchase order, procurement card, contract or other authorized means).
2. Purchase Orders. In contracts where commodities or services are ordered by the Customer via purchase order, Contractor shall not deliver or furnish products until a Customer transmits a purchase order. All purchase orders shall bear the Contract or solicitation number, shall be placed by the Customer directly with the Contractor, and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the Contract and solicitation terms and conditions. Any discrepancy between the Contract terms and the terms stated on the Contractor's order form, confirmation, or acknowledgement shall be resolved in favor of terms most favorable to the Customer. A purchase order for services within the ambit of section 287.058(1) of the Florida Statutes shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the requirements of subparagraphs (a) through (f) thereof. Customers shall designate a contract manager and a contract administrator as required by subsections 287.057(15) and (16) of the Florida Statutes.
3. Product Version. Purchase orders shall be deemed to reference a manufacturer's most recently release model or version of the product at the time of the order, unless the Customer specifically requests in writing an earlier model or version and the contractor is willing to provide such model or version.
4. Price Changes Applicable only to Term Contracts. If this is a term contract for commodities or services, the following provisions apply.

- (a) Quantity Discounts. Contractors are urged to offer additional discounts for one time delivery of large single orders. Customers should seek to negotiate additional price concessions on quantity purchases of any products offered under the Contract. State Customers shall document their files accordingly.
- (b) Best Pricing Offer. During the Contract term, if the Customer becomes aware of better pricing offered by the Contractor for substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a product outside the Contract, but upon the same or similar terms of the Contract, then at the discretion of the Customer the price under the Contract shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.
- (c) Sales Promotions. In addition to decreasing prices for the balance of the Contract term due to a change in market conditions, a Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving price reductions for a specified lesser period. A Contractor shall submit to the Contract Specialist documentation identifying the proposed (1) starting and ending dates of the promotion, (2) products involved, and (3) promotional prices compared to then-authorized prices. Promotional prices shall be available to all Customers. Upon approval, the Contractor shall provide conspicuous notice of the promotion.
- (d) Trade-In. Customers may trade-in equipment when making purchases from the Contract. A trade-in shall be negotiated between the Customer and the Contractor. Customers are obligated to actively seek current fair market value when trading equipment, and to keep accurate records of the process. For State agencies, it may be necessary to provide documentation to the Department of Financial Services and to the agency property custodian pursuant to Chapter 273, F.S.
- (e) Equitable Adjustment. The Customer may, in its sole discretion, make an equitable adjustment in the Contract terms or pricing if pricing or availability of supply is affected by extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace, that is, by circumstances that satisfy all the following criteria: (1) the volatility is due to causes wholly beyond the Contractor's control, (2) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Contract source of supply, (3) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial, and (4) the volatility so affects the Contractor that continued performance of the Contract would result in a substantial loss.
5. Additional Quantities. For a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of solicitation award, the Customer reserves the right to acquire additional quantities up to the amount shown on the solicitation but not to exceed the threshold for Category Two at the prices submitted in the response to the solicitation.
6. Packaging. Tangible product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage, and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled, shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing materials, cases, or other types of containers. All containers and packaging shall become and remain Customer's property.
7. Inspection at Contractor's Site. The Customer reserves the right to inspect, at any reasonable time with prior notice, the equipment or product or plant or other facilities of a Contractor to assess conformity with Contract requirements and to determine whether they are adequate and suitable for proper and effective Contract performance.
8. Safety Standards. All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate State inspector. Acceptability customarily requires, at a minimum, identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished, for example: the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and/or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; and the American Gas Association for gas-operated assemblies. In addition, all items furnished shall meet all applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.
9. Americans with Disabilities Act. Contractors should identify any products that may be used or adapted for use by visually, hearing, or other physically impaired individuals.
10. Literature. Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish literature reasonably related to the product offered, for example, user manuals, price schedules, catalogs, descriptive brochures, etc.
11. Transportation and Delivery. Prices shall include all charges for packing, handling, freight, distribution, and inside delivery. Transportation of goods shall be FOB Destination to any point within thirty (30) days after the Customer places an Order. A Contractor, within five (5) days after receiving a purchase order, shall notify the Customer of any potential delivery delays. Evidence of inability or intentional delays shall be cause for Contract cancellation and Contractor suspension.
12. Installation. Where installation is required, Contractor shall be responsible for placing and installing the product in the required locations at no additional charge, unless otherwise designated on the Contract or purchase order. Contractor's authorized product and price list shall clearly and separately identify any additional installation charges. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free of defects that would diminish the appearance of the product or render it structurally or operationally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging, and materials required to install or replace the product in the proper location. Contractor shall protect the site from damage and shall repair damages or injury caused during installation by Contractor or its employees or agents. If any alteration,

dismantling, excavation, etc., is required to achieve installation, the Contractor shall promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Contractor shall perform installation work so as to cause the least inconvenience and interference with Customers and with proper consideration of others on site. Upon completion of the installation, the location and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat and unobstructed condition, with everything in satisfactory repair and order.

13. Risk of Loss. Matters of inspection and acceptance are addressed in s. 215.422, F.S. Until acceptance, risk of loss or damage shall remain with the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims. To assist the Contractor with damage claims, the Customer shall: record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's Bill of Lading; report damages to the carrier and the Contractor; and provide the Contractor with a copy of the carrier's Bill of Lading and damage inspection report. When a Customer rejects a product, Contractor shall remove it from the premises within ten days after notification or rejection. Upon rejection notification, the risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming product shall remain with the Contractor. Rejected product not removed by the Contractor within ten days shall be deemed abandoned by the Contractor, and the Customer shall have the right to dispose of it as its own property. Contractor shall reimburse the Customer for costs and expenses incurred in storing or effecting removal or disposition of rejected product.

14. Transaction Fee. The State of Florida has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement System ("System"). Pursuant to section 287.057(23), Florida Statutes (2002), all payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which the Contractor shall pay to the State, unless exempt pursuant to 60A-1.032, F.A.C.

For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the Contractor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the Contractor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, Contractor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

Contractor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the Contractor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to the Contractor through no fault, act, or omission of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the Contractor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring the Contractor in default and recovering procurement costs from the Contractor in addition to all outstanding fees. **CONTRACTORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES MAY BE SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES' VENDOR LIST AS PROVIDED IN RULE 60A-1.006, F.A.C.**

15. Invoicing and Payment. Invoices shall contain the Contract number, purchase order number if applicable, and the appropriate vendor identification number. The State may require any other information from the Contractor that the State deems necessary to verify any purchase order placed under the Contract.

At the State's option, Contractors may be required to invoice electronically pursuant to guidelines of the Department of Management Services. Current guidelines require that Contractor supply electronic invoices in lieu of paper-based invoices for those transactions processed through the system. Electronic invoices shall be submitted to the Customer through the Ariba Supplier Network (ASN) in one of the following mechanisms – EDI 810, cXML, or web-based invoice entry within the ASN.

Payment shall be made in accordance with sections 215.422 and 287.0585 of the Florida Statutes, which govern time limits for payment of invoices. Invoices that must be returned to a Contractor due to preparation errors will result in a delay in payment. Contractors may call (850) 413-7269 Monday through Friday to inquire about the status of payments by State Agencies. The Customer is responsible for all payments under the Contract. A Customer's failure to pay, or delay in payment, shall not constitute a breach of the Contract and shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations to the Department or to other Customers.

16. Taxes. The State does not pay Federal excise or sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The State will not pay for any personal property taxes levied on the Contractor or for any taxes levied on employees' wages. Any exceptions to this paragraph shall be explicitly noted by the Customer in the special contract conditions section of the solicitation or in the Contract or purchase order.

17. Governmental Restrictions. If the Contractor believes that any governmental restrictions have been imposed that require alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the products offered under the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Customer in writing, indicating the specific restriction. The Customer reserves the right and the complete discretion to accept any such alteration or to cancel the Contract at no further expense to the Customer.

18. Lobbying and Integrity. Customers shall ensure compliance with Section 11.062, FS and Section 216.347, FS. The Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the State, directly or indirectly (1) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for any State officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State officer or employee. For purposes of clause (2), "gratuity" means any payment of more than nominal monetary value in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. Upon request of the Customer's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, the Contractor shall provide any type of information the Inspector

General deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor shall retain such records for the longer of (1) three years after the expiration of the Contract or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dliis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/genschedules/gensched.htm>).

The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

19. Indemnification. The Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Customers, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or a Customer.

Further, the Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Customers from any suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided, however, that the foregoing obligation shall not apply to a Customer's misuse or modification of Contractor's products or a Customer's operation or use of Contractor's products in a manner not contemplated by the Contract or the purchase order. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in the Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, the Contractor may at its sole expense procure for the Customer the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If the Contractor is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure the Customer the right to continue using the product, the Contractor shall remove the product and refund the Customer the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. The customer shall not be liable for any royalties.

The Contractor's obligations under the preceding two paragraphs with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or Customer giving the Contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense. The Contractor shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or Customer in any legal action without the Contractor's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

20. Limitation of Liability. For all claims against the Contractor under any contract or purchase order, and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, the Contractor's liability under a contract or purchase order for direct damages shall be limited to the greater of \$100,000, the dollar amount of the contract or purchase order, or two times the charges rendered by the Contractor under the purchase order. This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under the Indemnity paragraph contain in this agreement.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract or in the purchase order, no party shall be liable to another for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the contract or purchase order requires the Contractor to back-up data or records), even if the party has been advised that such damages are possible. No party shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The State and Customer may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its affiliates to the State against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the State.

21. Suspension of Work. The Customer may in its sole discretion suspend any or all activities under the Contract or purchase order, at any time, when in the best interests of the State to do so. The Customer shall provide the Contractor written notice outlining the particulars of suspension. Examples of the reason for suspension include, but are not limited to, budgetary constraints, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. After receiving a suspension notice, the Contractor shall comply with the notice and shall not accept any purchase orders. Within ninety days, or any longer period agreed to by the Contractor, the Customer shall either (1) issue a notice authorizing resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume, or (2) terminate the Contract or purchase order. Suspension of work shall not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation.

22. Termination for Convenience. The Customer, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part when the Customer determines in its sole discretion that it is in the State's interest to do so. The Contractor shall not furnish any product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract, if any. The Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

23. Termination for Cause. The Customer may terminate the Contract if the Contractor fails to (1) deliver the product within the time specified in the Contract or any extension, (2) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Contract, (3) honor any term of the Contract, or (4) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. Rule 60A-1.006(3), F.A.C., governs the procedure and consequences of default. The Contractor shall continue work on any work not terminated. Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the Contract arises from events completely beyond the control, and without the fault or negligence, of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is completely beyond the control of both the Contractor and the subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted products were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule. If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Customer. The rights and remedies of the Customer in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

24. Force Majeure, Notice of Delay, and No Damages for Delay. The Contractor shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of the Contractor or its employees or agents contributed to the delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Contractor's control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. In case of any delay the Contractor believes is excusable, the Contractor shall notify the Customer in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten (10) days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result, or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result. THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CONTRACTOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY. Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the Customer. The Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the Customer for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist the Contractor shall perform at no increased cost, unless the Customer determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State or to Customers, in which case the Customer may (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to Customers with respect to products subjected to allocation, or (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity, or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

25. Changes. The Customer may unilaterally require, by written order, changes altering, adding to, or deducting from the Contract specifications, provided that such changes are within the general scope of the Contract. The Customer may make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the written consent of the Contractor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If unusual quantity requirements arise, the Customer may solicit separate bids to satisfy them.

26. Renewal. Upon mutual agreement, the Customer and the Contractor may renew the Contract, in whole or in part, for a period that may not exceed 3 years or the term of the contract, whichever period is longer. Any renewal shall specify the renewal price, as set forth in the solicitation response. The renewal must be in writing and signed by both parties, and is contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations and subject to availability of funds.

27. Purchase Order Duration. Purchase orders issued pursuant to a state term or agency contract must be received by the Contractor no later than close of business on the last day of the contract's term to be considered timely. The Contractor is obliged to fill those orders in accordance with the contract's terms and conditions. Purchase orders received by the contractor after close of business on the last day of the state term or agency contract's term shall be considered void.

Purchase orders for a one-time delivery of commodities or performance of contractual services shall be valid through the performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the state term or agency contract shall apply to the single delivery/performance, and shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Contractors are required to accept purchase orders specifying delivery schedules exceeding the contracted schedule even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the state term or agency contract. For example, if a state term contract calls for delivery 30 days after receipt of order (ARO), and an order specifies delivery will occur both in excess of 30 days ARO and after expiration of the state term contract, the Contractor will accept the order. However, if the Contractor expressly and in writing notifies the ordering office within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the purchase order that Contractor will not accept the extended delivery terms beyond the expiration of the state term contract, then the purchase order will either be amended in writing

by the ordering entity within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the contractor's notice to reflect the state term contract delivery schedule, or it shall be considered withdrawn.

The duration of purchase orders for recurring deliveries of commodities or performance of services shall not exceed the expiration of the state term or agency contract by more than twelve months. However, if an extended pricing plan offered in the state term or agency contract is selected by the ordering entity, the contract terms on pricing plans and renewals shall govern the maximum duration of purchase orders reflecting such pricing plans and renewals.

Timely purchase orders shall be valid through their specified term and performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the state term or agency contract shall apply to the recurring delivery/performance as provided herein, and shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Ordering offices shall not renew a purchase order issued pursuant to a state term or agency contract if the underlying contract expires prior to the effective date of the renewal.

28. Advertising. Subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning the Contract without prior written approval from the Customer, including, but not limited to mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the Customer or the State as a reference, or otherwise linking the Contractor's name and either a description of the Contract or the name of the State or the Customer in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party to Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representative.

29. Assignment. The Contractor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under the Contract, or under any purchase order issued pursuant to the Contract, without the prior written consent of the Customer. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains secondarily liable for performance of the contract, unless the Customer expressly waives such secondary liability. The Customer may assign the Contract with prior written notice to Contractor of its intent to do so.

30. Antitrust Assignment. The Contractor and the State of Florida recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the State of Florida. Therefore, the contractor hereby assigns to the State of Florida any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with the Contract.

31. Dispute Resolution. Any dispute concerning performance of the Contract shall be decided by the Customer's designated contract manager, who shall reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy on the Contractor. The decision shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty one (21) days from the date of receipt, the Contractor files with the Customer a petition for administrative hearing. The Customer's decision on the petition shall be final, subject to the Contractor's right to review pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. Exhaustion of administrative remedies is an absolute condition precedent to the Contractor's ability to pursue any other form of dispute resolution; provided, however, that the parties may employ the alternative dispute resolution procedures outlined in Chapter 120.

Without limiting the foregoing, the exclusive venue of any legal or equitable action that arises out of or relates to the Contract shall be the appropriate state court in Leon County, Florida; in any such action, Florida law shall apply and the parties waive any right to jury trial.

32. Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents. All Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Customer and shall comply with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Contract. The State may conduct, and the Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by the Contractor. The State may refuse access to, or require replacement of, any personnel for cause, including, but not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with a Customer's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract. The State may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

33. Security and Confidentiality. The Contractor shall comply fully with all security procedures of the United States, State of Florida and Customer in performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by the Contractor or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers or employees in the course of performing Contract work, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or Customer. The Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential information or material that is publicly available through no fault of the Contractor, material that the Contractor developed independently without relying on the State's or Customer's confidential information, or material that is otherwise obtainable under State law as a public record. To insure confidentiality, the Contractor shall take appropriate steps as to its personnel, agents, and subcontractors. The warranties of this paragraph shall survive the Contract.

34. Contractor Employees, Subcontractors, and Other Agents. The Customer and the State shall take all actions necessary to ensure that Contractor's employees, subcontractors and other agents are not employees of the State of Florida. Such actions include, but are not limited to, ensuring that Contractor's employees, subcontractors, and other agents receive benefits and necessary insurance (health, workers' compensations, and unemployment) from an employer other than the State of Florida.

35. Insurance Requirements. During the Contract term, the Contractor at its sole expense shall provide commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide certificate of insurance. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the Contract. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in Florida.

36. Warranty of Authority. Each person signing the Contract warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the Contract.

37. Warranty of Ability to Perform. The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish the Contractor's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. The Contractor warrants that neither it nor any affiliate is currently on the convicted vendor list maintained pursuant to section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Customer in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.

38. Notices. All notices required under the Contract shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, by reputable air courier service, or by personal delivery to the agency designee identified in the original solicitation, or as otherwise identified by the Customer. Notices to the Contractor shall be delivered to the person who signs the Contract. Either designated recipient may notify the other, in writing, if someone else is designated to receive notice.

39. Leases and Installment Purchases. Prior approval of the Chief Financial Officer (as defined in Section 17.001, F.S.) is required for State agencies to enter into or to extend any lease or installment-purchase agreement in excess of the Category Two amount established by section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.

40. Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE). Section 946.515(2), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out, the Contract shall be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946 of the Florida Statutes (PRIDE) in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 946.515(2) and (4) of the Florida Statutes; and for purposes of the Contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of the Contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the agency insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned." Additional information about PRIDE and the products it offers is available at <http://www.pridefl.com>.

41. Products Available from the Blind or Other Handicapped. Section 413.036(3), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles that are the subject of, or required to carry out, this contract shall be purchased from a nonprofit agency for the Blind or for the Severely Handicapped that is qualified pursuant to Chapter 413, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 413.036(1) and (2), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the State agency insofar as dealings with such qualified nonprofit agency are concerned." Additional information about the designated nonprofit agency and the products it offers is available at <http://www.respectofflorida.org>.

42. Modification of Terms. The Contract contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, which terms and conditions shall govern all transactions between the Customer and the Contractor. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Customer and the Contractor. No oral agreements or representations shall be valid or binding upon the Customer or the Contractor. No alteration or modification of the Contract terms, including substitution of product, shall be valid or binding against the Customer. The Contractor may not unilaterally modify the terms of the Contract by affixing additional terms to product upon delivery (e.g., attachment or inclusion of standard preprinted forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying or affixed to a product, whether written or electronic) or by incorporating such terms onto the Contractor's order or fiscal forms or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment. The Customer's acceptance of product or processing of documentation on forms furnished by the Contractor for approval or payment shall not constitute acceptance of the proposed modification to terms and conditions.

43. Cooperative Purchasing. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Non-Customer purchases are independent of the agreement between Customer and Contractor, and Customer shall not be a party to any transaction between the Contractor and any other purchaser.

State agencies wishing to make purchases from this agreement are required to follow the provisions of s. 287.042(16)(a), F.S. This statute requires the Department of Management Services to determine that the requestor's use of the contract is cost-effective and in the best interest of the State.

44. Waiver. The delay or failure by the Customer to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the

Customer's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

45. Annual Appropriations. The State's performance and obligation to pay under this contract are contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

46. Execution in Counterparts. The Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

47. Severability. If a court deems any provision of the Contract void or unenforceable, that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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1. Definitions. The definitions found in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:

- (a) "Buyer" means the entity that has released the solicitation. The "Buyer" may also be the "Customer" as defined in the PUR 1000 if that entity meets the definition of both terms.
- (b) "Procurement Officer" means the Buyer's contracting personnel, as identified in the Introductory Materials.
- (c) "Respondent" means the entity that submits materials to the Buyer in accordance with these Instructions.
- (d) "Response" means the material submitted by the respondent in answering the solicitation.
- (e) "Timeline" means the list of critical dates and actions included in the Introductory Materials.

2. General Instructions. Potential respondents to the solicitation are encouraged to carefully review all the materials contained herein and prepare responses accordingly.

3. Electronic Submission of Responses. Respondents are required to submit responses electronically. For this purpose, all references herein to signatures, signing requirements, or other required acknowledgments hereby include electronic signature by means of clicking the "Submit Response" button (or other similar symbol or process) attached to or logically associated with the response created by the respondent within MyFloridaMarketPlace. The respondent agrees that the action of electronically submitting its response constitutes:

- an electronic signature on the response, generally,
- an electronic signature on any form or section specifically calling for a signature, and
- an affirmative agreement to any statement contained in the solicitation that requires a definite confirmation or acknowledgement.

4. Terms and Conditions. All responses are subject to the terms of the following sections of this solicitation, which, in case of conflict, shall have the order of precedence listed:

- Technical Specifications,
- Special Conditions and Instructions,
- Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001),
- General Conditions (PUR 1000), and
- Introductory Materials.

The Buyer objects to and shall not consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by a respondent, including any appearing in documents attached as part of a respondent's response. In submitting its response, a respondent agrees that any additional terms or conditions, whether submitted intentionally or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. Failure to comply with terms and conditions, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a response, shall be grounds for rejecting a response.

5. Questions. Respondents shall address all questions regarding this solicitation to the Procurement Officer. Questions must be submitted via the Q&A Board within MyFloridaMarketPlace and must be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN the time and date reflected on the Timeline. Questions shall be answered in accordance with the Timeline. All questions submitted shall be published and answered in a manner that all respondents will be able to view. Respondents shall not contact any other employee of the Buyer or the State for information with respect to this solicitation. Each respondent is responsible for monitoring the MyFloridaMarketPlace site for new or changing information. The Buyer shall not be bound by any verbal information or by any written information that is not contained within the solicitation documents or formally noticed and issued by the Buyer's contracting personnel. Questions to the Procurement Officer or to any Buyer personnel shall not constitute formal protest of the specifications or of the solicitation, a process addressed in paragraph 19 of these Instructions.

6. Conflict of Interest. This solicitation is subject to chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes. Respondents shall disclose with their response the name of any officer, director, employee or other agent who is also an employee of the State. Respondents shall also disclose the name of any State employee who owns,

directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the respondent or its affiliates.

7. Convicted Vendors. A person or affiliate placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime is prohibited from doing any of the following for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list:

- submitting a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submitting a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submitting bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- being awarded or performing work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and
- transacting business with any public entity in excess of the Category Two threshold amount (\$25,000) provided in section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.

8. Discriminatory Vendors. An entity or affiliate placed on the discriminatory vendor list pursuant to section 287.134 of the Florida Statutes may not:

- submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; or
- transact business with any public entity.

9. Respondent's Representation and Authorization. In submitting a response, each respondent understands, represents, and acknowledges the following (if the respondent cannot so certify to any of following, the respondent shall submit with its response a written explanation of why it cannot do so).

- The respondent is not currently under suspension or debarment by the State or any other governmental authority.
- To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the response, the respondent, its affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental authority and have not in the last ten (10) years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract.
- Respondent currently has no delinquent obligations to the State, including a claim by the State for liquidated damages under any other contract.
- The submission is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive response.
- The prices and amounts have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other respondent or potential respondent; neither the prices nor amounts, actual or approximate, have been disclosed to any respondent or potential respondent, and they will not be disclosed before the solicitation opening.
- The respondent has fully informed the Buyer in writing of all convictions of the firm, its affiliates (as defined in section 287.133(1)(a) of the Florida Statutes), and all directors, officers, and employees of the firm and its affiliates for violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract for violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract. This includes disclosure of the names of current employees who were convicted of contract crimes while in the employ of another company.
- Neither the respondent nor any person associated with it in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, or position involving the administration of federal funds:
 - Has within the preceding three years been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them or is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
 - Has within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government contracts terminated for cause or default.
- The product offered by the respondent will conform to the specifications without exception.
- The respondent has read and understands the Contract terms and conditions, and the submission is made in conformance with those terms and conditions.
- If an award is made to the respondent, the respondent agrees that it intends to be legally bound to the Contract that is formed with the State.
- The respondent has made a diligent inquiry of its employees and agents responsible for preparing, approving, or submitting the response, and has been advised by each of them that he or she has not participated in any communication, consultation,

discussion, agreement, collusion, act or other conduct inconsistent with any of the statements and representations made in the response.

- The respondent shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Buyer and its employees against any cost, damage, or expense which may be incurred or be caused by any error in the respondent's preparation of its bid.
- All information provided by, and representations made by, the respondent are material and important and will be relied upon by the Buyer in awarding the Contract. Any misstatement shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Buyer of the true facts relating to submission of the bid. A misrepresentation shall be punishable under law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 817 of the Florida Statutes.

10. Manufacturer's Name and Approved Equivalents. Unless otherwise specified, any manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information or catalog numbers listed in a specification are descriptive, not restrictive. With the Buyer's prior approval, the Contractor may provide any product that meets or exceeds the applicable specifications. The Contractor shall demonstrate comparability, including appropriate catalog materials, literature, specifications, test data, etc. The Buyer shall determine in its sole discretion whether a product is acceptable as an equivalent.

11. Performance Qualifications. The Buyer reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether the product, qualifications, or facilities offered by Respondent meet the Contract requirements. Respondent shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsive and responsible. In determining Respondent's responsibility as a vendor, the agency shall consider all information or evidence which is gathered or comes to the attention of the agency which demonstrates the Respondent's capability to fully satisfy the requirements of the solicitation and the contract.

Respondent must be prepared, if requested by the Buyer, to present evidence of experience, ability, and financial standing, as well as a statement as to plant, machinery, and capacity of the respondent for the production, distribution, and servicing of the product bid. If the Buyer determines that the conditions of the solicitation documents are not complied with, or that the product proposed to be furnished does not meet the specified requirements, or that the qualifications, financial standing, or facilities are not satisfactory, or that performance is untimely, the Buyer may reject the response or terminate the Contract. Respondent may be disqualified from receiving awards if respondent, or anyone in respondent's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts. This paragraph shall not mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the Buyer to make an investigation either before or after award of the Contract, but should the Buyer elect to do so, respondent is not relieved from fulfilling all Contract requirements.

12. Public Opening. Responses shall be opened on the date and at the location indicated on the Timeline. Respondents may, but are not required to, attend. The Buyer may choose not to announce prices or release other materials pursuant to s. 119.071(1)(b), Florida Statutes. Any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Procurement Officer at least five (5) workdays prior to the solicitation opening. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Buyer by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

13. Electronic Posting of Notice of Intended Award. Based on the evaluation, on the date indicated on the Timeline the Buyer shall electronically post a notice of intended award at http://fcg.state.fl.us/owa_vbs/owa/vbs_main_menu. If the notice of award is delayed, in lieu of posting the notice of intended award the Buyer shall post a notice of the delay and a revised date for posting the notice of intended award. Any person who is adversely affected by the decision shall file with the Buyer a notice of protest within 72 hours after the electronic posting. The Buyer shall not provide tabulations or notices of award by telephone.

14. Firm Response. The Buyer may make an award within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening, during which period responses shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn. If award is not made within sixty (60) days, the response shall remain firm until either the Buyer awards the Contract or the Buyer receives from the respondent written notice that the response is withdrawn. Any response

that expresses a shorter duration may, in the Buyer's sole discretion, be accepted or rejected.

15. Clarifications/Revisions. Before award, the Buyer reserves the right to seek clarifications or request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of submissions from all respondents deemed eligible for Contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the response.

16. Minor Irregularities/Right to Reject. The Buyer reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions thereof, and to waive any minor irregularity, technicality, or omission if the Buyer determines that doing so will serve the State's best interests. The Buyer may reject any response not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.

17. Contract Formation. The Buyer shall issue a notice of award, if any, to successful respondent(s), however, no contract shall be formed between respondent and the Buyer until the Buyer signs the Contract. The Buyer shall not be liable for any costs incurred by a respondent in preparing or producing its response or for any work performed before the Contract is effective.

18. Contract Overlap. Respondents shall identify any products covered by this solicitation that they are currently authorized to furnish under any state term contract. By entering into the Contract, a Contractor authorizes the Buyer to eliminate duplication between agreements in the manner the Buyer deems to be in its best interest.

19. Public Records. Article 1, section 24, Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to all public records, and Section 119.011, Florida Statutes, provides a broad definition of public record. As such, all responses to a competitive solicitation are public records unless exempt by law. Any respondent claiming that its response contains information that is exempt from the public records law shall clearly segregate and mark that information and provide the specific statutory citation for such exemption.

20. Protests. Any protest concerning this solicitation shall be made in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.042(2) of the Florida Statutes and chapter 28-110 of the Florida Administrative Code. Questions to the Procurement Officer shall not constitute formal notice of a protest. It is the Buyer's intent to ensure that specifications are written to obtain the best value for the State and that specifications are written to ensure competitiveness, fairness, necessity and reasonableness in the solicitation process.

Section 120.57(3)(b), F.S. and Section 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code require that a notice of protest of the solicitation documents shall be made within seventy-two hours after the posting of the solicitation.

Section 120.57(3)(a), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

Section 28-110.005, Fla. Admin. Code requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

21. Limitation on Vendor Contact with Agency During Solicitation Period. Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

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