



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) & RESPONDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RFP TITLE:
**Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services
For Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department**

RFP NUMBER:
RFP TDD 53-18

ISSUE DATE: June 25, 2018 12:00 P.M. CST

LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS: July 13, 2018 3:00 P.M. CST

RFP OPENING DATE & TIME: August 1, 2018 3:00 P.M. CST

NOTE: PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE PROPOSAL OPENING DATE & TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Okaloosa County, Florida solicits your company to submit a proposal on the above referenced goods or services. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this RFP are incorporated into your response. A proposal will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. All proposals must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All envelopes containing sealed proposals must reference the "RFP Title", "RFP Number" and the "RFP Due Date & Time". Okaloosa County is not responsible for lost or late delivery of proposals by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the respondent. Neither faxed nor electronically submitted proposals will be accepted. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the proposal opening unless otherwise specified.

RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR BID. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS FORM, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE RESPONDENT.

COMPANY NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN): _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EXT: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER RESPONDENT SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE SAME MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, AND IS IN ALL RESPECTS FAIR AND WITHOUT COLLUSION OR FRAUD. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PROPOSAL AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE RESPONDENT.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ TYPED OR PRINTED NAME _____

TITLE: _____ DATE _____

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, FL, will accept sealed proposals until **3:00 p.m. (CST) August 1st, 2018**, for **Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department**.

Interested respondents desiring consideration shall provide one (1) original and a thumb drive with all information in PDF format. All creative assets must be embedded.

All originals must have original signatures in blue ink.

Proposal documents are available for download by accessing the Okaloosa County website at <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/purchasing/home> then accessing the link "View Current Solicitations" or by accessing the Florida Purchasing Group website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida>

Submittals must be delivered to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at the address listed below no later than **3:00 p.m. (CST) August 1st, 2018** in order to be considered. All proposals received after the stated time and date will be returned unopened and will not be considered. All submittals must be in sealed envelopes reflecting on the outside thereof "**Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department.**" Failure to clearly mark the outside of the envelope as set forth herein shall result in the submittal not being considered.

The County reserves the right to award to the firm submitting a responsive proposal with a resulting negotiated agreement that is most advantageous and in the best interest of Okaloosa County, and to waive any irregularity or technicality in proposals received. Okaloosa County shall be the sole judge of the proposal and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision will be final.

NOTE: Crestview, FL is not a next day guaranteed delivery location by most delivery services. Respondents using mail or delivery service assume all risk of late or non-delivery.

All submittals should be addressed as follows:

**Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development
Department
RFP TDD 53-18**

Okaloosa County Purchasing Department
5479A Old Bethel Road
Crestview, FL 32536

Jeffrey Hyde
Purchasing Manager

Date

OKALOOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Graham W. Fountain
Chairman

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

PROPOSAL #: RFP TDD 53-18

PROPOSAL ITEM: Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department

It is the intent of the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department to solicit proposals from strategic marketing and advertising agencies to provide Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations Services for the Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Tourist Development Department is known within the tourism industry as the Emerald Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and is comprised of three Welcome Centers, the Emerald Coast Convention Center, and the Emerald Coast Film Commission. Agency strategies and initiatives may be directed to any of these organizations. The CVB is seeking the professional services of a qualified full-service marketing and advertising agency or a joint venture of multiple specialized agencies to work with the CVB in the development, implementation and evaluation of the CVB's strategic, integrated marketing programs to promote Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island, Florida as a premier travel destination to state, regional, national and international markets. The CVB seeks an agency partner that can help develop and deliver an integrated program that maximizes paid, owned, earned, and shared media strategies.

I. CVB EXPECTATIONS

The advertising agency must have extensive experience in destination marketing as demonstrated in case studies and examples provided.

The CVB will require unique, innovative concepts and strategies and demonstration of quantifiable results. The selected agency shall assign a permanent team that will take ownership of the CVB brand and **be in-market no less than 8 business days each month, to include at a minimum one Saturday and Sunday each month.** Frequently changing or *ad hoc* assignment of personnel will not be acceptable.

The selected agency, in consultation with CVB staff, shall suggest and implement strategies to expand the impact of the CVB's branding and marketing campaign while allowing for the broadest possible exposure. Such strategies may include maximizing the usage of partner and cooperative advertising initiatives as well as identifying promotional and marketing opportunities, with a particular emphasis on digital and/or online partnerships.

The selected agency must have significant experience and expertise in targeting primarily leisure travel consumers as well as travel industry professionals such as, but not limited to, travel agents, tour operators, meeting planners, and convention organizers.

The selected agency shall explore joint advertising programs which would pair the CVB with travel-related advertisers, i.e. airlines, automobile rental companies, credit card companies, and consumer goods/corporate companies, and other hospitality-related ventures, etc.

The selected agency shall be in-market for discovery after contract execution and before February start date.

II. INTRODUCTION

The Mission of the CVB is to proactively manage tourism within the destination, to nurture and foster the area's natural resources, and to develop and implement socially conscious initiatives that mindfully balance the quality of life for locals and vacationers alike.

The Vision of the CVB is to become a partner-based organization that develops a positive identity that will elevate the destination from a commodity brand to a luxury brand and ultimately position Destin, Fort Walton Beach, and Okaloosa Island as a premiere travel destination within the United States.

The CVB's Goals & Objectives are as follows:

- Increase Tourist Development Tax revenue in Prime season (August-May) by 10%
- Increase visitor spending by 10%
- Earned media value 1.5x more than paid media spend
- 60% occupancy at the Emerald Coast Convention Center with 20% revenue increase
- Increase partner exposure by 20%
- Increase social media engagement by 30%

The above Goals & Objectives will be achieved via the following strategies:

- Clearly identify the profile of our current visitor
- Clearly identify the profile of new & emerging visitor
- Develop strategy to reach visitors in new & emerging markets
- Transition existing into new & emerging or cut loose

As part of the CVB's transparency, the following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be included as clear measures of success:

- % increase/decrease in bed-tax revenue (ROI)
- Sessions YTD
- Sessions MOM
- Clicks to partner sites
- % increase/decrease in website traffic
- Average visits per month
- Growth & engagement in social platforms
- Growth & engagement in subscriber base
- Visitor Guides requested & distributed
- % increase/decrease in leads
- Visitors to Welcome Centers

In addition to the above overall Goals & Objectives, each platform, and the paid, owned, earned and shared media initiatives, will also be measured consistently. The budget is anticipated to be \$4M for paid media and \$350K for shared media. KPIs, along with their particular strategies, goals and objectives, and are as follows:

Paid Media

Strategy - Examine and define the competitive set to determine what makes the Emerald Coast unique. Understand and engage our appropriate target audience and communicate our brand clearly via in new and emerging markets.

Goals & Objectives

- Maximize messaging primarily against the consumer leisure traveler
- Concentrate efforts against the New and Emerging Visitor and markets
- Increase awareness for the Emerald Coast as a year-round vacation destination
- Focus and increase brand awareness against primary markets

KPIs

- Highest possible impression delivers against primary target
- CPM
- Reach Potential
- Website Traffic
- Return on Ad Spend

Paid media initiatives will focus on the following media profiles:

Psychographics

- Older Millennials
- Divided into two waves; Concentrate on First Wave – 25-35
- Higher Income Level/Dual Income Families
- Presence of children in HH's important

Generation X – Born 1965 – 1981

DINKs

- Dual Income, No Children
- Ability to travel without parameters
- Income to spend

ZOOMERS – Less to do with age, but how you feel and approach ZEST for Life

- Adventurous, Willing to incorporate new activities
- Energetic and financially influential

Owned Media

Strategy - To develop a content-based asset inventory that positions us as a premier vacation destination, clearly communicates our brand and highlights our industry partners.

Goals & Objectives

- Develop a unified content plan that highlights our brand message across multiple platforms and touch points
- Push out content that drives traffic to www.emeraldcoastfl.com and ultimately to our partners
- Expand content to highlight partners through eNewsletters, sweeps and promotions

KPIs

- Downstream traffic to partner sites
- Increased earned media value
- Increased engagement on social media platforms

Earned Media

Strategy - Continue to utilize existing relationships while building new relationships with major travel media. Maintain proactive and targeted pitch strategy to amplify reach. Increase promotion of unique destination offerings that set Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island area apart from its competitive set.

Goal

- Increase publicity value to 1.5 times that of paid media spend (i.e. to \$6M)

KPIs

- Publicity Value
- Earned Media Mentions
- Audience Reach

Shared Media

Strategy - Continue creating engaging content and utilizing all touchpoints available within each platform. Optimize the ROI by maintaining our focus on algorithm changes to ultimately increase partner engagement

Goals & Objectives

- Increase the destination's engagement by 30% YOY

KPIs

- Increased engagement
- Increased impressions and broader reach
- Growth and quality of fans/followers

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CVB seeks a full-service marketing and advertising agency or a joint venture of multiple specialized agencies with the ability to provide a broad range of marketing services, including, but not limited to:

- Account Services
- Accounting, billing, invoice reconciliation
- Branding and brand management
- Collateral development
- Cooperative advertising programs
- Creative and production services for traditional, digital, and emerging mediums
- Crisis communications planning & execution
- Digital marketing & ad serving
- Event procurement & production
- Industry relations
- Interactive media
- Media planning, evaluation, negotiation, and purchasing
- Media point-of-view review/analysis/recommendation
- Mobile and mobile application development and maintenance
- Mobile tracking and reporting
- Planning and attendance at out-of-market press deskside meetings
- Planning of in-market FAM tours and out-of-market media missions
- Print and broadcast ad trafficking
- Public Relations services
- Regional promotion and cross-branding
- Research and strategic planning
- ROI & KPI measurement, tracking and reporting
- Search Engine Marketing
- Search Engine Optimization
- Social Media planning, execution, reporting & analysis
- Social media influencers
- Subcontracting for goods and services as necessary to execute marketing programs
- Website content curation & design
- Website tracking/reporting
- Other related services as needed

Annual scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

RESEARCH/ANALYTICS

Develop, maintain, monitor and grow a solid research system that offers continual data that may influence the marketing strategies such as:

Advertising effectiveness
Attribution modeling
Behavioral analysis
Brand identity and impact
Competitive set analysis
Consumer trends and insights
Economic impact
Market viability analysis
Media and creative-related consumer research
Social listening

Monthly analysis of paid, owned, earned and shared marketing initiatives.

CREATIVE PLANNING & EXECUTION

Develop an over-arching brand that will be integrated across all of the CVB's marketing initiatives.

Create unified creative assets that clearly communicate the brand message and destination's attributes to meet the CVB's goals and objectives.

Provide creative and other support as needed for other CVB programs and projects, including creative support for the annual Visitors Guide, monthly e-newsletters, websites, the Welcome Centers, the Emerald Coast Film Commission and the Emerald Coast Convention Center.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EXECUTION

Develop an annual marketing strategy to grow tourism in the destination, with an emphasis on promoting the area using paid, owned, earned and shared media and marketing strategies.

Create strong media strategies that reach our visitor profile in new and emerging markets domestically and within international markets.

Develop advertising programs in coordination with the CVB team and its partner program members that meet the overall marketing objectives.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & PUBLICITY

Develop, execute, and track public relations program in coordination with CVB staff.

Monitor media trends and identify appropriate opportunities to pursue.

Generate story ideas and assist with pitching approved idea.

Apply current best practices while implementing an ROI/tracking system for earned media.

Develop media events and publicity in targeted markets.

Provide support for the development and implementation of media familiarization tours for domestic and international media, including traditional media and social media.

Develop and implement an on-going communication program for targeted media and local tourism industry such as a monthly e-news briefing (or other mechanism) of what's new, what's trending, hot stories, etc.

Assist with the development of an updated, online pressroom.

Work with CVB team to develop a comprehensive annual content plan.

Develop a crisis-specific messaging, and implement a crisis-specific media plan.

ACCOUNT SERVICES

Daily/weekly communication with CVB team.

Required in-market presence no less than 8 business days per month, to include one Saturday and Sunday each month.

Monthly presentation to Tourist Development Council.

Accurate, on-time monthly billing for media and agency services, including proof of performance.

Monthly digital analytics and media/campaign ROI.

Extensive organizational skills and exemplary communication skills

III. RESPONSE FORMAT

The response to this RFP must not exceed 35 electronic pages and shall be delivered via thumb drive with all creative assets embedded. Responses shall be organized as follows:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Provide company background and any information that makes the agency qualified for this project, including, but not limited to:

Identify the type of business entity involved (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.). Respondents shall identify whether the business entity is incorporated in Florida, another state, or a foreign country.

If agency is a corporation, a copy of the certification from the Florida Secretary of State verifying corporate status and good standing must be provided; and in the case of out-of-state corporation, evidence of authority to do business in the State of Florida is required.

The date that the agency was established and a brief history of the agency. Location of agency headquarters, and office location(s) of staff to be assigned to the County.

If a joint venture of multiple specialized agencies is proposed, company information must be provided for all agencies.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE/CLIENT OVERVIEW

Please provide names and profiles of all persons or entities serving, or intending to serve, as principals in agency's firm, as well as key associates, department heads and those who would be assigned initially to the CVB account.

Please list the total number of full-time personnel on your staff, identifying them by department and by professional/support status. Provide organizational chart. Provide a list of consultants, freelance, part-time or contract-service who would be assigned to the CVB's account along with length of and type of relationship with the agency.

Provide a profile of the creative team who would be assigned to CVB's account.

Provide a profile of the media buying team who would be assigned to CVB's account.

Provide a profile of the public relations team who would be assigned to CVB's account.

Please outline the tourism-related experience of your agency and/or current team members who would work on this account. **Destination marketing experience is required.**

Please describe your agency's overall composition of client accounts, including industry type and media budgets.

Explain how the agency would meet the **requirement to be in-market no less than 8 business days each month, to include one Saturday and Sunday each month.**

Provide five references (three current clients and two former clients), **at least one of which is a destination marketing organization**, related to the case studies and examples provided in the Technical Approach section to independently establish the qualifications and expertise of the work team who would be assigned to the CVB's account including:

Contact information

Scope of services provided, including budget

Length of relationship

Reason for end of business relationship (two former clients only)

Identify any current clients which may be perceived to be in competition with Okaloosa County/ Emerald Coast CVB or which may pose a potential conflict of interest.

Note: The agency shall not hold or acquire an account of any competing county, city, region or organization representing other tourism destinations (e.g. Tourist Development Councils, Convention & Visitors Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, or like entities) within the Northwest Florida area (Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, Okaloosa County, Walton County and Bay County).

What are your experiences working with affiliate agencies to handle other areas of business on the same account?

If a joint venture of multiple specialized agencies is proposed, organization structure/client overview information must be provided for all agencies.

TECHNICAL APPROACH

Have you ever worked with a government destination marketing organization? If so, please tell us what processes you put into place to accommodate this type of client. What were/are important aspects of this type of relationship? If you have not worked with a government account, please tell us what new criteria you feel would be important to add into or emphasize in your existing process to highlight transparency and fiscal responsibility. **Governmental destination marketing organization experience preferred.**

Give two destination, travel or consumer brand case studies that demonstrate the agency's thinking, core strengths and measures of success for agency and client through paid, owned, earned and shared media. Provide 1-2 references for each case. These references can be client, partners, media, etc. and the reference must write a short paragraph about their relationship with the agency and why the featured project demonstrated success. **Destination marketing organization case studies preferred.**

Give one example of a campaign, relationship, plan or project of which you are most proud and why. This case study should exemplify how you like to conduct business and include a glimpse into before, during and after launch.

Give one example of a campaign, relationship, plan or project that successfully identified and targeted a new or emerging target audience. Why was this case a success? Or, if it didn't succeed, what did you learn from it that you later applied to another project.

Give one example of a great idea or concept that should have been developed but never saw the light of day. Please explain why it didn't get executed or live up to expectations. Knowing what you know now, what would you do differently to make it a success?

Give two destination, travel or consumer brand PR case studies that demonstrate the agency's thinking, core strengths and measures of success for agency and client through earned media. Provide 1-2 references for each case. These references can be client, partners, media, etc. and they

should write a short paragraph about their relationship with the agency and why the featured project demonstrated success. **Destination marketing organization case studies are preferred.**

Give one example of a PR campaign of which you are most proud and why. This case study should exemplify how you like to conduct business and include a glimpse into before, during and after launch.

Give one example of execution of a crisis communication plan. Why was this case a success? Or, if it didn't succeed, what did you learn from it that you later applied to another project.

Provide one example of a state-of-the art research project you conducted. What were the goals and objectives? What new methodology did you use? What was the timeframe for the study and what mid-point analytics did you provide your client? Briefly detail your findings, what new information you gleaned and how it positioned your client for success.

Give at least one case study demonstrating the agency's strategic media buying and the resulting measured impact. **Destination marketing organization case studies are preferred.**

What three words would your clients use to describe you? Why?

If a joint venture of multiple specialized agencies is proposed, each agency's contribution to the examples cited must be identified.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provide fully comprehensive pricing information based on a fixed fee monthly retainer for the scope of services herein. For purposes of providing a uniform comparison of pricing proposals, please assume 500 hours of agency support per month and submit the Pricing Sheet form provided herein.

- Account Services
- Advertising/Creative
- Media Buying
- Public Relations
- Research/Branding
- Social Media
- Strategic Planning

Separately state all types of expenses related to the scope of services herein not included in the fixed fee monthly retainer that the CVB is expected to reimburse. Reimbursement will be made only at cost, without markup. Paid media will be reimbursed at net cost, i.e. exclusive of commission if any.

Please identify the agency's blended hourly rate for any related projects outside the scope of services herein that may be assigned through the contract term.

Provide a profile of your firm's billings for 2016 and 2017 by medium, average account billing, smallest billing, largest billing, and where the CVB's billing would be ranked with all other accounts.

If a joint venture of multiple specialized agencies is proposed, pricing information must be provided for all agencies.

As an agency of the State of Florida, the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department must abide by state regulations that prohibit advance payment of goods and services. Therefore, a vendor handling the CVB account must be financially able to pay media and production bills with a full understanding that it will not be reimbursed until such time as the service has been performed and/or the promotion/advertisement has appeared. State law prohibits advance payment for services rendered. Bills are paid promptly upon receipt of proof of performance (generally within thirty (30) days). It is imperative to demonstrate your company has sufficient credit to maintain our account, or if it would be necessary to arrange for additional financing.

The top-ranked vendors will be required to submit audited financial statements for the most recent two years (e.g. 2016 & 2017) within five business days of the County's notification of being selected as a top-ranked vendor. Failure to provide the required audited financial statements on time when requested will disqualify the vendor from further consideration.

Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria will be used to evaluate responses to this RFP:

45%	Creative & Strategic Approach
25%	Destination Marketing Organization Experience
15%	Technical Approach
10%	Financial Information
5%	References

The selection process involves multiple steps:

1. All interested vendors submit written responses pursuant to the requirements presented in the RFP.
2. A review committee will identify the top-ranked vendors.
3. The top-ranked vendors will be required to submit audited financial statements for the most recent two years (e.g. 2016 & 2017) within five business days of the County's notification of being selected as a top-ranked vendor. Failure to provide the required audited financial statements on time when requested will disqualify the vendor from further consideration.
4. The top-ranked vendors will be assigned a strategic or creative scenario provided by the County and have approximately four weeks to develop a presentation for the review committee. Any expenses, including travel cost, associated with the presentation will be at the expense of the interested vendor. Vendors will have forty-five (45) minutes to present their

GENERAL SERVICES INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – w/CYBER LIABILITY

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CONTRACTORS INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall not commence any work in connection with this Agreement until he has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by the Okaloosa County Risk Manager or designee.
2. All insurance policies shall be with insurers authorized to do business in the State of Florida.
3. All insurance shall include the interest of all entities named and their respective officials, employees & volunteers of each and all other interests as may be reasonably required by Okaloosa County. The coverage afforded the Additional Insured under this policy shall be primary insurance. If the Additional Insured have other insurance that is applicable to the loss, such other insurance shall be on an excess or contingent basis. The amount of the company's liability under this policy shall not be reduced by the existence of such other insurance.
4. Where applicable, the County shall be shown as an Additional Insured with a Waiver of Subrogation on the Certificate of Insurance.
5. The County shall retain the right to reject all insurance policies that do not meet the requirement of this Agreement. Further, the County reserves the right to change these insurance requirements with 60-day notice to the Contractor.
6. The County reserves the right at any time to require the Contractor to provide copies of any insurance policies to document the insurance coverage specified in this Agreement.
7. The designation of Contractor shall include any associated or subsidiary company which is involved and is a part of the contract and such, if any associated or subsidiary company involved in the project must be named in the Workers' Compensation coverage.
8. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the Contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall secure and maintain during the life of this Agreement Workers' Compensation insurance for all of his employees employed for the project or any site connected with the work, including supervision, administration or management, of this project and in case any work is sublet, with the approval of the County, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation insurance for all employees employed at the site of the project, and such evidence of insurance shall be furnished to the County not less than ten (10) days prior to the commencement of any and all sub-contractual Agreements which have been approved by the County.
2. Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal workers' compensation laws, including the U.S. Longshore Harbor Workers' Act or Jones Act, if applicable.
3. No class of employee, including the Contractor himself, shall be excluded from the Workers' Compensation insurance coverage. The Workers' Compensation insurance shall also include Employer's Liability coverage.

BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident. If the contractor does not own vehicles, the contractor shall maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Policy. Contractor must maintain this insurance coverage throughout the life of this Agreement.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall carry other Commercial General Liability insurance against all other Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal and Advertising Injury exposures.
2. All liability insurance (other than Professional Liability) shall be written on an occurrence basis and shall not be written on a claims-made basis. If the insurance is issued with an aggregate limit of liability, the aggregate limit of liability shall apply only to the locations included in this Agreement. If, as the result of any claims or other reasons, the available limits of insurance reduce to less than those stated in the Limits of Liability, the Contractor shall notify the County representative in writing. The Contractor shall purchase additional liability insurance to maintain the requirements established in this Agreement. Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance can be purchased to meet the Limits of Liability specified in this Agreement.

3. Commercial General Liability coverage shall include the following:

- 1.) Premises & Operations Liability
- 2.) Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability
- 3.) Independent Contractors Liability
- 4.) Contractual Liability
- 5.) Products and Completed Operations Liability

4. Contractor shall agree to keep in continuous force Commercial General Liability coverage for the length of the contract.

CYBER LIABILITY

The Contractor shall carry Cyber Liability insurance coverage for third party liability. Coverage will include ID Theft Monitoring, Credit Monitoring (if necessary) & Notification. Coverage must be afforded for negligent retention of data as well as notification and related costs for actual or alleged breaches of data.

LIMITS OF LIABILITY

The insurance required shall be written for not less than the following, or greater if required by law and shall include Employer's liability with limits as prescribed in this contract:

	<u>LIMIT</u>
1. Worker's Compensation	
1.) State	Statutory
2.) Employer's Liability	\$500,000 each accident
2. Business Automobile	\$1M each accident (A combined single limit)
3. Commercial General Liability	\$1M each occurrence for Bodily Injury & Property Damage \$1M each occurrence Products and completed operations
4. Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1M each occurrence
5. Cyber Liability	\$1M per claim

NOTICE OF CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

The Contractor agrees to report any incident or claim that results from performance of this Agreement. The County representative shall receive written notice in the form of a detailed

written report describing the incident or claim within ten (10) days of the Contractor's knowledge. In the event such incident or claim involves injury and/or property damage to a third party, verbal notification shall be given the same day the Contractor becomes aware of the incident or claim followed by a written detailed report within ten (10) days of verbal notification.

INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this contract.

Note: For Contractor's convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the bid package.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

1. Certificates of insurance indicating the job site and evidencing all required coverage must be submitted not less than 10 days prior to the commencement of any of the work. The certificate holder(s) shall be as follows: Okaloosa County, 5479A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, Florida, 32536.
2. The contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10 days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium).
3. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to provide the proper notice to the County. Such notification shall be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at 5479-A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536.
4. In the event the contract term goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the contractor shall provide the County with an updated Certificate of insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The County reserves the right to suspend the contract until this requirement is met.
5. The certificate shall indicate if coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the certificate will show a retroactive date, which should be the same date of the initial contract or prior.
6. All certificates shall be subject to Okaloosa County's approval of adequacy of protection and the satisfactory character of the Insurer. County reserves the right to approve or reject all deductible/SIR above \$10,000. The Certificates of Insurance shall disclose any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions (SIRs).

7. All deductibles or SIRs, whether approved by Okaloosa County or not, shall be the Contractor's full responsibility. In particular, the Contractor shall afford full coverage as specified herein to entities listed as Additional Insured.
8. In no way will the entities listed as Additional Insured be responsible for, pay for, be damaged by, or limited to coverage required by this schedule due to the existence of a deductible or SIR. Specific written approval from Okaloosa County will only be provided upon demonstration that the Contractor has the financial capability and funds necessary to cover the responsibilities incurred as a result of the deductible or SIR.

GENERAL TERMS

Any type of insurance or increase of limits of liability not described above which, the Contractor required for its own protection or on account of statute shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense.

Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this contract shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

The carrying of the insurance described shall in no way be interpreted as relieving the Contractor of any responsibility under this contract.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor or sub-subcontractor, the same conditions will apply under this Agreement to each subcontractor and sub-subcontractor.

The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against Okaloosa County and its consultants and other indemnities of the Contractor under all the foregoing policies of insurance.

UMBRELLA INSURANCE

The Contractor shall have the right to meet the liability insurance requirements with the purchase of an umbrella insurance policy. In all instances, the combination of primary and umbrella liability coverage must equal or exceed the minimum liability insurance limits stated in this Agreement.

GENERAL PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

1. PRE-PROPOSAL ACTIVITY -

Except as provided in this section, respondents are prohibited from contacting or lobbying the County, County Administrator, Commissioners, County staff, and Selection Committee members, or any other person authorized on behalf of the County related or involved with the solicitation. All inquiries on the scope of work, specifications, additional requirements, attachments, terms and general conditions or instructions, or any issue must be directed in writing, by US mail or email to:

Okaloosa County Purchasing Department
5479A Old Bethel Road
Crestview, FL 32536
Email: dmason@myokaloosa.com
(850) 689-5960

All questions or inquiries must be received no later than the last day for questions (reference RFP & Respondent's Acknowledgement form). Any addenda or other modification to the bid documents will be issued by the County five (5) days prior to the date and time of bid closing, as a written addenda distributed to all prospective respondents by posting to the Florida Online Bid System (Florida Purchasing Group) and the Okaloosa County Web Site.

To access the Florida Online Bid System go to: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida> to access the Okaloosa County Web Site go to: <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/purchasing/current-solicitations>.

Such written addenda or modification shall be part of the proposal documents and shall be binding upon each respondent. Each respondent is required to acknowledge receipt of any and all addenda in writing and submit with their proposal. No respondent may rely upon any verbal modification or interpretation.

2. PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL – The proposal form is included with the proposal documents. Additional copies may be obtained from the County. The respondent shall submit originals and bid forms in accordance with the public notice.

All blanks in the proposal documents shall be completed by printing in ink or by typewriter in both words and numbers with the amounts extended, totaled and the proposal signed. A proposal price shall be indicated for each section, proposal item, alternative, adjustment unit price item, and unit price item listed therein, or the words "No Proposal", "No Change", or "Not Applicable" entered. No changes shall be made to the phraseology of the form or in the items mentioned therein. In case of any discrepancy between the

written amount and the numeric figures, the written amount shall govern. Any proposal which contains any omissions, erasures, alterations, additions, irregularities of any kind, or items not called for which shall in any manner fail to conform to the conditions of public notice inviting proposals may be rejected.

A proposal submitted by a corporation shall be executed in the corporate name by the president or a vice president or other corporate officer who has legal authority to sign.

A proposal submitted by a partnership shall be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner (whose title must appear under the signature). The official address of the partnership shall be shown below the signature.

A proposal submitted by a limited liability company shall be executed in the name of the firm by a member and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign. The state of formation of the firm and the official address of the firm must be shown below the signature.

A proposal submitted by an individual shall show the respondent's name and official address.

A proposal submitted by a joint venture shall be executed by each joint venture in the manner indicated on the proposal form. The official address of the joint venture must be shown below the signature.

All signatures shall be in blue ink. All names shall be typed or printed below the signature.

The proposal shall contain an acknowledgement of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers of which shall be filled in on the form. The address and telephone # for communications regarding the proposal shall be shown.

If the respondent is an out-of-state corporation, the proposal shall contain evidence of respondent's authority and qualification to do business as an out-of-state corporation in the State of.

- 3. INTEGRITY OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS** - Respondents shall use the original Proposal documents provided by the Purchasing Department and enter information only in the spaces where a response is requested. Respondents may use an attachment as an addendum to the Proposal documents if sufficient space is not available. Any modifications or alterations to the original proposal documents by the respondent, whether intentional or otherwise, will constitute grounds for rejection of a proposal. Any such modifications or alterations that a respondent wishes to propose must be clearly stated in the respondent's response in the form of an addendum to the original proposal documents.
- 4. SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSAL** – A proposal shall be submitted no later than the date and time prescribed and at the place indicated in the advertisement or invitation to proposal and shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope plainly marked with the project title

(and, if applicable, the designated portion of the project for which the proposal is submitted), the name and address of the respondent, and shall be accompanied by the proposal security and other required documents. It is the respondent's responsibility to assure that its proposal is delivered at the proper time and place. Offers by telegram, facsimile, or telephone will **NOT** be accepted.

Note: Crestview is not a next day delivery site for overnight carriers.

5. **MODIFICATION & WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL** - A proposal may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the manner that a proposal must be executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the opening of proposals.

If within 24 hours after proposals are opened any respondent files a duly signed written notice with the County and promptly thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the County that there was a material substantial mistake in the preparation of its proposal, that respondent may withdraw its proposal, and the proposal security may be returned. Thereafter, if the work is re-proposal, that respondent will be disqualified from 1) further purposing on the work, and 2) doing any work on the contract, either as a subcontractor or in any other capacity.

6. **PROPOSALS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE** – All proposals will remain subject to acceptance or rejection for ninety (90) calendar days after the day of the proposal opening, but the County may, in its sole discretion, release any proposal and return the proposal security prior to the end of this period.
7. **IDENTICAL TIE PROPOSALS** – In cases of identical procurement responses, the award shall be determined either by lot or on the basis of factors deemed to serve the best interest of the County. In the case of the latter, there must be adequate documentation to support such a decision.
8. **CONDITIONAL & INCOMPLETE PROPOSALS** - Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional proposal and proposals which make it impossible to determine the true amount of the proposal.
9. **PROPOSAL PRICE** – The proposal price shall include all equipment, labor, materials, permit(s), freight, taxes, required insurance, Public Liability, Property Damage and Workers' Compensation, etc. to cover the finished work called for.
10. **ADDITION/DELETION OF ITEM** – The County reserves the right to add or delete any item from this proposal or resulting contract when deemed to be in the County's best interest.
11. **SPECIFICATION EXCEPTIONS** – Specifications are based on the most current literature available. Respondent shall clearly list any change in the manufacturer's specifications which conflict with the proposal specifications. Respondent must also explain any deviation from the proposal specification in writing, as a foot note on the applicable proposal page and

enclose a copy of the manufacturer's specifications data detailing the changed item(s) with their proposal. Failure of the respondent to comply with these provisions will result in respondents being held responsible for all costs required to bring the equipment in compliance with proposal specifications.

12. APPLICABLE LAWS & REGULATIONS – All applicable Federal and State laws, County and municipal ordinances, orders, rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the proposal throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though they were written in full therein.

13. DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS - Any of the following reasons may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a respondent and the rejection of its proposal:

- a. Submission of more than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm or corporation under the same or different name.
- b. Evidence that the respondent has a financial interest in the firm of another respondent for the same work.
- c. Evidence of collusion among respondents. Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as respondents for any future work of the County until such participant has been reinstated as a qualified respondent.
- d. Uncompleted work which in the judgment of the County might hinder or prevent the prompt completion of additional work if awarded.
- e. Failure to pay or satisfactorily settle all bills due for labor and material on former contracts in force at the time of advertisement of proposals.
- f. Default under previous contract.
- g. Listing of the respondent by Local, State or Federal Government on its barred/suspended vendor list.

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT -

Okaloosa County Review - A selection committee will review all proposals and will participate in the Recommendation to Award.

The contract shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive respondent whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the price and other criteria set forth in the request for proposals. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any irregularity or technicality in proposals received. The County shall be the sole judge of the proposal and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final.

Okaloosa County reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any and all proposals, in whole or part, to utilize any applicable state contracts in lieu of or in addition to this proposal and to accept the proposal that in its judgment will best serve the interest of the County.

Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional proposals and proposals which make it impossible to determine the true amount of the proposal. Each item must be proposal separately and no attempt is to be made to tie any item or items to any other item or items.

15. **PAYMENTS** – The Contractor shall request payment through submission of a properly completed invoice. County shall make payments within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice. Invoicing and monthly reporting shall be in sufficient detail for pre- and post-audit review to ensure the services were performed and that the correct amount has been invoiced.
16. **DISCRIMINATION** - An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.
17. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION** - Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.133, a respondent may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
18. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. All respondents must disclose with their proposals the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also a public officer or an employee of the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners, or any of its agencies. Furthermore, all respondents must disclose the name of any County officer or employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the firm or any of its branches.

Note: For respondent’s convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the proposal package.

19. **REORGANIZATION OR BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS** – Proposals will not be considered from respondents who are currently involved in official financial reorganization or bankruptcy proceedings.

20. INVESTIGATION OF RESPONDENT – The County may make such investigations, as it deems necessary to determine the stability of the respondent to perform the work and that there is no conflict of interest as it relates to the project. The respondent shall furnish to the Owner any additional information and financial data for this purpose as the County may request.

21. CONE OF SILENCE - The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners has established a solicitation silence policy (**Cone of Silence**) that prohibits oral and written communication regarding all formal solicitations for goods and services (formal proposals, Request for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications) issued by the Board through the County Purchasing Department. The period commences from the date of advertisement until award of contract.

Note: For respondent’s convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the proposal package.

22. REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS - Per Florida Statute 119.071(1)(b)2. sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by the County pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from public disclosure until such time as the County provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.

23. COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 119.0701 - The Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of section 119.0701, Florida Statutes relating to the public records which requires, among other things, that the Respondent: (a) Keep and maintain public records; (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records; (c) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the respondent upon termination of the contract.

24. PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS – The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners actively supports the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) which includes provisions addressing employment eligibility, employment verifications, and nondiscrimination. Under the INA, employers may hire only persons who may legally work in the United States (i.e., citizens and nationals of the U.S.) and aliens authorized to work in the U.S. The employer must verify the identity and employment eligibility of anyone to be hired, which includes completing the Employment Eligibility Verifications. The respondent shall establish appropriate procedures and controls so no services or products under the Contract Documents will be performed or manufactured by any worker who is not legally eligible to perform such services or employment. Okaloosa County reserves the right to request documentation showing compliance with the requirements.

Respondents doing construction business with Okaloosa County are required to use the Federal Government Department of Homeland Security’s website and use the E-Verify

Employment Eligibility Verifications System to confirm eligibility of all employees to work in the United States.

25. **SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE** - The County may, at any time, without cause, order Respondent in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt the work in whole or in part for such period of time as the County may determine, or to terminate all or a portion of the Contract for the County's convenience. Upon such termination, the Contract Price earned to the date of termination shall be paid to Respondent, but Respondent waives any claim for damages, including loss of profits arising out of or related to the early termination. Those Contract provisions which by their nature survive final acceptance shall remain in full force and effect. If the County orders a suspension, the Contract price and Contract time may be adjusted for increases in the cost and time caused by suspension, delay or interruption. No adjustment shall be made to the extent that performance is, was or would have been so suspended, delayed or interrupted by reason for which Respondent is responsible; or that an equitable adjustment is made or denied under another provision of this Contract.
26. **FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE/DELIVERY** - In case of default by the respondent, the County after due notice (oral or written) may procure the necessary supplies or services from other sources and hold the respondent responsible for difference in cost incurred. Continuous instances of default shall result in cancellation of the contract and removal of the respondent from the proposal list for duration of one (1) year, at the option of the County.
27. **AUDIT** - If requested, respondent shall permit the County or an authorized, independent audit agency to inspect all data and records of respondent relating to its performance and its subcontracts under this contract from the date of the contract through and until three (3) years after the expiration of contract.
28. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; NON DISCRIMINATION** – Respondent shall not discriminate against any employee or an applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, familial status or handicap.
29. **NON-COLLUSION** – Respondent certifies that it has entered into no agreement to commit a fraudulent, deceitful, unlawful or wrongful act, or any act which may result in an unfair advantage over other respondents. See Florida Statute 838.22.

Note: For respondent's convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the proposal package.

30. UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS/PATRIOT'S ACT – The knowing employment by respondent or its subcontractors of any alien not authorized to work by the immigration laws is prohibited and shall be a default of the contract. In the event that the respondent is notified or becomes aware of such default, the respondent shall take steps as are necessary to terminate said employment with 24 hours of notification or actual knowledge that an alien is being employed. Respondent's failure to take such steps as are necessary to terminate the employment of any said alien within 24 hours of notification or actual knowledge that an alien is being employed shall be grounds for immediate termination of the contract. Respondent shall take all commercially reasonable precautions to ensure that it and its subcontractors do not employ persons who are not authorized to work by the immigration laws.

31. The following documents are to be submitted with the proposal packet:

- A. Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form
- B. Conflict of Interest
- C. Federal E-Verify
- D. Cone of Silence
- E. Indemnification and Hold Harmless
- F. Company Data
- G. Systems of Awards Management
- H. Addendum Acknowledgement
- I. Prohibition to Lobbying

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

THE BELOW SIGNED RESPONDENT CERTIFIES that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under quote a copy of the statement specified in subsection 1.
4. In the statement specified in subsection 1, notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under quote, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in, drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in employee's community, by any employee who is convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

COMPANY: _____

NAME: _____

(Typed or Printed)

ADDRESS: _____

TITLE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

For purposes of determining any possible conflict of interest, all respondents, must disclose if any Okaloosa Board of County Commissioner, employee(s), elected officials(s), or if any of its agencies is also an owner, corporate officer, agency, employee, etc., of their business.

Indicate either “yes” (a county employee, elected official, or agency is also associated with your business), or “no”. If yes, give person(s) name(s) and position(s) with your business.

YES: _____

NO: _____

NAME(S)

POSITION(S)

FIRM NAME: _____

BY (PRINTED): _____

BY (SIGNATURE): _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE: _____

FEDERAL E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Okaloosa County Policy and Executive Order Number 11-116 from the office of the Governor of the State of Florida, Respondent hereby certifies that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system will be used to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the respondent during the contract term, and shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term; and shall provide documentation such verification to the COUNTY upon request.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this company complies/will comply fully with the above requirements.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

COMPANY: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TITLE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

CONE OF SILENCE

The Board of County Commissioners have established a solicitation silence policy (**Cone of Silence**) that prohibits oral and written communication regarding all formal solicitations for goods and services (ITB, RFP, ITQ, ITN, and RFQ) or other competitive solicitation between the bidder (or its agents or representatives) or other entity with the potential for a financial interest in the award (or their respective agents or representatives) regarding such competitive solicitation, and any County Commissioner or County employee, selection committee member or other persons authorized to act on behalf of the Board including the County's Architect, Engineer or their sub-consultants, or anyone designated to provide a recommendation to award a particular contract, other than the Purchasing Department Staff..

The period commences from the time of advertisement until contract award.

Any information thought to affect the committee or staff recommendation submitted after bids are due, should be directed to the Purchasing Manager or an appointed representative. It shall be the Purchasing Manager's decision whether to consider this information in the decision process.

Any violation of this policy shall be grounds to disqualify the respondent from consideration during the selection process.

All respondents must agree to comply with this policy by signing the following statement and including it with their submittal.

I _____ representing _____
Signature Company Name

On this _____ day of _____ 2018 hereby agree to abide by the County's "**Cone of Silence Clause**" and understand violation of this policy shall result in disqualification of my proposal/submittal.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful conduct of the Respondent and other persons employed or utilized by the Respondent in the performance of this Agreement.

Respondent's Company Name

Authorized Signature – Manual

Physical Address

Authorized Signature – Typed

Mailing Address

Title

Phone Number

FAX Number

Cellular Number

After-Hours Number(s)

Date

Email

COMPANY DATA

Respondent's Company Name:

Physical Address & Phone #:

Contact Person (Typed-Printed):

Phone #:

Cell #:

Email:

Federal ID or SS #:

Respondent's License #:

Respondent's DUNS #:

Fax #:

Emergency #'s After Hours,
Weekends & Holidays:

SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (OCT 2016)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision.

“Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) indicator” means a four-character suffix to the unique entity identifier. The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity to establish additional System for Award Management records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see [subpart 32.11](#)) for the same entity.

“Registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database” means that.

(1) The Offeror has entered all mandatory information, including the unique entity identifier and the EFT indicator, if applicable, the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, as well as data required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (see [subpart 4.14](#)) into the SAM database;

(2) The offeror has completed the Core, Assertions, and Representations and Certifications, and Points of Contact sections of the registration in the SAM database;

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The offeror will be required to provide consent for TIN validation to the Government as a part of the SAM registration process; and

(4) The Government has marked the record “Active”.

“Unique entity identifier” means a number or other identifier used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or Government entity. See www.sam.gov for the designated entity for establishing unique entity identifiers.

(b)(1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee shall be registered in the SAM database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchasing agreement resulting from this solicitation.

(2) The Offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation “Unique Entity Identifier” followed by the unique entity identifier that identifies the Offeror’s name and address exactly as stated in the offer. The Offeror also shall enter its EFT indicator, if applicable. The unique entity identifier will be used by the Contracting Officer to verify that the Offeror is registered in the SAM database.

(c) If the Offeror does not have a unique entity identifier, it should contact the entity designated at www.sam.gov for establishment of the unique entity identifier directly to obtain one. The Offeror should be prepared to provide the following information:

- (1) Company legal business name.
- (2) Tradestyle, doing business, or other name by which your entity is commonly recognized.
- (3) Company Physical Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code.
- (4) Company Mailing Address, City, State and Zip Code (if separate from physical).
- (5) Company telephone number.
- (6) Date the company was started.
- (7) Number of employees at your location.
- (8) Chief executive officer/key manager.
- (9) Line of business (industry).
- (10) Company Headquarters name and address (reporting relationship within your entity).

(d) If the Offeror does not become registered in the SAM database in the time prescribed by the Contracting Officer, the Contracting Officer will proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered Offeror.

(e) Processing time, which normally takes 48 hours, should be taken into consideration when registering. Offerors who are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(f) Offerors may obtain information on registration at <https://www.acquisition.gov> .

Offerors SAM information:

Entity Name: _____

Entity Address: _____

Duns Number: _____

CAGE Code: _____

LOBBYING - 31 U.S.C. 1352, as amended

APPENDIX A, 44 CFR PART 18--CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

_____ Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

_____ Date

PROPOSAL SHEET

Date Submitted: _____

PROPOSAL#: RFP TDD 53-18

**PROPOSAL TITLE: MARKETING, ADVERTISING, & PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES
FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Criteria				
Technical Approach <i>(Maximum Score 45 points)</i>				
Destination Marketing Organization Experience <i>(Maximum Score 25 points)</i>				
Technical Approach <i>(Maximum Score 15 points)</i>				
Financial Information <i>(Maximum Score 10 points)</i>				
References <i>(Maximum Score 5 points)</i>				
Total Score <i>(Maximum Score 100 points)</i>				

Exhibit "B"

Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
6. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment,

unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities

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During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.

The *contractor* has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The *contractor* must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor’s compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

E-VERIFY

Enrollment and verification requirements.

(1) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-

- Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
- Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,
- Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee’s assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)

- (2) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of
 - a. All new employees.
 - i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
 - b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (3) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State of local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.
- (4) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of-
 - i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
 - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- (5) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.
 - i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the

E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.

ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee-

- (a) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;
- (b) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or
- (c) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12. Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph € (appropriately modified for identification of the parties in each subcontract that-

- (1) Is for-(i) Commercial and noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or
(ii) Construction;
- (2) Has a value of more than \$3,500; and
- (3) Includes work performed in the United States.

DRAFT CONTRACT

Please note: this contract is a draft for bidder to view and understand the County's standard terms and conditions, it is subject to revisions. By submitting a bid/proposal bidder/respondent understands and acknowledges that the draft contract is not an offer. Bidders/respondents are not to sign this draft contract.

CONTRACT

For RFP TDD 53-18

Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department

This Contract executed and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2018, between Okaloosa County, Florida, (hereinafter the "County"), whose principal address is 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579, and _____, (hereinafter the "Contractor"), a foreign limited liability company certified to conduct business in the State of Florida, whose principal address is _____, states as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County through a Request for Proposal and Respondents Acknowledgement solicited for a Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department; and

WHEREAS, after due review of all responses, _____ has been selected as the Contractor for a Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department; and

WHEREAS, the County, as a recipient of federal assistance, is required to incorporate specific provisions in all contracts, regardless of funding source, with additional provisions being required for federally funded projects. These provisions are being incorporated per this amendment as stated in Exhibit "B" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the County desires the services of the Contractor and the Contractor is willing and able to perform all services in accordance with this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

I. Incorporation of Documents

The following documents are incorporated herein by reference into this Contract and are attached as:

1. Exhibit "A", Request for Proposals & Respondent's Acknowledgment/Contractor's Submittal, **RFP TDD 53-18, Marketing, Advertising, & Public Relations Services for Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department**; date of opening _____ and any addendums thereto.
2. Exhibit "B", Standard Additional Clauses, attached hereto and made a part of this contract.

All terms within the above referenced documents are in full force and effect and shall be binding upon both parties.

II. Scope of Work

The Contractor will provide services as further outlined in the attached Exhibit "A". Any changes to this Contract shall be by a contract amendment, which must be agreed to in writing and fully executed by both parties.

III. Payment

The Contractor will be paid for the delivery of services provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract and attached Exhibit "A" (Request for Proposal & Respondent's Acknowledgment/Contractor's Submittal).

IV. Invoice Requirements

The Contractor shall request payment through submission of a properly completed invoice. County shall make payments within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice. Invoicing and monthly reporting shall be in sufficient detail for pre- and post-audit review to ensure the services were performed and that the correct amount has been invoiced.

In the event a portion of an invoice submitted to the County for payment to the Contractor, as specified above, is disputed, payment for the disputed amount may be withheld pending resolution of the dispute, and the remainder of the invoice will be processed for payment without regard to that portion which is in dispute.

V. Duration of Contract and Termination of the Contract

This Contract will be effective upon signing of contract by both parties and will run for three (3) years with the option for one, two-year renewal upon written agreement by both parties.

The County may terminate this Contract with or without cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor. If terminated, Contractor shall be owed for services rendered and equipment provided up until the point of termination.

The County may terminate this Contract in whole or part for cause, if the County determines that the performance of the Contractor is not satisfactory. The County shall notify the Contractor of the deficiency in writing with a requirement that the deficiency be corrected within ten (10) days of such notice. Such notice shall provide reasonable specificity to the Contractor of the deficiency that requires correction. If the deficiency is not corrected within such time period, the County may either (1) immediately terminate the Contract, or (2) take whatever action is deemed appropriate to correct the deficiency. In the event the County chooses to take action and not terminate the Contract, the Contractor shall, upon demand, promptly reimburse the County for any and all costs and expenses incurred by the County in correcting the deficiency.

If the County terminates the Contract, the County shall notify the Contractor of such termination in writing, with instruction to the effective date of termination or specify the stage of work at which the Agreement is to be terminated.

The County reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this Contract for refusal by the Contractor or any contractor, sub-contractor or materials vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received in conjunction with this Contract unless the records are exempt.

Upon receipt of a final termination or suspension notice under this Article, the Contractor shall proceed promptly to carry out the actions required in such notice, which may include any or all of the following:

1. Necessary action to terminate or suspend, as the case may be, Project activities and contracts and such other action as may be required or desirable to keep to a minimum the costs upon the basis of which the financing is to be computed; and
2. Furnish a statement of the activities and other undertakings the cost of which are otherwise includable as costs under this Agreement. The termination or suspension shall be carried out in conformity with the latest schedule of costs as approved by the County. The closing out of federal financial participation in the services provided shall not constitute a waiver of any claim which the County may otherwise have arising out of this Agreement.

VI. Remedies

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Contract shall be held in Okaloosa County. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

VII. Intent of Contract Documents

It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project to be performed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any work, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words that have a well-known technical or trade meaning are used to describe work, materials or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project, whether such reference be specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code, law or regulation in effect at the time the Work is performed, except as may be otherwise specifically stated herein.

VIII. Investigation

Contractor shall have the sole responsibility of satisfying itself concerning the nature and location of the Work and the general and local conditions, and particularly, but without limitation, with respect to the following: those affecting transportation, access, disposal, handling and storage of materials; availability and quality of labor; water and electric power; availability and condition of roads; work area; living facilities; climatic conditions and seasons; physical conditions at the work site and the project area as a whole; topography and ground surface conditions; nature and quantity of the surface materials to be encountered; subsurface conditions; equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during performance of the Work; and all other costs associated with such performance. The failure of Contractor to acquaint itself with any applicable conditions shall not relieve Contractor from any of its responsibilities to perform under the Contract Documents, nor shall it be considered the basis for any claim for additional time or compensation.

IX. Notice

All notices required by this Contract shall be in writing to the representatives listed below:

The authorized representatives of the County shall be:

Jennifer Adams, TDD Director
1540 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548
Phone: 850-651-7131
Email: jadams@myokaloosa.com

The authorized representative for _____ shall be:

Courtesy copy to:

Okaloosa County Purchasing Department
5479A Old Bethel Road
Crestview, FL 32536
Phone: 850-689-5960
Fax: 850-689-5998
Email: dmason@myokaloosa.com

X. Public Records

Any record created by either party in accordance with this Contract shall be retained and maintained in accordance with the public records law, Florida Statutes, Chapter 119.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT OKALOOSA COUNTY RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 5479 OLD BETHEL ROAD CRESTVIEW, FL 32536 PHONE: (850) 689-5977 riskinfo@co.okaloosa.fl.us.

Contractor must comply with the public records laws, Florida Statute chapter 119, specifically Contractor must:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119 Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the County.
4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt

from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining the public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon the request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

XII. Audit

The County and/or its designee shall have the right from time to time at its sole expense to audit the compliance by the Contractor with the terms, conditions, obligations, limitations, restrictions, and requirements of this Contract and such right shall extend for a period of three (3) years after termination of this Contract.

XIII. Assignment

Contractor shall not assign this Contract or any part thereof, without the prior consent in writing of the County. If Contractor does, with approval, assign this Contract or any part thereof, it shall require that its assignee be bound to it and to assume toward Contractor all of the obligations and responsibilities that Contractor has assumed toward the County.

XIV. Entire Contract & Waivers

This Contract and all exhibits as incorporated herein, contain the entire contract between the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written contracts. Contractor acknowledges that it has not relied upon any statement, representation, prior or contemporaneous written or oral promises, agreements or warranties, except such as are expressed herein. The terms and conditions of this Contract can only be amended in writing upon mutual agreement of the parties and signed by both parties.

The waiver by a party of any breach or default in performance shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach or default. The failure of the County to enforce any of the provisions hereof shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right of the County thereafter to enforce such provisions.

XV. Severability

If any term or condition of this Contract shall be deemed, by a court having appropriate jurisdiction, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms and conditions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect. This Contract shall not be more strictly construed against either party hereto by reason of the fact that one party may have drafted or prepared any or all the terms and provisions hereof.

XVI. Independent Contractor

Contractor enters into this Contract as, and shall continue to be, an independent contractor. All services shall be performed only by Contractor and Contractor's employees. Under no circumstances shall Contractor or any of Contractor's employees look to the County as his/her employer, or as partner, agent or principal. Neither Contractor, nor any of Contractor's employees, shall be entitled to any benefits accorded to the County's employees, including without limitation worker's compensation, disability insurance, vacation or sick pay. Contractor shall be responsible for providing, at Contractor's expense, and in Contractor's name, unemployment, disability, worker's compensation and other insurance as well as licenses and permits usual and necessary for conducting the services to be provided under this Contract.

XVII. Third Party Beneficiaries

It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this Contract that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Contract to create in the public or any member thereof, a third party beneficiary under this Contract, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Contract to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Contract.

XVIII. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

Contractor agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend or, at the option of the County, pay the cost of defense, the County and its representative from any and all claims, losses, penalties, demands, judgments, and costs of suit, including attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, for any expense, damage or liability incurred by any of them, whether for personal injury, property damage, direct or consequential damages, or economic loss, arising directly or indirectly on account of or in connection with the Work done by Contractor under this Contract or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Contractor or resulting from the use by Contractor, or by any one for whom Contractor is legally liable, of any materials, tools, machinery or other property of the County.

The Contractor's obligation under this provision shall not be limited in any way by the agreed upon contract price as shown in this contract or the Contractor's limit of, or lack of, sufficient insurance protection.

XIX. Representation of Authority to Contractor/Signatory

The individual signing this Contract on behalf of _____ represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal capacity to execute and deliver this Contract. The signatory represents and warrants to the County that the execution and delivery of this Contract and the performance of _____. Obligations hereunder have been duly authorized and that the Contract is a valid and legal agreement binding on the Contractor and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

XX. Subcontracting

Contractor shall not subcontract any services or work to be provided to County without the prior written approval of the County's Representative. The County reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform properly under this Contract. The County's acceptance of a subcontractor shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities. Additionally, any subcontract entered into between the Contractor and subcontractor will need to be approved by the County prior to it being entered into, and said agreement shall incorporate in all required terms in accordance with local, state and Federal regulations.

XXI. Insurance

CONTRACTORS INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall not commence any work in connection with this Agreement until he has obtained all required insurance and such insurance has been approved by the Okaloosa County Risk Manager or designee.
2. All insurance policies shall be with insurers authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

3. All insurance shall include the interest of all entities named and their respective officials, employees & volunteers of each and all other interests as may be reasonably required by Okaloosa County. The coverage afforded the Additional Insured under this policy shall be primary insurance. If the Additional Insured have other insurance that is applicable to the loss, such other insurance shall be on an excess or contingent basis. The amount of the company's liability under this policy shall not be reduced by the existence of such other insurance.
4. Where applicable, the County shall be shown as an Additional Insured with a Waiver of Subrogation on the Certificate of Insurance.
5. The County shall retain the right to reject all insurance policies that do not meet the requirement of this Agreement. Further, the County reserves the right to change these insurance requirements with 60-day notice to the Contractor.
6. The County reserves the right at any time to require the Contractor to provide copies of any insurance policies to document the insurance coverage specified in this Agreement.
7. The designation of Contractor shall include any associated or subsidiary company which is involved and is a part of the contract and such, if any associated or subsidiary company involved in the project must be named in the Workers' Compensation coverage.
8. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the Contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall secure and maintain during the life of this Agreement Workers' Compensation insurance for all of his employees employed for the project or any site connected with the work, including supervision, administration or management, of this project and in case any work is sublet, with the approval of the County, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation insurance for all employees employed at the site of the project, and such evidence of insurance shall be furnished to the County not less than ten (10) days prior to the commencement of any and all sub-contractual Agreements which have been approved by the County.
2. Contractor must be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal workers' compensation laws, including the U.S. Longshore Harbor Workers' Act or Jones Act, if applicable.
3. No class of employee, including the Contractor himself, shall be excluded from the Workers' Compensation insurance coverage. The Workers' Compensation insurance shall also include Employer's Liability coverage.

BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident. If the contractor does not own vehicles, the contractor shall maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Policy. Contractor must maintain this insurance coverage throughout the life of this Agreement.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

1. The Contractor shall carry other Commercial General Liability insurance against all other Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal and Advertising Injury exposures.
2. All liability insurance (other than Professional Liability) shall be written on an occurrence basis and shall not be written on a claims-made basis. If the insurance is issued with an aggregate limit of liability, the aggregate limit of liability shall apply only to the locations included in this Agreement. If, as the result of any claims or other reasons, the available limits of insurance reduce to less than those stated in the Limits of Liability, the Contractor shall notify the County representative in writing. The Contractor shall purchase additional liability insurance to maintain the requirements established in this Agreement. Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance can be purchased to meet the Limits of Liability specified in this Agreement.
3. Commercial General Liability coverage shall include the following:
 - 1.) Premises & Operations Liability
 - 2.) Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability
 - 3.) Independent Contractors Liability
 - 4.) Contractual Liability
 - 5.) Products and Completed Operations Liability
4. Contractor shall agree to keep in continuous force Commercial General Liability coverage for the length of the contract.

CYBER LIABILITY

The Contractor shall carry Cyber Liability insurance coverage for third party liability. Coverage will include ID Theft Monitoring, Credit Monitoring (if necessary) & Notification. Coverage must be afforded for negligent retention of data as well as notification and related costs for actual or alleged breaches of data.

LIMITS OF LIABILITY

The insurance required shall be written for not less than the following, or greater if required by law and shall include Employer's liability with limits as prescribed in this contract:

	<u>LIMIT</u>
1. Worker's Compensation	
1.) State	Statutory
2.) Employer's Liability	\$500,000 each accident
2. Business Automobile	\$1M each accident (A combined single limit)
3. Commercial General Liability	\$1M each occurrence for Bodily Injury & Property Damage \$1M each occurrence Products and completed operations
4. Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1M each occurrence
5. Cyber Liability	\$1M per claim

NOTICE OF CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

The Contractor agrees to report any incident or claim that results from performance of this Agreement. The County representative shall receive written notice in the form of a detailed written report describing the incident or claim within ten (10) days of the Contractor's knowledge. In the event such incident or claim involves injury and/or property damage to a third party, verbal notification shall be given the same day the Contractor becomes aware of the incident or claim followed by a written detailed report within ten (10) days of verbal notification.

INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or wrongful conduct of the Contractor and other persons employed or utilized by the Contractor in the performance of this contract.

Note: For Contractor's convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the bid package.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

4. Certificates of insurance indicating the job site and evidencing all required coverage must be submitted not less than 10 days prior to the commencement of any of the work. The certificate holder(s) shall be as follows: Okaloosa County, 5479A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, Florida, 32536.
5. The contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10 days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium).

6. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to provide the proper notice to the County. Such notification shall be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at 5479-A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536.
7. In the event the contract term goes beyond the expiration date of the insurance policy, the contractor shall provide the County with an updated Certificate of insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The County reserves the right to suspend the contract until this requirement is met.
8. The certificate shall indicate if coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the certificate will show a retroactive date, which should be the same date of the initial contract or prior.
8. All certificates shall be subject to Okaloosa County's approval of adequacy of protection and the satisfactory character of the Insurer. County reserves the right to approve or reject all deductible/SIR above \$10,000. The Certificates of Insurance shall disclose any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions (SIRs).
8. All deductibles or SIRs, whether approved by Okaloosa County or not, shall be the Contractor's full responsibility. In particular, the Contractor shall afford full coverage as specified herein to entities listed as Additional Insured.
9. In no way will the entities listed as Additional Insured be responsible for, pay for, be damaged by, or limited to coverage required by this schedule due to the existence of a deductible or SIR. Specific written approval from Okaloosa County will only be provided upon demonstration that the Contractor has the financial capability and funds necessary to cover the responsibilities incurred as a result of the deductible or SIR.

GENERAL TERMS

Any type of insurance or increase of limits of liability not described above which, the Contractor required for its own protection or on account of statute shall be its own responsibility and at its own expense.

Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this contract shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

The carrying of the insurance described shall in no way be interpreted as relieving the Contractor of any responsibility under this contract.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor or sub-subcontractor, the same conditions will apply under this Agreement to each subcontractor and sub-subcontractor.

The Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against Okaloosa County and its consultants and other indemnities of the Contractor under all the foregoing policies of insurance.

UMBRELLA INSURANCE

The Contractor shall have the right to meet the liability insurance requirements with the purchase of an umbrella insurance policy. In all instances, the combination of primary and umbrella liability coverage must equal or exceed the minimum liability insurance limits stated in this Agreement.

XXII. Taxes and Assessments

Contractor agrees to pay all sales, use, or other taxes, assessments and other similar charges when due now or in the future, required by any local, state or federal law, including but not limited to such taxes and assessments as may from time to time be imposed by the County in accordance with this Agreement. Contractor further agrees that it shall protect, reimburse and indemnify County from and assume all liability for its tax and assessment obligations under the terms of the Agreement.

The County is exempt from payment of Florida state sales and use taxes. The Contractor shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor is the Contractor authorized to use the County's tax exemption number in securing such materials.

The Contractor shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this Agreement.

XXIII. Compliance with Laws

Contractor shall secure any and all permits, licenses and approvals that may be required in order to perform the Work, shall exercise full and complete authority over Contractor's personnel, shall comply with all workers' compensation, employer's liability and all other federal, state, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations required of an employer performing services such as the Work, and shall make all reports and remit all withholdings or other deductions from the compensation paid to Contractor's personnel as may be required by any federal, state, county, or municipal law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

XXIV. Federal Regulations

The parties agree to comply with the Federal Regulations as set forth in Exhibit B, which is expressly incorporated herein as part of the Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Contract on the respective dates under each signature.

OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Printed Name/Title

Graham W. Fountain, Chairman

Signature

Date:

Date:

ATTEST:

J.D. Peacock II, Clerk

Exhibit “B”

Standard Contract Clauses

Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
2. **Non-discrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR part 21.
3. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor’s obligations under this contract and the Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
4. **Information and Reports:** The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Nondiscrimination Acts And Authorities and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish the information, the contractor will so certify to the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
5. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of a contractor’s noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the sponsor will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Aviation Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
 - b. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.

6. Incorporation of Provisions: The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the sponsor or the Federal Aviation Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the sponsor to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the sponsor. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities

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During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor”) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 CFR part 21 (Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs of The Department of Transportation—Effectuation of Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms “programs or activities” to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 – 12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration’s Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures non-discrimination against minority

populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;

- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE)

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part time workers.

The *contractor* has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The *contractor* must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractor's compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

E-VERIFY

Enrollment and verification requirements.

(6) If the Contractor is not enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall-

- a. Enroll. Enroll as a Federal Contractor in the E-Verify Program within thirty (30) calendar days of contract award;
- b. Verify all new employees. Within ninety (90) calendar days of enrollment in the E-Verify program, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); and,

- c. Verify employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of enrollment or within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- (7) If the Contractor is enrolled as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify at time of contract award, the Contractor shall use E-Verify to initiate verification of employment eligibility of
- a. All new employees.
 - i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
 - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
 - b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
- (8) If the Contractor is an institution of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)); a State or local government or the government of a Federally recognized Indian tribe, or a surety performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency pursuant to a performance bond, the Contractor may choose to verify only employees assigned to the contract, whether existing employees or new hires. The Contractor shall follow the applicable verification requirements of (b)(1) or (b)(2), respectively, except that any requirement for verification of new employees applies only to new employees assigned to the contract.
- (9) Option to verify employment eligibility of all employees. The Contractor may elect to verify all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), rather than just those employees assigned to the contract. The Contractor shall initiate verification for each existing employee working in the United States who was hired after November 6, 1986 (after November 27, 2009, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of-
- i. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or
 - ii. Notification to E-Verify Operations of the Contractor's decision to exercise this option, using the contract information provided in the E-Verify program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

(10) The Contractor shall comply, for the period of performance of this contract, with the requirements of the E-Verify program MOU.

i. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Social Security Administration (SSA) may terminate the Contractor's MOU and deny access to the E-Verify system in accordance with the terms of the MOU. In such case, the Contractor, will be referred to a suspension or debarment official.

ii. During the period between termination of the MOU and a decision by the suspension or debarment official whether to suspend or debar, the contractor is excused from its obligations under paragraph (b) of this clause. If the suspension or debarment official determines not to suspend or debar the Contractor, then the Contractor must reenroll in E-Verify.

iii. Web site. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify program can be obtained via the Internet at the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee-

- (d) Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;
- (e) Who has been granted and holds an active U.S. Government security clearance for access to confidential, secret, or top secret information in accordance with the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual; or
- (f) Who has undergone a completed background investigation and been issued credentials pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-12. Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.

Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the requirements of this clause, including this paragraph € (appropriately modified for identification of the parties in each subcontract that-

(4) Is for-(i) Commercial and noncommercial services (except for commercial services that are part of the purchase of a COTS item (or an item that would be a COTS item, but for minor modifications), performed by the COTS provider, and are normally provided for that COTS item); or

(ii) Construction;

(5) Has a value of more than \$3,500; and

Includes work performed in the United