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INVITATION TO BID (ITB) & RESPONDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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**ITB TITLE:**  
Vending Machine Services

**ITB NUMBER:**  
ITB BCC 19-19

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**ISSUE DATE:** November 19, 2018 8:00 A.M. CST

**LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS:** December 3, 2018 3:00 P.M. CST

**ITB OPENING DATE & TIME:** December 12, 2018 3:00 P.M. CST

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**NOTE: BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE BID OPENING DATE & TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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Okaloosa County, Florida solicits your company to submit a bid on the above referenced goods or services. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this ITB are incorporated into your response. A bid will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. All bids must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All bids must be sealed and received by the Okaloosa County Clerk of Court by the "ITB Opening Date & Time" referenced above. The official clock for the purpose of receiving bids is located in the Clerk of Court, Brackin Building Conference & Training Room, #305 located at 302 N. Wilson St, Crestview, FL 32536. All envelopes containing sealed bids must reference the "ITB Title", "ITB Number" and the "ITB Opening Date & Time". Okaloosa County is not responsible for lost or late delivery of bids by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the respondent. Neither faxed nor electronically submitted bids will be accepted. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening unless otherwise specified.

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS BID IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER RESPONDENT SUBMITTING A BID 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 BID AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS BID FOR THE RESPONDENT.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPED OR PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS**  
**ITB BCC 19-19**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County, FL, will accept sealed bids until **3:00 p.m. (CST) December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, for **Vending Machine Services**.

Interested respondents desiring consideration shall provide one (1) original and two (2) copies (total of 3) of their Invitation to Bids (ITB) response with the respondent's areas of expertise identified. Submissions shall be portrait orientation, unbound, and 8 ½" x 11" where practical.

**All originals must have original signatures in blue ink.** Bid documents are available for download by accessing the Okaloosa County website at <http://www.myokaloosa.com/purchasing/home> then accessing the link "View Current Solicitations" or by accessing the Florida Purchasing Group website at <http://www.floridabidsystem.com/Bids/ViewOpenSolicitations.asp>

At **3:00 p.m. (CST), December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, all bids will be opened and read aloud. All bids must be in sealed envelopes reflecting on the outside thereof the Respondent's name and "**Vending Machines Services.**" The County will consider all bids properly submitted at its scheduled bid opening in the **Conference & Training Room #305 – (old First National Bank Bldg.)** located at 302 N. Wilson St, Crestview, FL 32536. Bids may be submitted prior to bid opening by being delivered in person or by mail to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at 5479A Old Bethel Road, Crestview, FL 32536 before the bid opening day. If delivering on the bid opening day, delivery must be in person to 302 N. Wilson St, Crestview, FL 32536.

**NOTE: The Pre-delivery address has temporarily changed to Purchasing Department.**

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

The County reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest responsive respondent and to waive any irregularity or technicality in bids received. Okaloosa County shall be the sole judge of the bid and the resulting Agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final. The County reserves the right to award to multiple vendors if it is in the best interest of the County.

Any Respondent failing to mark outside of the envelope as set forth herein may not be entitled to have their bid considered.

All bids should be addressed as follows:

**Vending Machine Services**

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

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Jeffrey Hyde  
Purchasing Manager

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Date

OKALOOSA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Graham W. Fountain  
Chairman

## SPECIFICATIONS

**BID #: ITB BCC 19-19**

**BID ITEM: Vending Machines Services**

### GENERAL

Okaloosa County is seeking a contractor to provide vending machine and all vending supplies/items at the new Okaloosa County Courthouse located at 101 E. James Lee Boulevard, Crestview, FL 32536.

The County, in an effort to provide snack facilities for taxpayers, guests and its employees within various County facilities, is seeking to award a contract to one (1) vending provider for all locations.

### SCOPE OF WORK:

#### Vendor Responsibilities

1. Vendor shall service and stock all vending machines on a timely basis, as sales dictate, to guarantee that they do not run out of any products.
2. Vendor shall have trained competent maintenance technicians available within one (1) working day to make repairs on the vending machines as needed. Vendor must provide the name(s) and number(s) of maintenance technicians to service this contract, to the County so that malfunctions may be reported immediately. Manned telephone services are required during business hours.
3. Vendor's personnel shall wear a distinguishable uniform while working on County premises. For security purposes, a copy of the vendor's personnel's company identification card and/or driver's license shall be maintained on file with the County.

Contracted vendor will be required to submit background checks for all of their employees to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. If there is a conviction, each case will be considered individually, based on a number of factors including the nature of the crime(s), how long ago the crime and/or release from incarceration occurred, and the number of convictions that have occurred. If an employee does not submit a background check, it will result in a contract violation and possible termination.

Photo ID's shall be required for all workers entering the facility. ID's will be held by Law Enforcement personnel while the contractor's workers are on the premises.

Vendors will be required to submit prior to award **copies of their employees Florida driver's licenses (or CDL licenses) and subsequent ten (10) year driver's records**. Awarded vendor shall submit copies of driver's license and driver's records for any new drivers added and new copies of the records for all drivers during the contract renewal period.

4. Vendor shall be responsible for all refunds. A uniform system of refunding money, acceptable to the County, must be in operation at all times (i.e. Vendor must provide a workable system for refunding money to customers who insert money in a vending machine and, through malfunction of the vending machine, receive no product or money in return). Refund procedures shall be conspicuously posted in each location of vending machines.

5. Vendor shall agree that the County or its designee may audit, examine and copy any and all books, records, and information relating to the operation of the vending machines in County facilities. The vendor further agrees that failure to keep, maintain, and make available their records for any reason, whether within the Vendor's control or not, shall constitute a material breach of contract.
6. Vendor shall obtain and maintain current all necessary permits, licenses, etc. for the operation of a Vending Service, and shall pay all Federal, State, and Local taxes chargeable to the Vending Service.
7. Vendor shall be responsible for any and all damage to any County property resulting from Vendor's operation, which shall be promptly repaired by the Vendor at Vendor's sole expense. Vendor shall receive approval by the County prior to making repairs.
8. Vendor shall not operate, or permit to be operated by vendor's employees, any other business of any kind, or any other vending units, other than pre-approved by Okaloosa County unless approval in writing by the County, prior to implementation.
9. Vendor is responsible for stocking fresh items and shall inspect items and check expiration dates and replace those items that may pass the expiration date prior to the next scheduled visit by a service representative. Food sold through vending machines and offered to patrons of vending machines must be sound and free from spoilage, filth or other contamination and must be safe for human consumption. The food must be obtained from sources that comply with all laws relating to food and food labeling. The use of food in hermetically sealed containers that was not prepared in a food-processing establishment is prohibited. Items that exceed expiration date will be considered a contract violation.
10. Vendor shall monitor sales of products and increase high volume sales items as warranted and remove low volume sales items as warranted.
11. All products must be attractively packaged, clearly labeled including expiration dates and price.
12. The Contractor shall be responsible for the sanitary condition of its equipment as well as the areas immediately adjacent to the equipment. The contractor hereby agrees that vending machine services shall, at a minimum include regular stocking, maintaining, servicing, repairing and/or replacing the required vending machines.

Such services shall also include maintaining sanitation, and cleanliness in the vending area related to the vending machine at the contractor's sole expense. All vending machines shall be located so that space around and under the machines can be easily cleaned and maintained, and so that insect and rodent harborage is not created. When mounted on legs, a minimum of 6 inches of unobstructed space shall be provided beneath the unit. The contractor agrees to maintain high standards of sanitation with respect to the vending services provided.

The contractor shall perform all services to the sole satisfaction of the County.

13. Contractor must maintain all vending machines, furnished and installed, in accordance with the minimum practices established by the United States Public Health Service in their publications No. 546 entitled Health Service," the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.
14. In order to assist the Okaloosa County Well County Program, the awarded vendor must provide healthy snack options in each vending machine. List of healthy snacks must be approved through Purchasing Department prior to placement snacks in vending machines.

15. Vending machines should come equipped with the following types of payment acceptance: credit card payment, cash and coins.

## **COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The County will allow the contracted vendor free access to the installed vending machines during normal operating hours. Other hours may be arranged with prior consent by the County.
2. The County will furnish electricity as needed by all installed vending units.
3. The County will provide janitorial services for the areas in which the vending units are installed.
4. The County retains the right to increase, decrease, or modify existing vending locations as it deems to be in the County's best interest. The County does not guarantee high sales volume at any location and reserves the right to have service at low volume areas.
5. The County retains the right to specify certain type snacks to be sold in the vending machines.
6. The first vending machine area is located on the first floor of the Crestview Courthouse and measures 10' long X 3' wide (the area allows for up to 3 vending machines). The power receptacles are 110 volt power. The second vending machine area is located on the third floor and measures 6 X 6 wide by 11' long (the areas allows for up to 2 vending machines). The power receptacles are 110 volt power. One drink machine on the third floor shall be designated for minimal fifty (50) percent water bottles. The second machine shall be snacks.  
\*\* Can drinks will not be allowed in the facility-bottles with sealed caps only\*\*

## **FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Vendor shall submit the commission fee, based on gross receipts by vending unit, excluding sales tax, to the County within ten (10) calendar days following the conclusion of the previous monthly period.
2. Vendor shall be responsible for all sales tax, licenses, fees, etc.
3. Vendor must use generally accepted accounting principles as promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
4. Vendor shall make all firm fixed commission fees payable to Okaloosa County and remit as follows:  
BCC Finance  
101 E James Lee Boulevard Suite  
Crestview, FL 32536  
Reference: Contract Number
5. Vendor shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of machine usage by location and submit same with commission fee on a monthly basis. The Vendor should utilize the DEX (Data Exchange) or other type of reporting system as outlined in the vending industry standard to maintain an electronic audit of collections. The contractor shall provide a monthly detail report showing a breakdown of sales and commissions by location by machine.

## **LIABILITY**

The County will not be responsible for any goods purchased by the vendor or for any other obligations or liabilities assumed or created by the contractor in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall not set or hold him/her out to be an agent for the County and nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of partners, joint ventures or agency. The vendor shall hold the County harmless for any damages resulting from consumption of products delivered under said contract, when such damage is attributed to foreign materials or other defects in products/services delivered by the vendor.

## **FOOD LAWS AND STANDARDS**

All foods and food products specified herein shall be processed, packaged and delivered in accordance with regulations of the Florida Department of Health, the USDA, and requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated hereunder. Also must be in compliance with the HACCP Alliance for safe handling of refrigerated foods. Provide HACCP Alliance membership number.

## **DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE**

The contracted vendor is required to furnish with the bid, catalog cuts and/or description literature or detailed specifications for each vending unit offered.

## **MAINTENANCE AND MACHINE FAILURES**

If vendor does not respond to service calls for inoperative machines within twenty-four (24) hours, and if machines are not maintained and kept in working order, or if a malfunctioning machine is not replaced within two (2) working days by the vendor, the County may request that a new machine be brought in at the Contractor at their own expense.

## **EQUIPMENT**

1. Vendor to provide vending units that are of a matching style and design in order to present a favorable appearance to the public. Units may be new or like new in good mechanical condition, clean and undamaged inside and outside and of reputable manufacture. As new machines are developed, proven and become available, they should be put in service to assure that all machines are constantly updated. Replacement machines must be provided when determined by the County to be necessary. This would include interior and/or exterior deterioration, or chronic malfunctions.
2. Title to all equipment furnished and installed by the contractor shall remain the property of the contractor and none of the equipment shall become a part of the building.

## **PERSONNEL**

1. The contractor agrees to employ and supervise all labor and management necessary for the efficient and effective operation of all vending machine services.
2. All service personnel shall be well groomed and uniformed. They shall comply with the rules and regulations with respect to personal hygiene and conditions of work as established or promulgated by the State Department of Health and Environmental Control, Food and Drug Administration and any

other governmental agency. Also must be in compliance with the HACCP Alliance for safe handling of refrigerated foods. Provide HACCP Alliance membership number. Proper conduct of all personnel shall be maintained.

#### **ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

1. The County reserves the right to add or delete the number and/or type of vending units installed at any current or any future locations.
2. The variety of items may be changed from time to time based on seasonal availability and popular demand. Any change must be negotiated with and approved by the County prior to any change-taking place. Any such changes shall be made as an addendum to said contract. Vendor shall not change prices of vending machine items without prior written permission from the Contract Administrator.

**INFORMATION** – Questions about this ITB shall be directed to DeRita Mason, Purchasing department, [dmason@myokaloosa.com](mailto:dmason@myokaloosa.com). Any changes by the County to specifications shall be in writing in the form of an addendum and furnished to all bidders. Verbal information obtained otherwise will not be considered in awarding of bids.

#### **TERM**

The term of this contract will be for three (3) years with the option of two (2) one (1) year renewals upon mutual agreement of both parties.

## GENERAL SERVICES INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

REVISED: 08/01/2018

### **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 (redacted if necessary) 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.

## **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><b>LIMIT</b></u>
1. Worker's Compensation	
1.) State	Statutory
2.) Employer's Liability	\$500,000 each accident

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| 2. | Business Automobile             | \$1M each accident<br>(A combined single limit)  |
| 3. | Commercial General Liability    | \$1M each occurrence<br>for Bodily Injury & Property Damage<br>\$1M each occurrence Products and<br>completed operations |
| 4. | Personal and Advertising Injury | \$1M each occurrence   |

**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. 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.
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.

## **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 BID CONDITIONS**

## **1. PRE-BID ACTIVITY -**

Except as provided in this section, respondents are prohibited from contacting or lobbying the County, County Administrator, Commissioners, County staff, and Review 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](mailto:dmason@myokaloosa.com)  
(850) 689-5960

All questions or inquiries must be received no later than the last day for questions (reference ITB & 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 written addenda, and will be posted to and the Okaloosa County website at <http://www.myokaloosa.com/purchasing/current-solicitations> and the Bidnet website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/florida>.

Such written addenda or modification shall be part of the bid 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 bid. No respondent may rely upon any verbal modification or interpretation.

## **2. PREPARATION OF BID** – The bid form is included with the bid documents. Additional copies may be obtained from the County. The respondent shall submit bids in accordance with the public notice.

All blanks in the bid documents shall be completed by printing in ink or by typewriter in both words and numbers with the amounts extended, totaled and the bid signed. A bid price shall be indicated for each section, bid item, alternative, adjustment unit price item, and unit price item listed therein, or the words “No Bid”, “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 numerical figures, the written amount shall govern. Any bid 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 bids may be rejected.

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

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

It is preferred that all signatures be in blue ink with the names type or printed below the signature. Okaloosa County does not accept electronic signatures.

The bid 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 bid shall be shown.

If the respondent is an out-of-state corporation, the bid shall contain evidence of respondent's authority and qualification to do business as an out-of-state corporation in the State of Florida. A state contractor license # for the State of Florida shall also be included on the bid form. Respondent shall be licensed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 489, Florida Statutes.

3. **INTEGRITY OF BID DOCUMENTS** - Respondents shall use the original Bid 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 Bid documents if sufficient space is not available. Any modifications or alterations to the original bid documents by the respondent, whether intentional or otherwise, will constitute grounds for rejection of a bid. Any such modification or alteration that a respondent wish to propose must be clearly stated in the respondent's response in the form of an addendum to the original bid documents.
4. **SUBMITTAL OF BID** – A bid shall be submitted no later than the date and time prescribed and at the place indicated in the advertisement or invitation to bid 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 bid is submitted), the name and address of the respondent, and shall be accompanied by the bid security and other required documents. It is the respondent's responsibility to assure that its bid 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 BID** - A bid may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the manner that a bid must be executed and delivered to the place where bids are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the opening of bids.

If within 24 hours after bids 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 bid, that respondent may withdraw its bid, and the bid security may be returned. Thereafter, if the work is rebid, that respondent will be disqualified from 1) further bidding on the work, and 2) doing any work on the contract, either as a subcontractor or in any other capacity.

6. **BIDS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE** – All bids will remain subject to acceptance or rejection for sixty (60) calendar days after the day of the bid opening, but the County may, in its sole discretion, release any bid and return the bid security prior to the end of this period.
7. **IDENTICAL TIE BIDS** - - 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 BIDS** - Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional bid and bids which make it impossible to determine the true amount of the bid.
9. **PRICING** – The bid price shall include all equipment, labor, materials, freight, taxes etc. Okaloosa County reserves the right to select that bid most responsive to our needs.
10. **ADDITION/DELETION OF ITEM** – The County reserves the right to add or delete any item from this bid 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 bid specifications. Respondent must also explain any deviation from the bid specification in writing, as a foot note on the applicable bid page and enclose a copy of the manufacturer’s specifications data detailing the changed item(s) with their bid. 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 bid 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 bid 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 bid:
  - 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 any Local, State or Federal Government on its barred/suspended vendor list.

#### **14. AWARD OF BID**

- a. **Okaloosa County Review** - Okaloosa County designated Staff will review all bids and will participate in the Recommendation to Award.
- b. The County will award the bid to the responsive and responsible vendor(s) with the lowest responsive bid(s), and the County reserves the right to award the bid to the respondent submitting a responsive bid with a resulting negotiated agreement which is most advantageous and in the best interest of the County, and to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularity or technicality in bids received. Okaloosa County shall be the sole judge of the bid and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final.
- c. Okaloosa County reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any and all bids, in whole or part, to utilize any applicable state contracts in lieu of or in addition to this bid and to accept the bid that in its judgment will best serve the interest of the County.
- d. Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional bids and will normally reject those which made it impossible to determine the true amount of the bid. Each item must be bid separately and no attempt is to be made to tie any item or items to any other item or items.

**15. PAYMENTS** – Vendor shall make all firm fixed commission fees payable to the County of Okaloosa and remitted to BCC Finance, Crestview Courthouse located at 101 E James Lee Boulevard, Crestview, FL 32536.

**16. DISCRIMINATION** - An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a 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 bids 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 bid package.**

**19. REORGANIZATION OR BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS** – Bids 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 CLAUSE** - The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners has established a solicitation silence policy (**Cone of Silence Clause**) that prohibits oral and written communication regarding all formal solicitations for goods and services (formal bids, 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.

All communications shall be directed to the Purchasing Department.

**Note: For respondent's convenience, this certification form is enclosed and is made a part of the bid 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 award and removal of the respondent from the bid 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 bid from the date of the award through three (3) years after the expiration of contract.
- 28. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; NON DISCRIMINATION** – Respondent will 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.
- 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 SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PACKET. FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED FORMS MIGHT RESULT IN YOUR SUBMITTAL BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE:**

- a. Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form
- b. Conflict of Interest
- c. Federal E-Verify
- d. Cone of Silence Form
- e. Recycled Content Form
- f. Indemnification and Hold Harmless
- g. Prohibition to Lobbying
- h. Company Data
- i. System of Awards Management
- j. Addendum Acknowledgement
- k. Bid Sheet
- l. Anti-Collusion Statement

# **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)**

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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 contact to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Securities 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.

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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 CLAUSE**

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.

When the solicitation silence period is in effect, no oral or written communication is allowed regarding the solicitation between prospective respondents and members of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, county employees or members of the Board Approved Review Committee. All questions or requests for information regarding the solicitation **MUST** be directed to the designated Purchasing Representative listed in the solicitation.

Any information thought to affect the committee or staff recommendation submitted after bids are due, should be directed to the Purchasing Director or an appointed representative. It shall be the Purchasing Director 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.

# **RECYCLED CONTENT FORM**

## **RECYCLED CONTENT INFORMATION**

1. Is the material in the above: Virgin \_\_\_\_\_ or Recycled \_\_\_\_\_ (Check the applicable blank). If recycled, what percentage \_\_\_\_\_%.

Product Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Is your product packaged and/or shipped in material containing recycled content?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Is your product recyclable after it has reached its intended end use?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The above is not applicable if there is only a personal service involved with no product involvement.

Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Respondent shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs including but not limited to 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 Address



**LOBBYING - 31 U.S.C. 1352, 49 CFR Part 19, 49 CFR Part 20**

APPENDIX A, 49 CFR PART 20--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 making lobbying contacts to 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 [as amended by "Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]
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.

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352(c)(1) -(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or 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

## **COMPANY DATA**

Respondent's Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Person (Typed-Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID or SS #: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNNS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency #'s After Hours,  
Weekends & Holidays: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

# **ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ITB BCC 19-19**

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the following addenda (identified by number) received since issuance of solicitation:

<b><u>ADDENDUM NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>
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NOTE: Prior to submitting the response to this solicitation, it is the responsibility of the respondent to confirm if any addenda have been issued. If such addenda have been issued, acknowledge receipt by noting number(s) and date(s) above.

## **BID SHEET**

**Bid #: ITB BCC 19-19**

**BID ITEM: VENDING MACHINES SERVICES OF OKALOOSA COUNTY**

Descriptive material on all vending units.

1. Provide the following commission percentage of gross sales, including sales tax, per month: \_\_\_\_%
2. Descriptive material on all proposed vending units.
3. Detailed listing of all snacks and drinks offered with unit size and unit prices.
4. Provide the number of maintenance technicians to service this contract: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Provide names and contact numbers of the maintenance technicians to the County so that malfunctions may be reported immediately.
6. Provide HACCP Alliance membership number.

**\*\*NOTE -** When a vending machine operator places and operates a vending machine at another business's location, the arrangement is the rental, lease, or license to use real property. The business owner of the location where the vending machine is operated is required to collect sales tax, plus applicable surtax, from the machine operator on the rental consideration paid for use of the real property on which the machines are operated. Sales tax, plus applicable surtax, is due on the total rental consideration, including any commission or percentage of machine receipts, received by the business owner from the machine operator. For more information, review the Sales and Use Tax on Commercial Real Property Rentals brochure (GT-800016).

**ANTI-COLLUSION STATEMENT:** The below signed bidder has not divulged to, discussed or compared his bid with other bidders and has not **colluded with any other bidder or parties to bid whatever.** **Note: No premiums, rebates, or gratuities permitted either with, prior to, or after any** delivery of materials. Any such violation will result in the cancellation and/or return of material (as applicable) and the removal from bid list(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder's Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature – Manual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature – Typed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Federal ID # or SS #

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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. **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.
4. **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.



5. **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-
  - 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.)
- (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
    - 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.**

### EXHIBIT "A"

To be inserted later once submittals have been made- Request for Qualifications and Respondents Acknowledgement solicited for **Vending Machine Services for Okaloosa County** date of opening **November 5<sup>th</sup>** and any addendums thereto.

### CONTRACT For ITB BCC 19-19 Vending Machine Services

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"), \_\_\_\_\_, whose principal address is \_\_\_\_\_, states as follows:

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the County through an Invitation to Bids has solicited for **Vending Machine Services for Okaloosa County**; and

**WHEREAS**, after due review of all bids, \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected for the **Vending Machine Services for Okaloosa County**; 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", Invitation to Bid & Respondent's Acknowledgment/Contractor's Submittal, **ITB BCC 19-19, Vending Machine Services for Okaloosa County** date of opening \_\_\_\_\_ and any addendums thereto.
2. Exhibit "B", Federal Regulations, attached hereto and made a part of the 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 in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract and attached Exhibit "A"

## **III. Invoice Requirements**

The Contractor shall submit all firm fixed commission fees payable to the Okaloosa County in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract and attached Exhibit "A".

## **IV. Duration of Contract and Termination of the Contract**

The Contract will be effective when all parties have signed and will continue through completion, inspection and acceptance of project.

The contract term is anticipated to be three (3) years, with the option for two (2), one (1) year renewals if agreed to in writing by both parties. County renewal will be in part dependent upon quality of service and acceptability of costs.

The County may terminate the 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 Agreement 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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.

## **V. Remedies**

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce the 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.

## **VI. 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.

## **VII. 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.

## VIII. Notice

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

### The authorized representatives of the County shall be:

John Hofstad, County Administrator  
1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Suite 100  
Shalimar, FL 32579  
Phone: 850-651-7515  
Email: [jhofstad@myokaloosa.com](mailto:jhofstad@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](mailto:dmason@myokaloosa.com)

Any party shall have the right, from time to time, to change the address to which notices shall be sent by giving the other party at least five (5) business days' prior notice of the address change.

## IX. Governing Law & Venue

This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and the parties stipulate that venue shall be in Okaloosa County, Florida.

## 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@myokaloosa.com](mailto:riskinfo@myokaloosa.com).**

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.

## **XI. 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.

## **XII. 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.

## **XIII. 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.

## **XIV. 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.

## **XV. 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.

## **XVI. 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.

## **XVII. 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.

## **XVIII. 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.

## **XVI. 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.

## **XX. 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 (redacted if necessary) 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.

## **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:

1. Worker's Compensation **LIMIT**

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

## 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. 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.
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.

## **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.

## **XXI. 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.

**XXII. 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.

**XXIII. Federal Regulations**

The contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to, those set forth in Exhibit "B", which is expressly incorporated herein as a part of this contract.

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

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**OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graham W. Fountain, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Date:

ATTEST:

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J.D. Peacock II, Clerk

## Standard Contract Clauses

### 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:

6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.



**11. 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 / consultant*] has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The [*contractor / consultant*] 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-
  - 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.)

(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.

- a. 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

- 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

- c. 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-

- a. Enrollment in the E-Verify program; or

- b. 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.
- a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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>.
  - d. Individuals previously verified. The Contractor is not required by this clause to perform additional employment verification using E-Verify for any employee
    - i. Whose employment eligibility was previously verified by the Contractor through the E-Verify program;
    - ii. 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
    - iii. 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.