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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) & RESPONDENTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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**RFQ TITLE:**  
EAST PASS INLET SUPPLEMENTAL  
SEDIMENT EXCAVATION STUDY

**RFQ NUMBER:**  
RFQ TDD 01-18

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**LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS:**                      January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018                      3:00 P.M. CST

**RFQ DUE DATE & TIME:**                              January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018                      3:00 P.M. CST

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**NOTE: QUALIFICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS OPENING DATE & TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

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Okaloosa County, Florida solicits your company to submit a qualifications on the above referenced goods or services. All terms, specifications and conditions set forth in this RFQ are incorporated into your response. Qualifications will not be accepted unless all conditions have been met. All qualifications must have an authorized signature in the space provided below. All envelopes containing sealed qualifications must reference the "RFQ Title", "RFQ Number" and the "RFQ Due Date and Time". Okaloosa County is not responsible for lost or late delivery of qualifications by the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services used by the respondent. Neither faxed nor electronically submitted documents will be accepted. Qualifications may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of qualifications unless otherwise specified.

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**RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS. QUALIFICATIONS 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 SUBMITTAL IS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR UNDERSTANDING, AGREEMENT, OR CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER RESPONDENT SUBMITTING 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 SOLICITATION AND CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS FOR THE RESPONDENT.

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

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

### RFQ TDD 01-18

The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners request qualifications from interested respondents detailing their qualifications and experience to provide **East Pass Inlet Supplemental Sediment Excavation Study**.

Interested respondents desiring consideration shall provide an original and six (6) copies (total of 7 copies) of their Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 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.**

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

RFQs must be delivered to the Okaloosa County Purchasing Department at the address below no later than **3:00 p.m., January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** in order to be considered. All qualifications received after the stated time and date will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

All qualifications must be in sealed envelopes reflecting on the outside thereof "**East Pass Inlet Supplemental Sediment Excavation Study**". Failure to mark outside of the envelope as set forth herein shall result in the submittal not being considered.

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

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

All submittals should be addressed as follows:

**East Pass Inlet Supplemental Sediment  
Excavation Study.  
RFQ TDD 01-18**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Kisela  
Purchasing Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OKALOOSA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Carolyn N. Ketchel  
Chairman

# **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**PROPOSAL #: RFQ TDD 01-18**

**PROPOSAL ITEM: East Pass Inlet Supplemental Sediment Excavation Study**

## **General Scope of Work for East Pass Inlet Supplemental Sediment Excavation Study**

The goal of the proposed study is to complete the implementation of the 4 recommended strategies as outlined in the *East Pass Inlet Management Implementation Plan (2013)* adopted by the State of Florida, July 24, 2013. Strategies 1-3 of the implementation plan are already in progress. The proposed study will address strategy #4:

*4) Investigate availability and feasibility of supplemental inlet sediment excavation outside the federal navigation channels, exclusive of areas with submerged natural resources. Should gulf beach erosion, as determined in the monitoring protocol, exceed the bypassing quantities obtained from maintenance of the federal navigation channels, additional inlet sediment may be obtained as determined from its availability, feasibility, and impacts.*

The study will address, but not be limited to, the following areas of interest:

- As determined by numerical modelling (among other potential investigative approaches), what will be the physical impact of a dredged borrow area within the area of inlet shoaling and the ebb/flood shoal complex and adjacent shoreline areas. Address the time scale and/or the set of forcing over which to consider these potential impacts.
- What should be the appropriate dimensions of the borrow area, including depth?
- While the upper layers of sediment are likely beach quality, how deep does the beach quality material extend? How would this geotechnical investigation be accomplished?
- What would be the expected infilling rates?
- What volume of beach quality sand would be available for beach restoration?
- Would the dredged borrow area within the area of inlet shoaling decrease the frequency of maintenance dredging of the East Pass Federal Navigation Channel? By how much?

The selected respondent will be required to coordinate multiple Technical Advisory Committee meetings composed of representatives from Okaloosa County, the City of Destin, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the United State Army Corps of Engineers, Eglin Air Force Base and the United States Coast Guard.

The selected respondent will work with all or part of the Technical Advisory Committee to develop a detailed scope of work.

## **EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

Evaluation of proposals and selection of a firm shall be at the sole discretion of Owner. This will be a qualifications based selection. Professional firms will be evaluated using the following criteria and respective weights. Firms submitting a proposal in response to the RFQ may be required to give an oral presentation to Owner representatives. The Owner's request for an oral presentation shall in no way constitute acceptance of a proposal or imply that an agreement is pending.

### **GRADING CRITERIA**

- 1 Experience, as the principal investigator, in supplemental sediment excavation feasibility studies for south Atlantic and/or Gulf Coast inlets. **(45 points)**
2. Experience, as the principal investigator, in developing inlet management plans for Floridian inlets. **(20 points)**
3. Submittal demonstrates a past record of professional accomplishments directly related to the areas of work the firm is proposing to perform? **(15 points)**
4. Adequate qualifications, responsibilities and the relevant experience of the assigned personnel. **(15 points)**
5. Feedback from references, representative of past experience similar to the services described herein. **(5 points)**

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: (100 points)**

### **GRANT REQUIREMENTS:**

In order to comply with federal grant regulations, additional rules and regulations will apply. See **EXHIBIT B** and **EXHIBIT C**.

### **TERM OF CONTRACT:**

The initial term of this contract shall be from completion of signatures by both parties and remain in effect until October 31, 2019, based on the grant guidelines.

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## **GENERAL SERVICES INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

REVISED: 06/12/17

### **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 licensed to do business in the State of Florida.
3. All insurance shall include the interest of all entities named and their respective agents, consultants, servants and employees of each and all other interests as may be reasonably required by Okaloosa County as Additional Insured. 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. The County shall be listed as Additional Insured by policy endorsement on all insurance contracts applicable to this Agreement except Workers' Compensation.
5. The County shall be furnished proof of coverage by certificates of insurance (COI) and endorsements for every applicable insurance contract required by this Agreement. The COI's and policy endorsements must be delivered to the County Representative not less than ten (10) days prior to the commencement of any and all contractual Agreements between the County and the Contractor.
6. The County shall retain the right to reject all insurance contracts 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.
7. The insurance definition of Insured or Additional Insured shall include Subcontractor, Sub-subcontractor, and any associated or subsidiary companies of the Contractor, which are involved, and which is a part of the contract.
8. The County reserves the right at any time to require the Contractor to provide certified copies of any insurance policies to document the insurance coverage specified in this Agreement.
9. 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.
10. All insurance policies shall include a clause to provide 30 days written notice to Okaloosa County for any changes, cancellations or non-renewal of the policy, with the exception of 10 day notice for cancellation due to non-payment of premium. Such notice shall be given directly to the County Representative.

## **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. Such insurance shall comply with the Florida Workers' Compensation Law.
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 AND COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

1. The Contractor shall maintain Business Automobile Liability insurance coverage throughout the life of this Agreement. The insurance shall include Owned, Non-owned & Hired Motor Vehicle coverage.
2. The Contractor shall carry other Commercial General Liability insurance against all other Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal and Advertising Injury exposures.
3. 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.
4. Commercial General Liability coverage shall be endorsed to include the following:
  - 1.) Premises – Operation Liability
  - 2.) Occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability
  - 3.) Independent Contractors Liability
  - 4.) Products and Completed Operations Liability
5. 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>LIMIT</u>
1. Worker's Compensation	
1.) State	Statutory
2.) Employer's Liability	\$100,000 each accident
2. Business Automobile	\$1,000,000 each occurrence (A combined single limit)
3. Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 each occurrence (A combined single limit)
4. Personal and Advertising Injury	\$250,000
5. Professional Liability (E&O)	\$1,000,000 (claims made)

## NOTICE OF CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

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

## INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS

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

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

## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

1. Certificates of insurance, in duplicate, indicating the job site and evidencing all required coverage must be submitted to and approved by Okaloosa County 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. All policies shall expressly require 30 days written notice to Okaloosa County at the address set out above, or the cancellations of material alterations of such policies, and the Certificates of Insurance, shall so provide.

3. All certificates shall be subject to Okaloosa County's approval of adequacy of protection and the satisfactory character of the Insurer. County reserves the right to approve or reject all deductible/SIR above \$10,000. The Certificates of Insurance shall disclose any and all deductibles or self-insured retentions (SIRs).
4. 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.
5. In no way will the entities listed as Additional Insured be responsible for, pay for, be damaged by, or limited to coverage required by this schedule due to the existence of a deductible or SIR. Specific written approval from Okaloosa County will only be provided upon demonstration that the Contractor has the financial capability and funds necessary to cover the responsibilities incurred as a result of the deductible or SIR.

## **GENERAL TERMS**

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

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 QUALIFICATIONS CONDITIONS**

## **1. PRE-QUALIFICATION ACTIVITY -**

**Addendum** - 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@co.okaloosa.fl.us  
(850)689-5960

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

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

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

## **2. PREPARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS – Qualifications which contain 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 requesting qualifications may be rejected.**

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

B. Qualifications 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.

C. Qualifications 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.

D. Qualifications submitted by an individual shall show the respondent's name and official address.

- E. Qualifications submitted by a joint venture shall be executed by each joint venture in the manner indicated in the Request for Qualification. The official address of the joint venture must be shown below the signature.
- F. All signatures shall be in blue ink. All names shall be typed or printed below the signature.
- G. The submittal 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 submittal shall be shown.
- H. If the respondent is an out-of-state corporation, the submittal shall contain evidence of respondent's authority and qualification to do business as an out-of-state corporation in the State of Florida.

3. **INTEGRITY OF QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENTS** - Respondents shall use the original qualification 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 qualification documents if sufficient space is not available. Any modifications or alterations to the original solicitation documents by the respondent, whether intentional or otherwise, will constitute grounds for rejection of submittal. Any such modifications or alterations that a respondent wishes to propose must be clearly stated in the respondent's response and the form of an addendum to the original documents.

4. **SUBMITTAL OF QUALIFICATIONS** – Qualifications shall be submitted no later than the date and time prescribed and at the place indicated in the advertisement or request for qualifications 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 qualifications are being submitted for), the name and address of the respondent, and shall be accompanied by the other required documents.

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

5. **MODIFICATION & WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMITTAL** – Qualifications may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed in the manner that a submittal must be executed and delivered to the place where documents are to be submitted prior to the date and time for the opening of the solicitation.

If within 24 hours after qualifications 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 submittal, that respondent may withdraw its submittal, and the respondent's security will be returned. Thereafter, if the work is a re-qualification, that respondent will be disqualified from 1) further purposing on the work, and 2) doing any work on the contract, either as a subcontractor or in any other capacity.

**Note: Crestview, Florida is "not a next day guaranteed delivery location" by delivery services.**

6. **QUALIFICATIONS DOCUMENTS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE** – All qualifications documents will remain subject to acceptance or rejection for sixty (60) calendar days after the day of the opening, but the County may, in its sole discretion, release any submittal and return the respondent's security prior to the end of this period.
7. **IDENTICAL TIE QUALIFICATIONS** - Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two or more qualifications which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received by the County for the procurement of commodities, contractual services, a submittal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process (see attached certification form).

Established procedures for processing tie qualifications will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program.

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

8. **CONDITIONAL & INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS** - Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional submittal and qualifications which make it impossible to determine the true quality of services to be provided by respondent.
9. **ADDITION/DELETION OF ITEM** – The County reserves the right to add or delete any item from this qualification or resulting contract when deemed to be in the County's best interest.
10. **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 qualifications throughout, and they will be deemed to be included in the contract the same as though they were written in full therein.
11. **DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS** - Any of the following reasons may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a respondent and the rejection of its qualifications:
  - a. Submission of more than one qualification 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 proposer 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 qualifications.
  - f. Default under previous contract.

- g. Listing of the respondent by any Local, State or Federal Government on its barred/suspended vendor list.

**12. AWARD OF CONTRACT - Okaloosa County Review:** A selection committee will review all qualifications and will participate in the Recommendation to Award.

The County will award the contract to the most qualified respondent(s), and the County reserves the right to award the contract to the respondent(s) submitting the most responsive submittal with a resulting negotiated agreement which is most advantageous and in the best interest of the County, and to reject any and all qualifications or to waive any irregularity or technicality in qualifications received. Okaloosa County shall be the sole judge of the qualifications and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final.

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

Okaloosa County specifically reserves the right to reject any conditional qualifications and proposals which make it impossible to determine the true quality of services to be provided by respondent.

- 13. PAYMENTS** – The respondent shall be paid upon submission of invoices and approval of acceptance by Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, Finance Office, 302 N. Wilson St., #203, Crestview FL 32536, for the prices stipulated in the resulting agreement. Invoices must show Contract #.
- 14. DISCRIMINATION** - An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit qualifications for a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit qualifications on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit qualifications 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. All respondents must disclose with their qualifications 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.
- 17. REORGANIZATION OR BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS** – Qualifications will not be considered from respondents who are currently involved in official financial reorganization or bankruptcy proceedings.

18. **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 any additional information and financial data for this purpose as the County may request.
19. **CONE OF SILENCE CLAUSE** - The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners have established a solicitation silence policy (**Cone of Silence Clause**) that prohibits oral and written communication regarding all formal solicitations for goods and services issued by the Board through the County Purchasing Department. The period commences from the time of advertisement until contract award.

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

20. **REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS** - Per Florida Statute 119.071(1)(b)2. sealed proposals, or replies received by an the County pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from public disclosure until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.
21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **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.

24. **FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE/DELIVERY** - In case of default by the respondent, the County after due notice (oral or written) may procure the necessary supplies or services from other sources and hold the respondent responsible for difference in cost incurred. Continuous instances of default shall result in cancellation of the contract and removal of the respondent from the vendor list for duration of one (1) year, at the option of County.
25. **AUDIT** - If requested, respondent shall permit the County or an authorized, independent audit agency to inspect all data and records of respondent relating to its performance and its subcontracts under this contract from the date of the contract through and until three (3) years after the expiration of contract.
26. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; NON DISCRIMINATION** – Respondent shall not discriminate against any employee or an applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, familial status or handicap.
27. **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.
28. **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.
29. **The following documents are to be submitted with the qualifications packet:**
  - A. Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form
  - B. Conflict of Interest
  - C. Federal E-Verify
  - D. Cone of Silence Clause Form
  - E. Indemnification and Hold Harmless
  - F. Company Data
  - G. Addendum Acknowledgement
  - H. Certification Regarding Lobbying
  - I. Governmental Debarment & Suspension
  - J. Recycled Content Form
  - K. Exhibit “B” General Grant Funding Conditions
  - L. Exhibit “C” Standard Additional Clauses

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

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONE OF SILENCE CLAUSE**

The Board of County Commissioners have 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 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's decision whether to consider this information in the decision process.

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

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

I \_\_\_\_\_ representing \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Company Name

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017 hereby agree to abide by the County's "**Cone of Silence Clause**" and understand violation of this policy shall result in disqualification of my proposal/submittal.

## INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

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

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Respondent's Company Name

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Authorized Signature – Manual

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Physical Address

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Authorized Signature – Typed

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Mailing Address

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Title

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Phone Number

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FAX Number

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Cellular Number

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After-Hours Number(s)

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Date

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Email

## COMPANY DATA

Respondent's Company Name:

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Physical Address & Phone #:

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Contact Person (Typed-Printed):

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Phone #:

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Cell #:

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Email:

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Federal ID or SS #:

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Respondent's License #:

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Respondent's DUNS #:

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Fax #:

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Emergency #'s After Hours,  
Weekends & Holidays:

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# **ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

RFQ TDD 01-18

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

**ADDENDUM NO.**

**DATE**

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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.

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

## 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 influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form--LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

The 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

# Government Debarment & Suspension

## Instructions

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Orders 12549, at Subpart C of OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 3000.332. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management (SAM) database.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension,  
Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion  
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552(a), as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880.

**[READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PREVIOUS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION]**

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
  
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal

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Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

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Signature

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Date



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

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

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

# QUALIFICATION SCORING SHEET

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

**PROPOSAL#: RFQ TDD 01-18**

**PROPOSAL TITLE: East Pass Inlet Supplemental Sediment Excavation Study**

<b>RANKING CRITERIA</b>			
Experience, as the principal investigator, in supplemental sediment excavation feasibility studies for south Atlantic and/or Gulf Coast inlets. (45 points)			
Experience, as the principal investigator, in developing inlet management plans for Floridian inlets (20 points)			
Submittal demonstrates a past record of professional accomplishments related to the areas of work the firm is proposing to perform? ( 15 points)			
Adequate qualifications, responsibilities and the relevant experience of the assigned personnel.(15 points)			
Feedback from references, representative of past experience similar to the services described herein. (5 points)			

**EXHIBIT B**  
**GENERAL GRANT FUNDING SPECIAL PROPOSAL CONDITIONS**

Either this solicitation is fully or partially Grant funded. Respondents shall comply with the clauses as enumerated below.

1. **Drug Free Workplace Requirements:** Drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub L 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D) All contractors entering into Federal funded contracts over \$100,000 must comply with Federal Drug Free workplace requirements as Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
2. **Contractor Compliance:** The contractor shall comply with all uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards.
3. **Conflict of Interest:** The contractor must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the County or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal policy.
4. **Mandatory Disclosures:** The contractor must disclose in writing all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award.
5. **Utilization of Minority and Women Firms (M/WBE):** The contractor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, in accordance with 2CFR 200.321. If subcontracts are to be let, prime contractor will require compliance by all sub-contractors. Prior to contract award, the contractor shall document efforts to utilize M/WBE firms including what firms were solicited as suppliers and/or subcontractors as applicable and submit this information with their bid submittal. Information regarding certified M/WBE firms can be obtained from:

Florida Department of Management Services (Office of Supplier Diversity)  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Minority Business Development Center in most large cities and  
Local Government M/DBE programs in many large counties and cities

6. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** (As per Executive Order 11246) The contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. The contractor agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.
7. **Davis-Bacon Act:** If applicable to this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). Contractors are required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. If the grant award contains Davis Bacon provisions, the County will place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in the solicitation document. The decision to award a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination.

8. **Copeland Anti Kick Back Act:** If applicable to this contract, contractors shall comply with all the requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, 29 CFR Part 3 which are incorporated by reference to this contract. Contractors are prohibited from inducing by any means any person employed in the construction, completion or repair of public work to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.
9. **Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act** (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708): Where applicable, all contracts awarded in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must be in compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
10. **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.)** and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387): as amended—The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
11. **Debarment and Suspension** (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689): A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension. SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. The contractor shall certify compliance. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions and subcontracts.
12. **Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment** (31 U.S.C. 1352): Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. The contractor shall certify compliance.
13. **Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement:** If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

14. **Procurement of Recovered Materials:** Contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
15. **Access to Records and Reports:**  
Contractor will make available to the County's granting agency, the granting agency's Office of Inspector General, the Government Accountability Office, the Comptroller General of the United States, Okaloosa County, Okaloosa County Clerk of Court's Inspector General, or any of their duly authorized representatives any books, documents, papers or other records, including electronic records, of the contractor that are pertinent to the County's grant award, in order to make audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcripts, and copies of such documents. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the contractor's personnel during normal business hours for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. This right of access shall continue as long as records are retained.
16. **Record Retention:**  
Contractor will retain of all required records pertinent to this contract for a period of three years, beginning on a date as described in 2 C.F.R. §200.333 and retained in compliance with 2 C.F.R. §200.333.
17. **Federal Changes:** Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal agency regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract.
18. **Termination for Default (Breach or Cause):**  
Contracts in excess of \$10,000 – If Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the County may terminate the contract for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract.
19. **Safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information**  
Contractor will take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information designated as sensitive by the awarding agency or is considered sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, state and/or local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
20. **Prohibition on utilization of cost plus a percentage of cost contracts:** The County will not award contracts containing Federal funding on a cost plus percentage of cost basis.
21. **Prohibition on utilization of time and material type contracts:** The County will not award contracts based on a time and material basis if the contract contains Federal funding.
22. **Disputes:** Any dispute arising under this Agreement which is not settled by Agreement of the parties may be settled by mediation, arbitration, or other appropriate legal proceedings. Pending any decision, appeal

or judgment in such proceedings or the settlement of any dispute arising under this Agreement, shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement in accordance with the decision of the County. This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Florida, and venue for any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County.

**23. Energy Policy and Conservation Act (43 U.S.C.§6201)**

All contracts except micro-purchases (\$3000 or less, except for construction contracts over \$2000). Contracts shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stating in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation act. (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871) [53 FR 8078, 8087, Mar. 11, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 19639, 19645, Apr. 19, 1995].

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

## Exhibit "C"

### **Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements**

#### **Compliance with Nondiscrimination Requirements**

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

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

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

## **Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities**

### **Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Acts and Authorities**

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.
  - i. Enrolled ninety (90) calendar days or more. The Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the Contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or
  - ii. Employees assigned to the contract. For each employee assigned to the contract, the Contractor shall initiate verification within ninety (90) calendar days after date of contract award or within thirty (30) days after assignment to the contract, whichever date is later (but see paragraph (b)(4) of this section.)
- b. Enrolled less than ninety (90) calendar days. Within ninety (90) calendar days after enrollment as a Federal Contractor in E-Verify, the Contractor shall initiate verification of all new hires of the contractor, who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three (3) business days after the date of hire (but see paragraph (b)(3) of this section); or

(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.

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL  
CONSULTING SERVICES**

This Contract is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017, by and between OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA (“COUNTY”), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, located at 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, Florida 32579, and \_\_\_\_\_, whose principal place of business is at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Consultant”), whose Federal I.D. number is \_\_\_\_\_ in connection with Okaloosa County Request for Qualifications No. RFQ TDD 01-18 and the professional services set forth therein.

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the County has pursued the professional services selection process contemplated under section 287.055, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Okaloosa County desires to obtain the professional consulting services of the Consultant concerning said services being more fully described in the exhibits attached to this Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the County and the Consultant agree as follows:

**ARTICLE ONE  
CONSULTANT’S RESPONSIBILITY**

1.1. Consultant shall provide to County professional engineering consulting services for the duration of the Contract.

1.2. The Services required under this Contract to be performed by Consultant shall be those set forth in \_\_\_\_\_ and shall be issued as a one-time Notice to Proceed. The basis of compensation to be paid Consultant by the County for Services is set forth in the scope of work attached to the Notice to Proceed. Work shall consist of providing a detailed study included within the scope of work

1.3. The Consultant agrees to obtain and maintain throughout the period of this Contract all such licenses as are required to do business in the State of Florida, including, but not limited to, all licenses required by the respective state boards, and other governmental agencies responsible for regulating and licensing the professional services to be provided and performed by the Consultant pursuant to this Contract.

1.4. The Consultant agrees that, when the services to be provided hereunder relate to a professional service which, under Florida Statutes, requires a license, certificate of authorization or other form of legal entitlement to practice such services, it shall employ and/or retain only qualified personnel to provide such services.

1.5. Consultant agrees that the Project Manager for the term of this Contract shall be:

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The Consultant agrees that the Project Manager shall devote whatever time is required to satisfactorily manage the services to be provided and performed by the Consultant hereunder. The person selected by the Consultant to serve as the Project Manager shall be subject to the prior approval and acceptance of the County, such approval or acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.

1.6. Consultant agrees, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of a written request from the County, to promptly remove and replace from the project team the Project Manager, or any other personnel employed or retained by the Consultant, or any subconsultants or subcontractors or any personnel of any such subconsultants or subcontractors engaged by the Consultant to provide and perform services or work pursuant to the requirements of this Contract, whom the County shall request in writing to be removed, which request may be made by the County with or without cause.

1.7. The Consultant has represented to the County that it has expertise in the type of professional services that will be required for the Project. The Consultant agrees that all services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to the County's review and approval and shall be in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional practice in the State of Florida, as well as in accordance with all published laws, statutes, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations and requirements of any governmental agencies which regulate or have jurisdiction over the Project or the services to be provided and performed by Consultant hereunder. In the event of any conflicts in these requirements, the Consultant shall notify the County of such conflict and utilize its best professional judgment to advise County regarding resolution of the conflict.

1.9. Evaluations of the County's adopted capital improvement budget, preliminary estimates of construction cost and detailed estimates of construction cost prepared by the Consultant represent the Consultant's best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry. The Consultant cannot and does not guarantee that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from any estimate of construction cost or evaluation prepared or agreed to by the Consultant.

1.10 Consultant shall be responsible for obtaining a copy of the Grant Agreement, referenced in this Agreement as **Agreement #18OK1, East Pass Inlet Management Study**, from the County to ensure that the Consultant understands the Grant requirements fully. The Consultant agrees to abide by all terms and conditions stated within said Grant Agreement.

**ARTICLE TWO  
SERVICES OF CONSULTANT**

2.1 As authorized or required by the County in the Notice to Proceed, and agreed to by Consultant, Consultant shall furnish or obtain from others Services of the types listed in Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ These services will be paid for by the County as indicated in Article Five and \_\_\_\_\_ and as confirmed in the Notice to Proceed.

**ARTICLE THREE  
COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

3.1. The County shall designate in writing a representative to act as County's representative with respect to the services to be rendered under this Contract (hereinafter referred to as the "County's Representative"). The County's Representative shall have County transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define County's policies and decisions with respect to Consultant's services for the Project. However, the County's Representative is not authorized to issue any verbal or written orders or instructions to the Consultant that would have the effect, or be interpreted to have the effect, of modifying or changing in any way whatever:

- a. The scope of services to be provided and performed by the Consultant hereunder;
- b. The time the Consultant is obligated to commence and complete all such services; or
- c. The amount of compensation the County is obligated or committed to pay the Consultant.

3.2. The County's Representative shall:

- a. Review and make appropriate recommendations on all requests submitted by the Consultant for payment for services and work provided and performed in accordance with this Contract;
- b. Provide all criteria and information requested by Consultant as to County's requirements, for the Project, including design objectives and constraints, space, capacity and performance requirements, flexibility and expandability, and any budgetary limitations;
- c. Upon request from Consultant, assist Consultant by placing at Consultant's disposal all available information in the County's possession pertinent to the Project, including existing drawings, specifications, shop drawings, product literature, previous reports and any other data relative to the Project;
- d. Provide notice to Consultant of any deficiencies or defects discovered by the County with respect to the services to be rendered by Consultant hereunder.

3.3 For the purposes of this Contract, the County's Representative shall be:

Jim Trifilio, Coastal Management Coordinator

#### **ARTICLE FOUR TIME**

4.1. Services to be rendered by Consultant shall be commenced subsequent to the execution of the Notice to Proceed issued pursuant to this Contract, after receiving written Notice to Proceed from County for all or any designated portion of the Project and shall be performed and completed in accordance with the Project Schedule attached to the Notice to Proceed for the Project.

4.2. Should Consultant be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution or completion of its services as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of Consultant, and not due to its own fault or neglect, including but not restricted to acts of God or of public enemy, acts of government or of the County, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine regulations, strikes or lock-outs, then Consultant shall notify County in writing within five (5) working days after commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which Consultant may have had to request a time extension.

4.3. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension or delay in the commencement or progress of Consultant's services from any cause whatsoever, including those for which County may be responsible in whole or in part, shall relieve Consultant of its duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from County. Consultant's sole remedy against County will be the right to seek an extension of time to its schedule. This paragraph shall expressly apply to claims for early completion, as well as claims based on late completion. Provided, however, if through no fault or neglect of the Consultant, the services to be provided hereunder have not been completed within the schedule identified in the Notice to Proceed, the Consultant's compensation shall be equitably adjusted, with respect to those services that have not yet been performed, to reflect the incremental increase in costs experienced by Consultant.

4.4. Should the Consultant fail to commence, provide, perform or complete any of the services to be provided hereunder in a timely and reasonable manner, in addition to any other rights or remedies available to the County hereunder, the County at its sole discretion and option may withhold any and all payments due and owing to the Consultant until such time as the Consultant resumes performance of its obligations hereunder in such a manner so as to reasonably establish to the County's satisfaction that the Consultant's performance is or will shortly be back on schedule.

## **ARTICLE FIVE COMPENSATION**

5.1. Compensation and the manner of payment of such compensation by the County for services rendered hereunder by Consultant shall be as prescribed in Schedule A which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5.2. The total amount to be paid by the County under this Contract for all services and materials, including "out of pocket" expenses and any approved subcontracts, shall not exceed the amount set forth in the approved Notice to Proceed without prior approval of the County. The Consultant shall notify the County's Representative in writing when 90% of the "not to exceed amount" has been reached.

5.3. Invoices received by the County from the Consultant pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved in writing by the County's Representative, who shall indicate whether services have been rendered in conformity with the Contract, and then sent to the County's Office of Management and Budget for processing payment. All invoices shall contain a detailed breakdown of the services provided for which payment is being requested. Invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days following the County Representative's approval, who shall process all payments in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act or advise Consultant in writing of reasons for not processing same. In addition to detailed invoices, upon request of the County's Representative, Consultant will provide County with detailed periodic Status Reports on the project.

5.4. "Out-of-pocket" expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with Florida law. All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Contract shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices, or other documentation acceptable to the County's Representative. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Work described in this Contract.

5.5. In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the Consultant will clearly state "final invoice" on the Consultant's final/last billing to the County.. This final invoice shall also certify that all services provided by Consultant have been performed in accordance with the applicable Notice to Proceed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to the County. Because this account will thereupon be closed, any and other further charges not included on this final invoice are waived by the Consultant. Acceptance of final payment by Consultant shall constitute a waiver of all claims and liens against County for additional payment.



**ARTICLE SIX  
WAIVER OF CLAIMS**

6.1. Consultant's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full waiver of any and all claims related to the obligation of payment by it against County arising out of this Contract or otherwise related to the Project, except those previously made in writing and identified by Consultant as unsettled at the time of the final payment. Neither the acceptance of Consultant's services nor payment by County shall be deemed to be a waiver of any of County's rights against Consultant.

**ARTICLE SEVEN  
TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION REPRESENTATIONS**

7.1. Consultant warrants that Consultant has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Contract and that Consultant has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

7.2. In accordance with provisions of Section 287.055(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the signature of this Contract by the Consultant shall also act as the execution of a truth in negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates, overhead charges, and other costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the Contract and no higher than those charged the Consultant's most favored customer for the same or substantially similar service. Should the County determine that said rates and costs were significantly increased due to incomplete, noncurrent or inaccurate representation, then said rates and compensation provided for in this Contract shall be adjusted accordingly.

**ARTICLE EIGHT  
TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION**

8.1. Consultant shall be considered in material default of this Contract and such default will be considered cause for County to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, as further set forth in this section, for any of the following reasons: (a) failure to begin work under the Contract within a reasonable time after issuance of the Notice to Proceed, or (b) failure to properly and timely perform the services to be provided hereunder or as directed by County pursuant to this Contract, or (c) the bankruptcy or insolvency or a general assignment for the benefit of creditors by Consultant or by any of Consultant's principals, officers or directors, or (d) failure to obey laws, ordinances, regulations or other codes of conduct, or (e) failure to perform or abide by the terms or spirit of this Contract, or (f) for any other just cause. The County may so terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, by giving the Consultant seven (7) calendar days' written notice.

8.2. If, after notice of termination of this Contract as provided for in paragraph 8.1 above, it is determined for any reason that Consultant was not, in default, or that its default was excusable, or that County otherwise was not entitled to the remedy against Consultant provided for in

paragraph 8.1, then the notice of termination given pursuant to paragraph 8.1 shall be deemed to be the notice of termination provided for in paragraph 8.3 below and Consultant's remedies against County shall be the same as and limited to those afforded Consultant under paragraph 8.3 below.

8.3. County shall have the right to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, without cause upon seven (7) calendar days' written notice to Consultant. In the event of such termination for convenience, Consultant's recovery against County shall be limited to that portion of the fee earned through the date of termination, together with any retainage withheld and any costs reasonably incurred by Consultant that are directly attributable to the termination, but Consultant shall not be entitled to any other or further recovery against County, including, but not limited to, anticipated fees or profits on work not required to be performed.

8.4. Upon termination, the Consultant shall deliver to the County all original papers, records, documents, drawings, models, and other material set forth and described in this Contract.

8.5. The County shall have the power to suspend all or any portions of the services to be provided by Consultant hereunder upon giving Consultant two (2) calendar days prior written notice of such suspension. If all or any portion of the services to be rendered hereunder are so suspended, the Consultant's sole and exclusive remedy shall be to seek an extension of time to its schedule in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article Four herein.

## **ARTICLE NINE PERSONNEL**

9.1. The Consultant is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the County. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Consultant's sole direction, supervision, and control. The Consultant shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Consultant's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the County.

9.2. The Consultant represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the County, nor shall such personnel be entitled to any benefits of the County including, but not limited to, pension, health and workers' compensation benefits.

9.3. All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Consultant or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

9.4. Any changes or substitutions in the Consultant's key personnel, as may be listed in Consultant's statement of qualifications, must be made known to the County's Representative

and written approval must be granted by the County's Representative before said change or substitution can become effective, said approval for which shall not unreasonably be withheld.

9.5. The Consultant warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to professional standards applicable to firms of similar local and national reputation.

9.10 The Consultant warrants that it fully complies with all Federal Executive Orders, statutes and regulations regarding the employment of undocumented workers and others and that all employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or immigration status requirements set forth in Federal Executive Orders, statutes and regulations. Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from and against any sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Consultant in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work hereunder.

9.11 The employees and agents of each party, shall while on the premises of the other party, comply with all rules and regulations of the premises, including, but not limited to, security requirements.

## **ARTICLE TEN SUBCONTRACTING**

10.1. Consultant 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 Consultant is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN FEDERAL AND STATE TAX**

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

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

**ARTICLE TWELVE  
OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

12.1. Upon completion or termination of this Contract, all records, documents, tracings, plans, specifications, maps, evaluations, reports, computer assisted design or drafting disks and other technical data, other than working papers, prepared or developed by Consultant under this Contract shall be delivered to and become the property of County. Consultant, at its own expense, may retain copies for its files and internal use.

12.2. The County and the Consultant shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, pertaining to public records. Consultant assumes no liability for the use of such documents by the County or others for purposes not intended under this Contract.

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN  
MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS & PUBLIC RECORDS**

13.1. Consultant will keep adequate records and supporting documentation which concern or reflect its services hereunder. The records and documentation will be retained by Consultant for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Contract or the date the Project is completed, whichever is later. County, or any duly authorized agents or representatives of County, shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as they deem necessary during the period of this Contract and during the three (3) year period noted above; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours.

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

- a) Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- b) 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.
- 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 for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the Consultant does not transfer the records to the County.
- d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the Consultant 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.

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

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

#### **ARTICLE FOURTEEN INSURANCE**

14.1. During the life of the Contract the Consultant shall provide, pay for, and maintain, with companies satisfactory to the County, the types of insurance described herein. All insurance shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and/or responsible risk retention group insurance companies registered with the State of Florida. Prior to execution of this Contract by County, the insurance coverages and limits required must be evidenced by properly executed Certificates of Insurance on forms which are acceptable to the County. The Certificates must be personally, manually signed by the Authorized Representatives of the insurance company/companies shown on the Certificates with proof that he/she is an authorized representative thereof. In addition, certified, true and exact copies of all insurance policies required shall be provided to the County, on a timely basis, if required by the County. These Certificates and policies shall contain provisions that sixty (60) days' written notice by registered or certified mail shall be given the County of any cancellation, intent not to renew, or reduction in the policies' coverages, except in the application of the Aggregate Limits Provisions. In the event of a reduction in the Aggregate Limit of any policy, the Consultant shall immediately take steps to have the Aggregate Limit reinstated to the full extent permitted under such policy. All insurance coverages of the Consultant shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance program carried by the County applicable to this Project.

14.2. The acceptance by the County of any Certificate of Insurance for this Project evidencing the insurance coverages and limits required in this Contract does not constitute approval or agreement by the County that the insurance requirements have been met or that the insurance policies shown on the Certificates of Insurance are in compliance with the requirements of this Contract.

14.3. Before starting and until acceptance of the work by County, Consultant shall maintain insurance of the types and to the limits specified in paragraph 14.7 entitled "Required Insurance." Consultant shall require each of its subconsultants and subcontractors to procure and maintain, until the completion of that subconsultant's or subcontractor's work, insurance of the types and to the limits specified in paragraph 14.7, unless such insurance requirement for the subconsultant or subcontractor is expressly waived in writing by the County. Said waiver shall not be unreasonably withheld upon Consultant representing in writing to County that Consultant's existing coverage includes and covers the subconsultants and subcontractors for which a waiver is sought, and that such coverage is in conformance with the types and limits of insurance specified in paragraph 14.7. All liability insurance policies, other than the Professional Liability, Worker's, Compensation and Employers' Liability policies, obtained by Consultant to meet the requirements of this Contract shall name County as an additional insured as to the operations of the Consultant under this Contract and the Contract Documents and shall contain severability of interests provisions.

14.4. If any insurance provided pursuant to this Contract expires prior to the completion of the work, renewal Certificates of Insurance and, if requested by County, certified, true copies of the renewal policies shall be furnished by Consultant sixty (60) days prior to the date of expiration. Should at any time the Consultant not maintain the insurance coverages required in this Contract, the County may cancel this Contract or at its sole discretion shall be authorized to purchase such coverages and charge the Consultant for such coverages purchased. The County shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the County to purchase such insurance coverages shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of its rights under this Contract.

14.5. Certificates of insurance, reflecting evidence of the required insurance, shall be filed with the County's Representative prior to the commencement of the work. The Consultant shall not commence work under this Contract until it has obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the County's Representative, nor shall the Consultant allow any subcontractor to commence work on its sub-contract until all similar such insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

14.6. Policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and shall have adequate Policyholders and Financial ratings in the latest ratings of A.M. Best, Rating of VI or better.

14.7. Required Insurance (Exhibit "B" attached)

- a. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of Florida.
- b. Employers Liability Insurance with limits of \$100,000 per Accident, \$500,000 Disease, policy limits, \$100,000 Disease each employee.
- c. Comprehensive business automobile and vehicle liability insurance covering claims for injuries to members of the public and/or damages to property of others arising from use of motor vehicles, including onsite and offsite operations, and owned, hired or

non-owned vehicles, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit, and if split limits are provided, the minimum acceptable limits shall be \$50,000 per person, \$100,000 per occurrence, \$25,000 property damage.

d. Commercial general liability covering claims for injuries to members of the public or damage to property of others arising out of any covered act or omission of Consultant or any of its employees, agents or subcontractors or sub consultants, including Premises and/or Operations, Independent Contractors; Broad Form Property Damage and a Contractual Liability Endorsement with \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit, and if split limits are provided, the minimum acceptable limits shall be \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence, \$50,000 property damage.

e. Personal and Advertising Injury up to \$250,000 and Professional Liability up to \$1,000,000 per combined single limit.

f. County, State of Florida and Federal Government shall be named as an additional insured with respect to Consultant's liabilities hereunder in insurance coverage's identified in Paragraphs c. and d.

g. Consultant shall require its subcontractors to be adequately insured at least to the limits prescribed above, and to any increased limits of Consultant if so required by County during the term of this Contract. County will not pay for increased limits of insurance for subcontractors.

The County reserves the right to require any other insurance coverage it deems necessary depending upon the exposures.

## **ARTICLE FIFTEEN INDEMNIFICATION**

15.1. The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant and other persons employed or utilized by the Consultant in the performance of the Contract.

15.2. Consultant acknowledges that the general conditions of any construction contract shall include language, satisfactory to the County's attorney, in which the Consultant agrees to hold harmless and to defend County, Consultant, their agents and employees, from all suits and actions, including attorney's fees, and all costs of litigation and judgments of any name and description arising out of or incidental to the performance of the construction contract or work performed thereunder. County acknowledges that Consultant shall be expressly named as an indemnified party, and shall be held harmless, in the general conditions of any construction contract, and shall be named as an additional insured in any Consultant's insurance policies.

15.3 The first ten dollars (\$10.00) of remuneration paid to Consultant under this Contract shall be in consideration for the indemnification provided for in this section. Consultant under this Contract shall be in consideration for the indemnification provided for in this section.

## **ARTICLE SIXTEEN SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

16.1. The County and the Consultant each binds itself and its successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Contract and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the County nor the Consultant shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the County which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the County and the Consultant.

## **ARTICLE SEVENTEEN REMEDIES**

17.1. 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.

## **ARTICLE EIGHTEEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

18.1. The Consultant represents that it has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees (Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes). The Consultant further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

18.2. The Consultant shall promptly notify the County Representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the Consultant's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Consultant may undertake and request an informed determination from the County Representative as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would be viewed by the County Representative as constituting a conflict of interest if entered into by the Consultant. The County Representative agrees to notify the Consultant of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt



of notice by the Consultant. Such determination may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners by the Consultant within thirty (30) days of the County Representative's notice to the Consultant. If, in the opinion of the County Representative or County, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Consultant, the County Representative or County shall so state in the notice and the Consultant shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the County by the Consultant under the terms of this Contract.

## **ARTICLE NINETEEN DEBT**

19.1. The Consultant shall not pledge the County's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness. The Consultant further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY NONDISCRIMINATION**

20.1. The Consultant warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, or sexual orientation.

20.2. Additionally, (As per Executive Order 11246) Consultant may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. Consultant agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their age, race, color, creed, sex, disability or national origin. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

21.1. If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Contract, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Contract, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all expenses (including taxes) even if not taxable as court costs (including, without limitation, all such fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO  
NOTICE**

22.1. All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Consultant's Representative and the County Representative at the addresses shown in Articles One and Three hereof.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE  
MODIFICATION OF SCOPE OF WORK**

23.1. It is the intent of this Contract that County shall from time to time issue Notice to Proceeds for Consultant to perform work. Notice to Proceeds shall be duly approved by the County prior to issuance. Consultant shall expediently perform such work within the schedule indicated in the work order in accordance with Article Four above. Consultant shall timely cooperate with County Representative in negotiating the cost and schedule of said work orders prior to submission to the County for approval. The County reserves the right to make changes in the Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the Consultant of the County's notification of a contemplated change, the Consultant shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the County of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the County if the contemplated change shall effect the Consultant's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

23.2. If the County so instructs in writing, the Consultant shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work or work order affected by a contemplated change, pending the County's decision to proceed with the change. Consultant shall be entitled to invoice County for that portion of the work completed prior to receipt of the written notice.

23.3. If the County elects to make the change, the County shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the Consultant shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the Consultant and the County.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR  
MODIFICATION**

24.1. The County and the Consultant agree that this Contract together with the Exhibits hereto, sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article Twenty Three - Modification of Scope of Work. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Contract and the provisions in the incorporated Exhibits, the terms of this Contract shall supersede and prevail over the terms in the Exhibits.

**ARTICLE TWENTY FIVE  
MISCELLANEOUS**

25.1. Consultant, in representing County, shall promote the best interest of County and each party agrees to assume toward the other party a duty of good faith and fair dealing.

25.2. No modification, waiver, suspension or termination of the Contract or of any terms thereof shall impair the rights or liabilities of either party.

25.3. This Contract is not assignable, in whole or in part, by Consultant without the prior written consent of County.

25.4. Waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Contract.

25.5. The headings of the Articles, Schedules, Parts and Attachments as contained in this Contract are for the purpose of convenience only and shall not be deemed to expand, limit or change the provisions in such Articles, Schedules, Parts and Attachments.

25.6. This Contract, including the referenced Schedules and Attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall supersede, replace and nullify any and all prior agreements or understandings, written or oral, relating to the matter set forth herein, and any such prior agreements or understanding shall have no force or effect whatever on this Contract.

25.7 Consultant, acknowledges that it shall comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders, State laws and regulations and local laws, ordinances and regulations as it pertains to services being rendered under this contract.

25.8 Consultant acknowledges that some federal funds may be utilized in the course of services being performed under this agreement, as such, consultant agrees that it shall adhere to all necessary federal regulations, including those as set forth in Exhibit "C". Further, the Consultant acknowledges that the Federal government is not a party to this agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, Consultant, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Contract.

**ARTICLE TWENTY SIX  
MINORITY/WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

26.1 The Consultant must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, in accordance with 2CFR 200.321. If subcontracts are to be let, prime Consultant will require compliance by all sub-contractors. Prior to contract award, the Consultant shall document efforts to utilize M/WBE firms including what firms were solicited as suppliers and/or

subcontractors as applicable and submit this information with their bid submittal. Information regarding certified M/WBE firms can be obtained from:

Florida Department of Management Services (Office of Supplier Diversity)  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Minority Business Development Center in most large cities and  
Local Government M/DBE programs in many large counties and cities

## **ARTICLE TWENTY SEVEN PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS**

27.1 Consultant must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY EIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICIES**

28.1 The Consultant shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stating in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation act. (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871) [53 FR 8078, 8087, Mar. 11, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 19639, 19645, Apr. 19, 1995].

28.2 Clean Air Act.

- a. The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Contract.

### 28.3 Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

- a. The Consultant agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- b. The Consultant agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the State of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The Consultant agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance under this Contract.

## **ARTICLE TWENTY NINE FEDERAL SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT**

29.1 This Agreement may be covered in part as transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Consultant is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

- a. The Consultant must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- b. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the Consultant did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the State of Florida and the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/ or debarment.
- c. The Consultant agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Consultant further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

## **ARTICLE THIRTY LOBBYING**

30.1 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment. Consultant who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also

disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**ARTICLE THIRTY ONE  
THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

31.1 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

**ARTICLE THIRTY TWO  
SEVERABILITY**

32.1. If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such term or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE THIRTY THREE  
REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT/SIGNATORY**

33.1 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 Agreement is a valid and legal agreement binding on the Consultant and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**ARTICLE THIRTY FOUR  
COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS**

34.1 The Consultant and all its agents shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements. The Consultant shall include this provision in all subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.

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

34.3 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

34.4 Any dispute concerning performance of this Contract shall be processed as described herein. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of this Contract will be in the courts of the State of Florida, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have set their hands and official seals the day and year first above written.

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Authorized Representative

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Date

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(printed)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn N. Ketchel, Chairman

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Date

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J.D. Peacock II, Clerk