

ESCAMBIA COUNTY FLORIDA

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Professional Services As Governed by Florida Statute 287.055
Solicitation Identification Number PD 02-03.79

Letters of Interest Will Be Received Until:
3:00 p.m., CDT, Tuesday, September 9, 2003 Continuous

Office of Purchasing, Room 11.101
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From:
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All requests for assistance should be made in writing when possible. Responses will be provided to all known submitters in writing. No verbal responses will be provided.

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NOTICE

It is the specific legislative intent of the Board of County Commissioners that NO CONTRACT under this solicitation shall be formed between Escambia County and the awardee vendor until such time as the contract is executed by the last party to the transaction.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should call the Office of Purchasing, (850) 595-4980 at least five (5) working days prior to the solicitation opening.

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY FLORIDA
REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST
Proposer's Checklist
Professional Services As Governed by Florida Statute 287.055
Specification PD 02-03.79**

How to Submit Your Proposal

Please review this document carefully. Offers that are accepted by the county are binding contracts. Incomplete proposals are not acceptable. All documents and submittals must be received by the office of purchasing on or before date and hour specified for receipt. Late proposals will be returned unopened.

The County has implemented a new Electronic Submittal Process, which requires the use of GovernmentForms.software®. This software, which generates and posts a customized version the Standard Form (SF) 330 along with the capability to upload other required items, can be downloaded at the following address: <http://submittals.myescambia.com/>

- GSA Standard Form 330 (the following forms must be submitted in the order listed below)
 - Part II (update if already submitted)
 - Part I

The remaining forms are PDF's to be uploaded

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- Sworn Statement Pursuant to Section 287.133 (3)(A), Florida Statutes, On Entity Crimes
- Drug-Free Workplace Form
- Information Sheet For Transactions and Conveyances Corporate Identification

The Following Submittals Are Required Upon Notice Of Award:

- Certificate Of Insurance

How to Submit a No Proposal

- If you do not wish to propose at this time, please respond to the Office of Purchasing providing your firm's name, address, a signature, and a reason for not responding in a sealed envelope. This will ensure your company's active status in our vendor's list.

This form is only for your convenience to assist in filling out your proposal. Do not return with your proposal.

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I. INFORMATION PACKAGE

Request for Letters of Interest for Professional Services As Governed by Florida Statute 287.055

(a) "Professional services" means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of the state, or those performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper in connection with his or her professional employment or practice.

Scope of Services

The intent of this solicitation is to acquire a broad range of professional services for Escambia County based on the definition of "Continuing Contract" in FS 287.055:

(g) A "continuing contract" is a contract for professional services entered into in accordance with all the procedures of this act between an agency and a firm whereby the firm provides professional services to the agency for projects in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the contract does not exceed \$2 million, for study activity if the fee for professional services for each individual study under the contract does not exceed \$200,000, or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract required by the agency, with the contract being for a fixed term or with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause. Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.

The services sought may include, but are not limited to:

Architect

Landscape Architect

Engineering Services

- Civil
- Computer Consulting (cabling, RCDD, etc.)
- Electrical
- Environmental
- Geotechnical
- Hazardous Waste
- HVAC
- Hydrogeological
- Mechanical
- Solid Waste
- Structural
- Surveying
- Transportation/Traffic

Mapping/GIS Services
Planning Services
Construction Management Services

The resulting “continuing contract” shall provide for issuance of individual Task Orders based on specific scopes of work. Task Orders will be individually negotiated based on a “Fee Schedule” and any additional negotiated services required within the scope of work.

In order for a “Continuing Contract” to be established between Escambia County, Florida a fee schedule must be established. The Office of Purchasing on behalf of Escambia County offers a “Fee Schedules” consisting of:

“Fee Schedules” for the continuing contract shall be established based on the “Current Averages for Audited Overhead, Expense and Facilities Capital Cost of Money (FCCM) Rates” as provided in the current Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Negotiation Handbook Guidelines for Professional Services Contracts, which is incorporated by reference herein.

- Attachment D, Current Averages for Audited Overhead, Expense and Facilities Capital Cost of Money (FCCM) Rates
(FDOT Negotiations Handbook - <http://www.fdot.gov/procurement/pdf/negot.pdf>)

Please do not provide these numbers with your letter of interest. Your acceptance of the above maximums will suffice.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMITTERS

Firms desiring to provide described Professional Services shall submit one (1) electronic copy of your firms Letter of Interest containing all of the requested information no later than the date and time listed on the cover sheet. Submittals delivered late shall not be accepted or considered. No exceptions will be made.

A. **Government Forms Software:** <http://submittals.myescambia.com/>

All information requested must be submitted. Failure to submit all information may result in a lower evaluation of the proposal. Letters, which are substantially incomplete or lack key information, may be rejected by the County at its discretion. The selection of the short listed firms will be based on the information provided in the submittal.

The submittals shall be in the GSA Standard Form (SF) 330 format with one additional section as described below (include in Letter of Interest). No other format will be acceptable.

Information submitted with your letter of interest should include

documentation to demonstrate your firm's qualifications and abilities to provide the scope of services. The submittal should include sufficient information to permit a clear understanding of similar past projects, especially in Florida, staff experience and abilities, and any other additional, pertinent details to describe the team's capabilities.

A committee will review the information submitted and short-list the firms. On-site presentations, interviews, and or discussions will be requested of a short list of three or more firms. Once all review is complete, the short-listed firms will be ranked by the selection committee with the top ranked firm being scheduled for negotiations.

Award(s) resulting from this solicitation shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 1-9-5, CONSULTANTS of the Ordinances of Escambia County and Procedure PP-250 VENDOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS of the Purchasing Policies and Procedures of Escambia County.

The following policy will apply to all methods of source selection:

B. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

After the issuance of any solicitation, all bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from **lobbying** as defined herein or otherwise attempting to persuade or influence any elected County officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant selection committee at any time during the **blackout period** as defined herein; provided, however, nothing herein shall prohibit bidders/proposers/protestors or individuals acting on their behalf from communicating with the purchasing staff concerning a pending solicitation unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation or unless otherwise directed by the purchasing manager.

Definitions

Blackout period means the period between the time the bids/proposals for invitations for bid or the request for proposal, or qualifications, or information, or requests for letters of interest, or the invitation to negotiate, as applicable, are received at the Escambia County Office of Purchasing and the time the Board awards the contract and any resulting bid protest is resolved or the solicitation is otherwise canceled.

Lobbying means the attempt to influence the thinking of elected County officials, their agents or employees or any member of the relevant Selection Committee for or against a specific cause related to a pending solicitation for goods or services, in person, by mail, by facsimile, by telephone, by electronic mail, or by any other means of communication.

Sanctions

The Board may impose any one or more of the following sanctions on a nonemployee for violations of the policy set forth herein:

- (a) Rejection/disqualification of submittal
- (b) Termination of contracts; or
- (c) Suspension or debarment as provided in Sec. 46-102 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

This policy is not intended to alter the procedure for Protested Solicitations and Awards as set forth in the Sec. 46-101 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

C. FLORIDA EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-116 COMPLIANCE

Letters of Interest will be evaluated using the criteria below. Firms will be notified in writing whether they have been selected within two (2) weeks after submittal date.

III. FIRMS' EVALUATIONS AND SELECTION

- Qualifications of the firm and individual team members.
- Background experience and technical expertise of the firm and individual team members.
- Recognition, understanding, capability and resources to perform the services.
- Ability to provide a high level of service through a local presence.
- Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act - any additional requirements as defined in State of Florida Statute 287.055.

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IV. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The County has implemented an Electronic Submittal Process that utilizes GovernmentForms.software® (GFS) to generate a customized version of the Standard Form (SF) 330 in a specific format. Other items shall be in PDF format and must be submitted by electronic upload via GFS or manually via the County's web site at <http://submittals.myescambia.com/>

Required items are described below (**The following forms must be submitted electronically in the order listed below**):

1. Update Standard Form (SF) 330 – Part II (GFS format)

For those firms that have already provided an SF 330 Part II update as required

Note: The wording on the form can't be changed, but include information as though the listing reads as follows:

11. ~~ANNUAL AVERAGE~~ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVENUES INVOICED AND PAID BY ~~OF~~ FIRM FOR LAST 3 YEARS

11. a. ~~Federal~~ Escambia County Florida Board of County Commissioners

11. b. ~~Non-Federal~~ Non-Escambia County Florida Board of County Commissioners Work

2. Standard Form (SF) 330 – Part I (GFS format)

Generated by GovernmentForms.software®, includes:

- Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part I, Section A-C
- Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part I, Section D
 - For each individual shown on the organizational chart list the following:
 - Name
 - Position relative to the project
 - Firm
 - Position in the firm
- Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part I, Section E
Page Limit: 20 pages/resumes
- Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part I, Section F
Page Limit: 10 pages/projects
- Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part I, Section G
Page Limit: 1 page
- Standard Form (SF) 330 - Part I, Section H
 - The firm should provide three (3) examples of projects for government entities/municipalities indicating experience in the following:
 - Past Performance:
 - Provide at least three (3) samples showing performance records for the past five (5) years. Records should indicate:
 - Performance record

- Background Experience
 - Technical Expertise
 - Current Work
 - Proposers shall list all currently active contracts or task orders with the following:
 - Escambia County, Florida,
 - Other Government Entities,
 - Private, and provide the following relative information
 - Contract or Task Order name
 - Current status
 - Costs
 - Original cost, to include any change orders
 - Remaining balance
 - Proposers shall list any work which their organization failed to complete in the last five (5) years and describe the when, where, how and why of such failure.
 - Proposers shall list any officer or partner of their team who in the last five (5) years failed to complete a contract handled in his/her name and to discuss the reasons thereof.
 - Proposers shall list any lawsuits in which their team (firms and individuals) is involved relative to services performed or failed to perform over the last five (5) years
- Proposers shall include any additional information to represent your firm for consideration

3. Letter of Interest (PDF format)

Letter of Interest prepared by a corporate officer or principal of the firm authorized to obligate the firm contractually (Page Limit: Total Letter of Interest length shall not exceed 20 pages).

Documents

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- Drug-Free Workplace Form

- Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporate Identification

No additional information is to be included in the Letter of Interest.

Note: Failure to provide the information listed above could be reason for deeming a firm non-responsive.

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<http://www.fdot.gov/procurement/pdf/negot.pdf>

Please do not provide these numbers with your letter of interest. Your acceptance of the above maximums will suffice.

Individual Task Orders will be negotiated with the “Fee Schedules” as a “ceiling”.

[] Yes, the “Fee Schedule” formula is acceptable.

Signature

Title

[] No, the “Fee Schedule” formula is not acceptable.

Signature

Title

Note: Available as a PDF Form @ <http://submittals.myescambia.com/> (General Information/Sample Forms/Required Items)

Certification Regarding E-Verify System

Contractor hereby certifies compliance with the following:
Pursuant to State of Florida Executive Order No.: 11-116, Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by Contractor while performing work or providing services for Escambia County. Contractor shall also include in any related subcontracts a requirement that subcontractors performing work or providing services for Escambia County on its behalf utilize the E-Verify system to verify employment of all new employees hired by subcontractor.

CONTRACTOR:

Business Name

By: _____
Signature

Name: _____
Printed

Title: _____
Printed

Date: _____

TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATION

For any lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional service agreement over \$60,000 the Agency requires the Consultant to execute this certificate and include it with the submittal of the Technical Proposal.

The Consultant hereby certifies, covenants and warrants that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation for this project's agreement will be accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting.

The Consultant further agrees that the original agreement price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Agency determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such agreement adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the agreement. For purpose of this certificate, the end of the agreement shall be deemed to be the date of final billing or acceptance of the work by the Agency, whichever is later.

Name of Consultant

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Date

SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, ON ENTITY CRIMES

1. This sworn statement is submitted to _____
(print name of the public entity)

by _____
(print individual's name and title)

for _____
(print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is:

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the Individual signing this sworn statement: _____)

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), **Florida Statutes**, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), **Florida Statutes**, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), **Florida Statutes**, means:
- a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - b. An entity under the control any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
 - c. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), **Florida**

Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

- d. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **(indicate which statement applies.)**

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. **(attach a copy of the final order).**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Personally known _____
OR produced identification _____

Notary Public - State of _____

(Type of identification)

My commission expires _____

(Printed typed or stamped commissioned name of notary public)

Drug-Free Workplace Form

The undersigned vendor, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that _____ does:

Name of Business

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, 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 bid a copy of the statement specified in Paragraph 1.
4. In the statement specified in Paragraph 1, notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, 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 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 a drug assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of Paragraphs 1 through 5.

Check one:

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

_____ As the person authorized to sign this statement, this firm **does not** comply fully with the above requirements.

Offeror's Signature

Date

**Information Sheet
for Transactions and Conveyances
Corporation Identification**

The following information will be provided to the Escambia County Legal Department for incorporation in legal documents. It is, therefore, vital all information is accurate and complete. Please be certain all spelling, capitalization, etc. is exactly as registered with the state or federal government.

(Please Circle One)

Is this a Florida Corporation: Yes or No

If not a Florida Corporation,

In what state was it created: _____

Name as spelled in that State: _____

What kind of corporation is it: "For Profit" or "Not for Profit"

Is it in good standing: Yes or No

**Authorized to transact business
in Florida:** Yes or No

State of Florida Department of State Certificate of Authority Document
No.: _____

Does it use a registered fictitious name: Yes or No

Names of Officers:

President: _____ Secretary: _____

Vice President: _____ Treasurer: _____

Director: _____ Director: _____

Other: _____ Other: _____

Name of Corporation (As used in Florida):

(Spelled exactly as it is registered with the state or federal government)

Corporate Address:

Post Office Box: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

(Please provide post office box and street address for mail and/or express delivery; also for recorded instruments involving land)

(Please continue and complete page 2)

Federal Identification Number: _____
(For all instruments to be recorded, taxpayer's identification is needed)

Contact person for Company: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Facsimile Number:** _____

Name of individual who will sign the instrument on behalf of the company:

(Upon Certification of Award, Contract shall be signed by the President or Vice-President. Any other officer shall have permission to sign via a resolution approved by the Board of Directors on behalf of the company. Awarded contractor shall submit a copy of the resolution together with the executed contract to the Office of Purchasing)

(Spelled exactly as it would appear on the instrument)

Title of the individual named above who will sign on behalf of the company:

END

(850) 488-9000 Verified by: _____ Date: _____

(Revised 9/18/09)

287.055 Acquisition of professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, or surveying and mapping services; definitions; procedures; contingent fees prohibited; penalties.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section shall be known as the “Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act.”

[Florida Statute 287.055](#)

**STANDARD PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES
CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

FOR

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ESCAMBIA COUNTY**

AND

**Sample
Contract**

FORM F: CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TASK ORDERS

(Revised June 2016)

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AGREEMENT

This is an Agreement between Escambia County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, its successors and assigns, with its administrative offices located at 221 Palafox Place, Pensacola, Florida 32502-1590, (hereinafter referred to as "County,") and _____, a for-profit corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, its successors and assigns, whose federal identification number is _____, and whose business address is, _____, (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

WITNESSETH:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, covenants and payments hereinafter set forth, the County and the Consultant agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement and the various covenants, conditions, terms and provisions which follow, the definitions and identifications set forth below are assumed to be true and correct and are therefore agreed upon by the parties.

1.1 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

The Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of Escambia County, Florida.

1.2 CONSULTANT:

_____ is the Consultant selected to perform professional services pursuant to this Agreement.

1.3 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:

Whenever the term Contract Administrator is used herein, it is intended to mean (Dept. Name), (Title), Escambia County (Dept.). In the administration of this Agreement, as contrasted with matters of policy, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator.

1.4 COUNTY:

Escambia County, Florida is a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

1.5 NOTICE TO PROCEED:

The Notice to Proceed is the written authorization as defined in Section 1.10 issued by the County or the Contract Administrator to commence the project.

1.6 PROJECT:

The project is the task, as defined in Section 1.10, assigned to the Consultant pursuant to

this Agreement.

1.7 PROJECT MANAGER:

The project manager shall mean the staff person within the County's (Dept. Name) who is assigned by the Contract Administrator to oversee the task order work.

1.8 SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The intent of this Agreement is to make available certain design, engineering, surveying, and inspection services for Escambia County as requested and as outlined herein.

1.9 SCOPE OF WORK:

The scope of work is the specific information relating to those certain services provided to the Consultant on an individual project task order including, but not limited to: project description with boundaries, intent of project, anticipated services required, and expected deliverables.

1.10 TASK ORDER:

The task order is a formal written assignment of work, based upon negotiation, which is issued to the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2
PREAMBLE

In order to establish the background, context and frame of reference for this Agreement and to generally express the objectives and intentions of the respective parties herein, the following statements, representations, and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions which follow and that may be relied upon by the parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

2.1 Negotiations pertaining to hourly rates for professional services to be performed by the Consultant were undertaken between the Consultant and a committee selected by the Board of County Commissioners, and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiations.

2.2 The Board of County Commissioners has met the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, and has selected (Consultant Firm Name), to perform such services hereunder.

2.3 Escambia County will budget funds for each task order issued under the Agreement.

ARTICLE 3
SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 The Consultant will provide _____ (briefly describe) _____ as hereinafter described in this Article 3 for tasks outlined in Escambia County's RFP Specification No. P.D. _____. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the RFP and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

3.2 The basic professional services to be provided are as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto

and incorporated by reference herein, and unless otherwise specifically excluded from any particular task order, these services shall comport with County guidelines for construction and retrofitting of projects, and local ordinances, State, and Federal laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 4 **ORDERING OF THE WORK**

4.1 The Consultant is one of several firms selected to perform professional services on same or similar terms pursuant to this Agreement. The County expressly reserves the exclusive right to assign specific task orders to the firm it deems best suited for the type of work to be accomplished. This Agreement does not guarantee any amount or type of task orders to be assigned to the Consultant.

4.2 The scope of work, provided by the County, will constitute the basis for negotiation of each task order. When requested by the County, the Consultant will provide a proposal to the County to perform the services requested under this scope of work. The County and the Consultant will enter negotiations to determine a fair and reasonable number of hours, by discipline, for such requested services pursuant to Section 3.2.

4.3 In the event a mutually agreeable number of hours is reached, the County will issue a task order which describes the services to be provided by the Consultant and the amount of compensation to be provided by the County. In the event a mutually agreeable number of hours cannot be reached, the Consultant will be requested to provide a best and final offer to the County. If this best and final offer is not acceptable to the County, negotiations will cease with the Consultant, and the County will open negotiations for the same scope of work with another firm.

ARTICLE 5 **TIME FOR PERFORMANCE**

5.1 As a part of its task order proposal, the Consultant shall submit to the County a schedule for completion of the scope of work. Pursuant to Article 4 above, this schedule is a negotiable item during task order negotiations.

5.2 Prior to beginning the performance of any basic professional services under this Agreement, the Consultant must receive a written Notice to Proceed from the County. For those task orders where a mutual agreement of a fair and reasonable price has been reached, a copy of the fully executed task order will serve as the Consultant's written approval to begin the performance of the Consultant's services. Prior to granting approval for the Consultant to proceed to a subsequent phase of a task order, the Contract Administrator may at his or her sole discretion require the Consultant to submit such documents and drawings as may be reasonably necessary for review and approval by the County.

ARTICLE 6 **COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

6.1 **COMPENSATION:**

(a) The County agrees to pay the Consultant as compensation for its services under Section 3.1 of this Agreement a fee to be computed as described below and based upon the schedule set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Individual task

orders submitted to the Consultant will be paid through a budget line item recommended by the (Dept. Name) and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. For each such task order, the consultant will be compensated by a lump sum fee as negotiated, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties hereto.

(b) The term "salary costs" as used herein shall mean the hourly rate as shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof, including but not limited to, principals, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, clerks, plus costs for sick leave, vacation, unemployment, excise and payroll taxes, contributions for social security, employment compensation insurance, retirement benefits, and medical and insurance benefits. Said salary costs shall be only for time directly chargeable to a task order under this Agreement. A detailed breakdown for these costs shall be kept current and readily accessible to the County.

6.2 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of Florida law and Article II of Chapter 46, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, the County's performance and obligation to fund this Agreement shall be contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners.

6.3 YEARLY ADJUSTMENT OF CONSULTANT'S RATES:

(a) On or before August 31 of each contract year, either party may request an adjustment in the Consultant's existing hourly rate schedule. Both the Consultant and the County agree to enter into negotiations concerning such changes upon receipt of a written request from the other detailing the proposed changes and specifying the reasons for such changes. Should the parties fail to reach agreement on the Consultant's revised hourly rates within thirty (30) days after the commencement of such negotiations, this Agreement shall terminate by operation of law on October 1 of that contract year, and the Consultant shall no longer be eligible to offer its services to the County pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) The effective date of any such adjustment shall be October 1 of the contract year. The Consultant agrees that throughout the life of this Agreement, at no time will the negotiated rates charged to the County be in excess of any other published or unpublished rates paid by any other client of the same class under similar terms and conditions of use and service.

(c) Rate adjustments shall be made a part of this Agreement by the issuance of a written contract amendment executed by the parties.

6.4 DIRECT EXPENSES:

(a) Direct expenses directly attributable to a task order will be borne by the Consultant and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Transportation expenses in connection with any task order.
2. Living expenses in connection with travel inside and outside of Escambia County and other related expenses.
3. Long distance communications and other miscellaneous communications expenses.

4. Cost of printing drawings and specifications which are required by or of the Consultant to deliver services set forth in this Agreement.

5. Cost of any software or hardware used or developed for any task order.

(b) Direct expenses to be borne by the Consultant shall not include project permit fees or compensation owed to subcontractors engaged according to Section 10.5 of this Agreement.

6.5 METHOD OF BILLING AND PAYMENT:

(a) The Consultant shall submit monthly estimates (payment requisitions) for the amount and value of the work accomplished and services performed by the Consultant which meet standards of quality established under this Agreement. The estimates shall be prepared by the Consultant and shall be accompanied by any supporting data required by the County. Where the monthly estimate includes work done by a subcontractor, the Consultant shall attach copies of that subcontractor's invoice for such work. The Consultant agrees no markup for overhead and profit on subcontractor's invoices shall be allowed on any project task order.

(b) For lump sum contracts, the Consultant may submit bills at the completion and approval of each phase or for partial completion of each phase on a pro-rata basis. However, requests for payment shall not be made more frequently than once a month.

(c) Upon approval of the estimate by the County, payment upon properly executed payment requisitions shall be made to the Consultant within forty five (45) days.

(d) Payments under this Agreement and interest on any late payments shall be governed by the Florida Prompt Payment Act, §§ 218.70, et seq., Florida Statutes, as amended.

6.6	Payment requisitions will be sent to:	Notices will be sent to:
	(Contact Name & Title)	County Administrator
	(Dept. Name)	Escambia County Administrator
	(Address)	221 Palafox Place
	Pensacola, Florida (Zip)	Pensacola, Florida 32502-1590
	(850) (Telephone #)	(850) 595-4900
	(850) (Fax #)	(850) 595-4908

6.7 Payments and notices will be made to the Consultant at:

(Principle Name & Title)
(Consulting Firm's Name)
(Address)
(City, State, Zip)

(a) Any notice required hereunder or desired by the party giving such notice shall be given in writing and delivered by hand or through the instrumentality of certified mail of the

United States Postal Service or other private courier service, such as Federal Express.

(b) Unless otherwise notified in writing of a new address, notices, payments, and invoices shall be made to each party at the listed addresses. Rejection, or other refusal by the addressee to accept, or the inability of the courier service, or the United States Postal Service to deliver because of a changed address of which no notice was given, shall be deemed to be receipt of the notice sent. Any party shall have the right, from time to time, to change the address to which notices shall be sent by giving the other party at least ten (10) days prior notice of the address change.

ARTICLE 7
ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND
CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES

7.1 The County or the Consultant may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services provided under this Agreement. Such changes must be in accordance with the procurement policies of Escambia County and must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the parties thereto, with the same formality and of equal dignity prior to any deviation from the terms of this Agreement, including the initiation of any extra work.

7.2 The County or the Consultant may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Work of individual project task orders. Such changes must be negotiated and mutually agreed upon by both parties. This mutual agreement will be formalized by a written change order to the task order issued by the County to the Consultant.

7.3 The County shall have authority to order extensions in the Consultant's schedule for completion of the Scope of Work of individual project task orders by providing written notice to the Consultant.

ARTICLE 8
COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 The County shall assist the Consultant by placing at its disposal all available information pertinent to the project including previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the project.

8.2 The County shall make available to the Consultant, as required for performance of the Consultant's basic services, data prepared by or services of others, including without limitation (as may be appropriate) core borings, probings, and subsurface explorations, hydraulic surveys, laboratory tests and inspections of samples, materials and equipment; appropriate professional interpretations of all of the foregoing; environmental assessment and impact statements; property boundary, easement, rights-of-way, topographic and utility surveys; property descriptions; zoning, deed and other land use restriction; and other special data or consultations.

8.3 The County shall arrange for access to and make all provisions for the Consultant to enter upon public and private property as required for the Consultant to perform its services.

8.4 The County shall examine, within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of the Consultant, all studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals and other documents presented by the Consultant, obtain advice of an attorney, insurance counselor and other consultants, as the County deems appropriate, for such examination and the rendering of written

opinions or decisions pertaining thereto.

8.5 The County will assist in obtaining approvals and permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the project and such approvals and consents from others as may be necessary for completion of the task order by the Consultant.

8.6 The County shall give prompt written notice to the Consultant whenever the County observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope of timing of the Consultant's services, or any defect in the work of the Consultant.

8.7 The County will perform an evaluation of the services provided by the Consultant at the completion of work of each task order. This evaluation will consider the timeliness as well as the quality of services provided during that task order for the purpose of determining whether additional task orders will be awarded to the Consultant by the County.

ARTICLE 9
CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1 **QUALITY OF SERVICES:**

(a) The Consultant shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, and other services furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) To that end, the Consultant shall correct or shall revise, without additional compensation, any errors or deficiencies in its work product or shall make such revisions as are necessary as the result of the failure of the Consultant to provide an accurate, more efficient, and properly constructable product in its designs, drawings, specifications, or other services.

(c) Neither the County's review of, approval of, or acceptance of, nor payment for, the services required by this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement. Additionally, the Consultant shall be and remain liable to the County in accordance with applicable law for all damages to the County caused by the Consultant's negligent performance of any of the services furnished under this Agreement.

(d) The rights and remedies of the County provided for under this Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies otherwise provided by law.

9.2 **CONSULTANT PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION:**

(a) The design services provided to the County by the Consultant shall be certified by professional engineers registered to practice and in good standing in the State of Florida. Any project inspection services also shall be reviewed and shall be approved by such professional engineers.

(b) The survey services provided to the County by the Consultant shall be certified by professional land surveyors registered to practice and in good standing in the State of Florida.

(c) Permit applications to State and Federal agencies prepared by the Consultant shall be signed and shall be sealed by the Consultant, as the project's Engineer of Record. For all such permit applications, post-construction certification also shall be made by the Consultant to the appropriate State or Federal permitting agency.

ARTICLE 10
GENERAL CONDITIONS

10.1 **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

(a) Drawings, specifications, designs, models, photographs, reports, surveys, calculations, and other data provided in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of the County whether the project for which they are made is executed or not. Such finished or unfinished documents, data, calculations, studies, surveys, specifications, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by the Consultant shall be delivered by the Consultant to the County at the conclusion of the project or the termination of the Consultant's services.

(b) When such documents are provided to other parties, the Consultant shall ensure return of the County's property by collecting a deposit equal to the cost of reproduction. Such deposit shall be returned if the documents are timely returned in a useable condition. Otherwise, such deposit shall be retained by the Consultant.

10.2 **SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF WORK:**

(a) The County, in writing, may order the Consultant to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of a task order for the period of time that the County determines to be appropriate for the convenience of the County. The Consultant expressly acknowledges and agrees that it shall receive no damages for delays. The Consultant's sole remedy, if any, against the County will be the right to seek an extension to the contract time as provided for the completion of the project.

(b) This Agreement may be terminated by either party for cause, or by the County for convenience, upon fourteen (14) days written notice by the terminating party to the other party of such termination in which event the Consultant shall be paid its compensation for services performed to termination date, including all reimbursable expenses then due or incurred to the date of termination.

(c) Termination of the Consultant for cause shall include, but not be limited to, misuse of funds, fraud, lack of compliance with applicable rules, laws, regulations, and ordinances, and failure to perform in a timely manner any provision of this Agreement.

(d) In no event shall a termination for convenience by the County be deemed a default, and any such termination shall not subject the County to any penalty or other claim for damages. If the Consultant abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, the Consultant shall indemnify the County against any loss pertaining to this termination up to a maximum of 1.3 times the full contracted fee amount of the project.

(e) Vendor suspension or debarment proceedings brought by the County pursuant to Article II of Chapter 46, Escambia County Code of Ordinances, shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

10.3 RECORDS:

(a) The Consultant shall keep such records and accounts and shall require any subcontractors to keep records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged to this engagement and any expenses for which the Consultant expects to be reimbursed. Such books and records will be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by the County, and shall be kept for a period of three (3) years after the completion of all work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. Incomplete or incorrect entries in such books and records will be grounds for disallowance by the County of any fees or expenses based upon such entries.

(b) The Consultant acknowledges that this Agreement and any related financial records, audits, reports, plans, correspondence, and other documents may be subject to disclosure to members of the public pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as amended. The Consultant shall maintain all such public records and, upon request, provide a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected within a reasonable time. The Consultant shall also ensure that any public records that are exempt or exempt and confidential from disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law. Upon the expiration or termination of the Agreement, Consultant agrees to maintain all public records for a minimum period of five (5) fiscal years in accordance with the applicable records retention schedules established by the Florida Department of State. In the event the Consultant fails to abide by the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the County may, without prejudice to any right or remedy and after giving the Consultant and its surety, if any, seven (7) days written notice, during which period the Consultant still fails to allow access to such documents, terminate the employment of the Consultant. In such case, the Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. Reasonable terminal expenses incurred by the County may be deducted from any payments left owing the Consultant (excluding monies owed the Consultant for subcontractor work).

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 CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Escambia County
Office of the County Administrator
221 Palafox Place, Suite 420
Pensacola, Florida 32502
(850) 595-4947

10.4 NO CONTINGENT FEES:

The Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working

solely for the Consultant any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, the County shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability and at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

10.5 SUBCONTRACTORS

In the event the Consultant, during the course of the work under this Agreement, requires the services of any subcontractors or other professional associates in connection with services covered by this Agreement, the Consultant must secure the prior written approval of the County unless such work is specifically detailed in the task order.

Any subcontractors or other professional associates retained by Consultant must carry the appropriate insurance coverage as specified in paragraph 10.8 below in an amount equal to or greater than the coverage carried by the Consultant.

10.6 ASSIGNMENT:

This Agreement, or any interest herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by the Consultant, without the prior written consent of the County. However, the Agreement shall run with the Escambia County Government and its successors.

10.7 HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY

The Consultant agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County and its agents, officers, and employees from all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including attorneys' fees and paralegals' fees, incurred by County to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of Consultant or by any person, firm, or corporation to whom any portion of the performance of this Agreement is subcontracted to or used by the Consultant, or by any other person for whom the Consultant is legally liable. Consultant's obligation as provided herein shall be limited to its proportionate share of liability to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful misconduct of Consultant or by any person, firm or corporation to whom any portion of the Work is subcontracted by Consultant, and Consultant shall not be required to indemnify and hold harmless County where County's negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be the sole cause of its liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including attorney's and paralegal fees.

County and Consultant agree one percent (1%) of the Contract Amount paid by County to Consultant shall be given as separate consideration for this indemnification, and any other indemnification of County by Consultant provided for within the Contract Documents, the sufficiency of such separate consideration being acknowledged by Consultant by Consultant's acceptance and execution of the Agreement.

Consultant agrees that such indemnification by the Consultant relating to any matter which is the subject of this Agreement shall extend throughout the term of this Agreement and any statutes of limitations thereafter. The Consultant's obligation shall not be limited by, or in any way to, any insurance coverage or by any provision in or exclusion or omission from any policy of insurance.

10.8 INSURANCE:

The Consultant is required to carry the following insurance:

- (a) Commercial General Liability with \$1,000,000 minimum per occurrence, including coverage parts of bodily injury, property damage, broad form property damage, personal injury, independent contractors, blanket contractual liability, and completed operations.
- (b) Automobile Liability with \$1,000,000 per occurrence minimum combined single limits for all hired, owned, and non-owned vehicles.
- (c) Professional Liability coverage with \$1,000,000 minimum limit, except where the estimated construction contract price for the project described in the Agreement is greater than \$5 Million dollars, the minimum limit of professional liability coverage shall be equal to 25% of the estimated construction contract price for the project. Said coverage shall be continuously maintained and in effect for a period of not less than **five (5) years** from the effective date of this Agreement. The policy limit of liability shall not include legal fees and other defense costs. If a claims made form of coverage is provided, the retroactive date of coverage shall be no later than the effective date of this Agreement and shall not be advanced.

If at any time during the aforementioned policy period there should be a cancellation, non-renewal, or lapse in coverage, professional liability coverage shall be extended for the remainder of the five year period with a supplemental extended reporting period (SERP) endorsement to take effect upon expiration of the policy period referenced above. The limits of liability applicable to the SERP coverage shall be equal to the limits of liability applicable to the policy referenced above and to which the endorsement attaches.

- (d) Florida statutory workers' compensation and employers' liability with employer's liability limits of at least \$100,000 each accident and \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit for disease.
- (e) It is understood and agreed by the parties that in the event that the Consultant, as defined in Section 1.2, consists of a joint venture, partnership, or other association of professional or business firms, each such firm shall be required to individually carry the above cited coverages.
- (f) All liability coverage shall be through carriers admitted to do business in the State of Florida. Carriers shall be a minimum financial size of VII according to the latest edition of the AM Best Rating Guide. An A or better Best Rating is "preferred"; however, other ratings if "Secure Best Ratings" may be considered. Liability policies shall be underwritten on the occurrence basis, except the professional and environmental impairment coverage may be provided on a claims made basis. Escambia County and the Board of County Commissioners shall be "additional insureds" on all liability policies (except professional liability). Certificates of insurance shall be provided to Joe Pillitary, Purchasing Manager, P.O. Box 1591, Pensacola, Florida 32597-1591 prior to commencement of work hereunder. Certificates shall reflect the additional insured status of Escambia County and shall provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days notice of cancellation. Escambia County and the Board of County Commissioners also shall be the certificate holders.

10.9 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES:

(a) A claim is a demand or assertion by one of the parties to this Agreement seeking an adjustment or interpretation of the terms of the contract documents, payment of money, extension of time or other relief with respect to the terms of the contract documents. The term "claim" also includes other disputes and matters in question between the County and the Consultant arising out of or relating to the contract documents. The responsibility to substantiate a claim shall rest with the party making the claim.

(b) Claims by the Consultant shall be made in writing to the County with supporting data. All claims shall be submitted during the performance term of the Agreement or else the Consultant shall be deemed to have waived that claim.

(c) The Consultant shall proceed diligently with its performance, as directed by the County, regardless of any pending claim, legal action, suit, or administrative proceeding, unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing. The County shall continue to make payments in accordance with the contract documents during the pendency of such claim.

10.10 REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY AND CONSULTANT:

(a) It is recognized that questions in the day-to-day conduct of the project will arise. The Contract Administrator, upon request by the Consultant, shall designate and shall advise the Consultant in writing, persons to whom all communications pertaining to the day-to-day conduct of the project shall be addressed.

(b) The Consultant shall inform the Contract Administrator in writing of the representative of the Consultant to whom matters involving the conduct of the project shall be addressed.

10.11 ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

(a) This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements whether oral or written.

(b) It is further agreed that no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

10.12 TERM OF AGREEMENT:

This Agreement shall be for a one (1) year term beginning (Month Day, Year) and continuing through (Month Day, Year), with an option to renew for two (2) successive one (1) year periods.

10.13 TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE:

Signature of this Agreement by the Consultant shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the

compensation of this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of this Agreement.

10.14 HEADINGS:

Headings and subtitles used throughout this Agreement are for the purpose of convenience only, and no heading or subtitle shall modify or be used to interpret the text of any section.

10.15 GRATUITIES:

Neither the Consultant nor any of its employees, agents, and representatives shall offer or give to an officer, official, or employee of the County gifts, entertainment, payments, loans, or other gratuities. The Consultant acknowledges knowledge of the State of Florida's ethics statutes and to the extent applicable to the Consultant, the Consultant agrees to abide with such statutes.

10.16 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The Consultant hereby certifies that it will completely disclose to the County all facts bearing upon any possible conflicts, direct or indirect, with its performance which it believes that any officer, employee, or agent of the Consultant now has or will have. Said disclosure shall be made by the Consultant contemporaneously with the execution of this Agreement and at any time thereafter that such facts become known to the Consultant. The Consultant at all times shall perform its obligations under this Agreement in a manner consistent with the best interests of the County. Failure to abide by this section shall result in the immediate termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article II of Chapter 46 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances.

10.17 SURVIVAL:

All other provisions which, by their inherent character, sense, and context are intended to survive termination of this Agreement, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10.18 GOVERNING LAW:

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and the parties stipulate that venue for any matter which is a subject of this Agreement shall be in the County of Escambia.

10.19 INTERPRETATION:

For the purpose of this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and the plural shall include the singular. References to statutes or regulations shall include all statutory or regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, or replacing the statute or regulation referred to. Words not otherwise defined that have well-known technical or industry meanings, are used in accordance with such recognized meanings. References to persons include their respective permitted successors and assigns and, in the case of governmental persons, persons succeeding to their respective functions and capacities.

(a) If the Consultant discovers any material discrepancy, deficiency, ambiguity, error, or omission in this Agreement, or is otherwise in doubt as to the meaning of any provision of the Agreement, the Consultant shall immediately notify the County and request clarification of the County's interpretation of this Agreement.

(b) This Agreement shall not be more strictly construed against either party hereto by reason of the fact that one party may have drafted or prepared any or all of the terms and provisions hereof.

10.20 SEVERABILITY:

The invalidity or non-enforceability of any portion or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision. Any invalid or unenforceable portion or provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the balance hereof shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreement did not contain such invalid or unenforceable portion or provision.

10.21 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:

The Consultant shall keep fully informed regarding and shall fully and timely comply with all current laws and future laws that may affect those engaged or employed in the performance of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall observe all rules and regulations of federal, state, and local officials relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

10.22 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-VERIFY):

In accordance with State of Florida, Office of the Governor, Executive Order 11-116 (superseding Executive Order 11-02; Verification of Employment Status), in the event performance of this Agreement is or will be funded using state or federal funds, the CONTRACTOR must comply with the Employment Eligibility Verification Program ("E-Verify Program") developed by the federal government to verify the eligibility of individuals to work in the United States and 48 CFR 52.222-54 (as amended) is incorporated herein by reference. If applicable, in accordance with Subpart 22.18 of the Federal Acquisition Register, the CONTRACTOR must (1) enroll in the E-Verify Program, (2) use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires working in the United States, except if the CONTRACTOR is a state or local government, the CONTRACTOR may choose to verify only new hires assigned to the Agreement; (3) use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all employees assigned to the Agreement; and (4) include these requirement in certain subcontracts, such as construction. 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>.

10.23 PARTICIPATION IN OTHER PROCEEDINGS:

At the County's request, the Consultant shall allow itself to be joined as a party in any legal proceeding that involves the County regarding the design, construction, or installation of any matter which is the subject of this Agreement. This provision is for the benefit of the County and not for the benefit of any other party.

10.24 FURTHER DOCUMENTS:

The parties shall execute and deliver all documents and perform further actions that may be

reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement.

10.25 NO WAIVER:

The failure of the Consultant or the County to insist upon the strict performance of the terms and conditions hereof shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any other provision or of either party's right to thereafter enforce the same in accordance with this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: Escambia County, Florida through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by its County Administrator, duly authorized to execute this Agreement and (Consultant Firm's Name), signing by and through its President, duly authorized to execute same.

COUNTY:

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida acting by and through its duly authorized Board of County Commissioners.

WITNESS: _____

By: _____

County Administrator

WITNESS: _____

Date: _____

BCC Approved: _____

CONSULTANT:

(Consultant Firm's Name), a for-profit corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

ATTEST: Corporate Secretary

By: _____

President

By: _____

Secretary

Date: _____

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