

City of North Port



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CITY FEES, RATES,
METHODOLOGIES AND ASSESSMENTS**

Request for Proposal No. 2023-32

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PUBLIC NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT
CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

Notice is hereby given that the City of North Port will receive sealed proposals from legal entities authorized to do business in Florida at the City of North Port Finance Department, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, Florida 34286, for

**RFP NO. 2023-32
Professional Services for City Fees, Rates, Methodologies and Assessments**

It is the intent of the City of North Port to request proposals from experienced, competent, and qualified State of Florida licensed/certified firms for the City of North Port Professional Services for City Fees, Rates, Methodologies and Assessments on an as-needed basis.

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE:

**Proposals may be mailed, or hand delivered to the Finance Department/Purchasing Division
4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286**

Proposals Received After This Date and Time Will Be Rejected.

June 26, 2023, NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM.

EVALUATION AND RANKING (Open to the Public), City Hall, Room 244 July 6, 2023, 2:00 PM

Information regarding this project may be viewed and downloaded from DemandStar's website at www.demandstar.com or through the link provided on the city web site at www.northportfl.gov. Proposal documents are also posted on the City FTP site at <https://www.northportfl.gov/files> (select the Purchasing Folder and scroll to Project RFP 2023-32); however, addendums are only posted on www.demandstar.com. If you have any questions, concerns, or problems accessing the proposal package using the link, please contact Geoff Thomas, Contract Administrator II at 941.429-7102. Requests for additional information or clarification must be submitted in writing via facsimile to 941.429.7173 or emailed to purchasing@northportfl.gov. Responses will be provided to all known submitters in writing through the addenda process. No verbal requests will be honored. Responses will be provided to all known submitters in writing through the addenda process. No verbal requests will be honored. The last day for questions is **June 19, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.**

The City of North Port does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services.

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ATTACHMENTS: NONE

STATEMENT OF NON-SUBMITTAL

If you **do not** intend to submit a proposal on this service, please return this form to the above address immediately.

We the undersigned have declined to submit a proposal on the requested service for **RFP NO. 2023-32: Professional Services for City Fees, Rates, Methodologies and Assessments** for the following reason(s):

- _____ Insufficient time to respond to the solicitation.
- _____ We do not offer this service.
- _____ Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- _____ Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements.
- _____ Specifications or Scope of Service are unclear (explain below).
- _____ OTHER (please specify below).

Remarks _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Note: Statement of Non-Submittal may be faxed to 941.429.7173 or e-mailed to purchasing@northportfl.gov

PART I – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. PURPOSE:

A. INTENT OF RFP:

The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to enable the City of North Port to engage one or more qualified experienced and qualified professional Consultant firms to perform any of the services described below on an “as needed,” task-oriented basis. A detailed Work Assignment will be developed for each specific assignment. The City may award an individual Work Assignment to any Consultant awarded a contract. The successful experienced and qualified professional Consultant firm(s) shall be qualified to perform any or all of the services described herein for various fee, assessment and methodology studies and recommendations for various Districts and services throughout the City. All services shall be performed in compliance with industry standards.

B. BACKGROUND:

The City of North Port (the City) is located in the southern section of Sarasota County on Florida’s Gulf Coast midway between Tampa and Naples. The City includes just over 104 square miles of area and the latest estimate by the University of Florida Bureau of Business and Economic Research shows the City with a population of **77,561**. North Port is the largest City in Sarasota County by population and the 7th largest City in the State of Florida by geographic size. The City has 70,608 platted residential lots, 813 miles of roads and 164 miles of man-made canals. The City currently serves over 25,233 water customers, 19,792 wastewater customers and 54 bulk residential and commercial reclaimed water customers.

2. CONTRACT AWARD/TERM:

The City anticipates entering into one (1) or more contract(s) with one (1) or more Consultants who submits proposals judged to be most advantageous to the City. The City may choose to award and implement the project in multiple phases subject to the outcome of negotiations and the best interest of the City. The City may also award the project in parts with multiple contracts and consultants if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City.

The contract(s) will become effective immediately upon approval of the contract(s) by the City Commission and will remain in effect through September 30, 2023, the “initial term”. The contract may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, by mutual agreement and within budgetary limitations, at the same provisions.

The Proposer understands that this RFP does not constitute an agreement or a contract with the Proposer. A proposal is not binding until proposals are reviewed and accepted by the North Port City Commission and both parties execute an agreement. The work under this RFP will be on an as-needed basis. Individual tasks will be authorized and performed by Work Assignments.

3. DEVELOPMENT COSTS:

The City shall not be liable for any expense incurred in connection with preparation of a response to this Request for Proposal. Proposers should prepare a straightforward and concise description of the Proposer’s ability to meet the requirements of the RFP.

4. DEFINITIONS:

AGREEMENT: The term "Agreement" shall refer to the Agreement that may result from this Request For

Proposals.

CITY: The term "City" shall refer to The City of North Port, Florida, or its City Commission, or City Manager or his/her Designee, as applicable.

CONSULTANT/FIRM: The term "CONSULTANT" shall refer after award, said Proposer/Firm will be referred to as the consultant.

DUE DATE AND TIME: The term "Due Date and Time" shall refer to the due date and time listed in the Notice of Availability and Timetable of this Solicitation.

PROPOSAL/REPLY/SUBMITTAL: The term "Proposal", "Reply" and "Submittal" The complete response of the Proposer to the RFP, including properly completed forms and supporting documentation.

PROPOSER: The terms "Proposer" or "the Firm" shall refer to anyone submitting a Proposal in response to this Request for Proposal.

PROPOSAL FORMS: The term "Proposal Forms" shall mean the forms required to be submitted in accordance with this Request for Proposal.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: The terms "Request for Proposal", "RFP", or "Solicitation" shall mean this Request for Proposal, including all exhibits, attachments and addendums as approved by the City, and amendments or change orders issued by the Procurement Division.

RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL/REPLY/SUBMITTAL: Is a reply submitted by a responsive and responsible Respondent which conforms in all material respects to the solicitation.

RESPONSIBLE RESPONDENT: A person, company or entity which determined to have the capability in all respects to fully perform the agreement requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.

SPECIFICATIONS: The term "Specifications" shall mean any technical requirements specified in this Request for Proposal or any addendum or other document issued by the City specifying technical requirements of the Work/Service.

SUBCONSULTANT/SUBCONTRACTOR: The term "Subcontractor" and "Subconsultant" shall refer to any person, firm, entity, or organization, other than the employees of the Successful Proposer, who contract with the Successful Proposer to furnish labor, or labor and materials, in connection with the Work or Services to the City, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf of the Successful Proposer.

TIME OF COMPLETION: Time in which the entire work shall be completed for each work Assignment.

WORK: The terms "Work", "Scope of Work", "Services", "Program", "Project", or "Engagement" shall refer to all matters and things that will be required to be done by the Successful Proposer in accordance with entirety of the scope of work required by this RFP including all terms and conditions of this Solicitation.

5. INQUIRIES:

The City will not respond to oral inquiries. Proposers may submit written, e-mailed or faxed, inquiries regarding this RFP to the Purchasing fax number at 941.429.7173 or the Purchasing e-mail address at

Purchasing@northportfl.gov. The City will respond to written, e-mailed or faxed inquiries received at least five (5) working days prior to the RFP due date.

The City will record its responses to inquiries and any supplemental instructions in the form of written addenda. All written addenda will be issued through DemandStar's website at www.demandstar.com. It shall be the responsibility of the Proposer, prior to submitting their proposal, to contact the Purchasing Office to determine if addenda were issued, acknowledging, and incorporating them into their proposal.

6. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING: N/A

7. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL:

The City will receive **SEALED** proposals with the following information ***clearly marked on the outside packaging (FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc.): "RFP NO. 2023-32 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH PORT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CITY FEES, RATES, METHODOLOGIES AND ASSESSMENTS"*** at the address below:

*City of North Port
Geoff Thomas, Contract Administrator I
4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337
North Port, Florida 34286*

Proposals received after the established deadline will not be opened. Proposers may withdraw their proposals by notifying the City in writing at any time prior to the due date. Proposals not so withdrawn shall, upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days to provide the City the services set forth in these specifications until one or more of the proposals have been accepted by the City Commissioners. Proposal documents are exempt from public record for a period of thirty days or a Notice of Intent to Award is issued whichever comes sooner per Chapter 119, as amended, of the Florida Statutes.

8. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: (NO PRESENTATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT)

The Selection Committee may conduct presentations/discussions with firms of the Committee's choosing, regarding their qualifications, approach to the project, and ability to furnish the required services. The City will not be liable for any costs incurred by the Respondents in connection with such interviews/presentations (i.e. travel, accommodations, etc.).

MICROSOFT TEAMS DISCUSSIONS:

The interviews/presentations are closed to the public per Chapter 286, as amended, of the Florida Statutes. Proposers shall be available for Microsoft Teams or telephone discussions with the Selection Committee, upon notification from the Purchasing Department. The date(s) and time(s) of any such discussions shall be determined solely by the City.

9. PROPOSAL RESTRICTIONS:

In order to control the cost of preparation, submittal will be restricted to the requirements as described in Part IV - "Rules and Instructions" for Preparing Proposals contained within this RFP.

- **EXAMINATION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS/SITE:** Prior to proposal submission, Proposers shall carefully examine all provisions of this document, and all other related documents, including all modifications thereof, incorporated in the proposal package, plus fully informing themselves as to all existing conditions and limitations that affect the work to be performed under this contract.

- Discrepancies, omissions, or questions about the intent of the documents should be submitted to the Purchasing Division in written form as a request for interpretation no later than five (5) days prior to Proposal due date (or shall be verbally addressed at the pre-proposal conference, if applicable).

- It shall be the responsibility of the proposer, prior to submitting their response, to either visit www.demandstar.com to view the solicitation and download all issued addenda or contact the City of North Port Purchasing Division to determine if addenda were issued.

10. NON-SUBMITTAL:

A respondent who is on the RFP notification list and decides not to submit a response is requested to complete the Statement of Non-Submittal Form and return it to the City.

11. PROMPT PAYMENT AND COMPENSATION:

It is the policy of the City that payment for all purchases by the City shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments will be made on late payments in accordance with Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, known as the Local Government Prompt Payment Act. The bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation.

In accordance with section 218.73, which is NET 45 days.

- Payment shall be monthly, based on work completed.
- All invoices for work performed under this contract shall be submitted in a format approved by the City or designee.
- Invoices shall include the Contractor's invoice number, work order number, dates of service, location and total.
- Additional services may be added to this contract.

12. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

City of North Port shall compensate the awarded contractor based upon the amounts agreed upon by both parties, through negotiations, and as provided in the Contract Agreement, or policy. It is strictly understood that the awarded Contractor is not entitled to any amount of compensation. Rather, the awarded Contractor's compensation shall be based upon the awarded Contractor's adhering to the Scope of Work, detailed in the Contract. As such, the awarded Contractor's compensation is dependent upon satisfactory completion of the required services, provided herein.

City of North Port's obligations under the awarded Contract Agreement are subject to the availability of lawfully appropriated funds. While the City will make all reasonable efforts, in order to provide funds needed to perform under the awarded Agreement, the County makes no express commitment to provide such funds in any given City Fiscal Year. Moreover, it is expressly noted that the awarded Contractor cannot demand that the City provide any such funds in any given City Fiscal Year.

The awarded Contractor shall invoice the City in the manner and at the frequency as set forth by the City, and provided in the Contract Agreement, or policy, for these services.

- A. **TERMINATION WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE:** The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated with or without cause by the City Manager in whole or in part or whenever the City Manager determines that termination is in the City's best interest. Any such termination shall be effective by delivery to the Consultant of a written notice of termination at least thirty (30) calendar days before the date of termination, specifying the

extent to which performance of the work under the Contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Except as otherwise directed, the Consultant shall stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for material, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims. Consultant must deliver to the City all documents (including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and all other data) prepared or obtained by the Consultant in connection with its services. Upon delivery of the documents, the City shall pay the Consultant in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under the Contract, as determined by the City, less payments already made to the Consultant, and any amounts withheld by the City to settle claims against or to pay indebtedness of the Consultant in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Under no circumstances shall the City make any payment to Consultant for services that have not been performed or that are performed subsequent to the termination date.

- B. **NON-APPROPRIATION:** The parties acknowledge and agree that the obligations of the City to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of this Contract, or any subsequent contract entered into pursuant to this Contract or referenced herein to which City is a party, are and shall remain subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 166.241, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. City agrees to exercise all lawful and available authority to satisfy any financial obligations of City that may arise under this Contract; however, since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, City's legal liability for the payment of any costs shall not arise unless and until appropriations for such costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission (nor shall such liability arise if, a request for such appropriations is excluded from the budget approved by the City Commission). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Commissioner, officer, employee, director, member or other natural person or agent of City shall have any personal liability in connection with the breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by City under this Section. This Contract shall not constitute an indebtedness of City nor shall it constitute an obligation for which City is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation or for which City has levied or pledged any form of taxation. It is expressly understood by the parties that funding for any subsequent fiscal year of the Contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the City Commission. In the event that funds are not available or appropriated, the City reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The City will be responsible for payment of any outstanding invoices and work completed by the Consultant prior to such termination.
- C. **ABANDONMENT:** In the event that Consultant abandons performance under this Contract, the City Manager or designee may terminate this Contract upon three (3) calendar days' written notice to Consultant indicating its intention to do so. The written notice shall state the evidence indicating Consultant's abandonment.
- D. Consultant may terminate this Contract only in the event of the City failing to pay Consultant's properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the City's Administrative Agent, or if the project is suspended by the City for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.
- E. The City Manager or designee reserves the right to terminate and cancel this Contract in the event Consultant is placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed for Consultant or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.
- F. **BREACH:** In the event Consultant breaches this Contract, the City must provide written notice of the breach and Consultant shall have ten (10) days from the date the notice is received to cure. If Consultant fails to cure within the ten (10) days, the City Manager or designee can immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and if necessary may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to Consultant due to:

1. The quality of a portion or all of Consultant's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
 2. The quantity of Consultant's work not being as represented in Consultant's Payment Request, or otherwise;
 3. Consultant's rate of progress being such that, in the City's opinion, substantial or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
 4. Consultant's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid Consultant by the City, to pay Consultant's project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
 5. Claims made, or likely to be made, against the City or its property;
 6. Loss caused by Consultant;
 7. Consultant's failure or refusal to perform any of the obligations to the City, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure as set forth above; or
 8. Violation of any local, state, or federal law in the performance of this Contract which will constitute a material breach of this Contract.
- G. In the event that the City makes written demand upon Consultant for amounts previously paid by the City as contemplated in this section, Consultant must promptly comply with such demand. The City's rights hereunder survive the term of this Contract and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.

13. CONFLICTS WITHIN SOLICITATION:

Where there appears to be a conflict between the any of the provisions in this solicitation or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be the last addendum issued, Proposal Forms, Scope of Services, and then the General Terms and Conditions. It is incumbent upon the Proposer to identify such conflicts to the designated purchasing representative prior to the proposal response date.

14. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:

The City of North Port is a Drug Free Workplace. It is strongly suggested that the attached Drug Free Workplace Form be signed and returned to this office with the reply. The City grants a preference (following local preference, if applicable) to a business with drug-free workplace program, whenever two (2) or more Proposals are tied in the evaluation and ranking process. The Drug-free Workplace Vendor shall have the burden of demonstrating that its program complies with Section 287.087 of the Florida Statutes, and any other applicable state law. All Proposers are strongly recommended to submit the form entitled "**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT**".

15. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT:

In accordance with Florida Statutes §287.133(2)(a), "A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods/services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not 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 Section 287.017, for Category Two, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list."

16. MINORITY, WOMEN, and VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/W/VBE):

M/W/VBEs are encouraged to participate in the reply process. All M/W/VBEs shall be certified as a Minority Business Enterprise by the State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity pursuant to Section 287.0943, Florida Statutes, or by statewide and interlocal agreement certification, as provided for by Section 287.09431, Florida Statutes. A State of Florida MBE Certificate or interlocal agreement from an agency having an interlocal agreement with the State of Florida must accompany the proposal submission and the Certificate must be issued to the prime Consultant/Contractor to claim M/W/VBE status.

17. REGULATIONS:

Violation of any local, state or federal law in the performance of this Agreement shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

18. CANCELLATION:

The City Manager or Designee shall have the right to unilaterally cancel, terminate, or suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, by providing the firm thirty (30) calendar days written notice by certified mail.

19. FISCAL NON-FUNDING CLAUSE:

In the event sufficient funds are not budgeted for a new fiscal period, the City shall notify the successful Proposer of such occurrence and the Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the current fiscal year without penalty or expense to the City.

20. RESERVED RIGHTS:

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any/or all submissions, to accept all or any part of the submission, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission, if it is deemed in the best interest of the City.

The City, in its sole discretion, may expand the scope of work to include additional requirements. The City reserves the right to investigate, as it deems necessary, to determine the ability of any Respondent to perform the work or services requested. The Respondents upon request shall provide information the City deems necessary in order to make a determination.

21. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE:

The City of North Port, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all Respondents that it will ensure that in any Agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit replies in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

22. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

At the end of the Agreement, the receiving department will evaluate the successful Proposer's performance. This evaluation will become public record.

23. PAYMENTS:

The City shall pay the Consultant through payment issued by the Finance Department in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act of the Florida Statutes, Chapter 218, upon receipt of the Consultant's invoice and written approval of same by the City's Administrative Agent indicating that services have been rendered in conformity with this Agreement. The Consultant shall submit an invoice for payment to the City for those specific tasks that were completed during that invoicing period. For those specific services that were partially completed, progress payments shall be paid in proportion to the percentage of completed work on those specific services approved in writing by the City's Administrative Agent based on the percentage of the amount for those specific

services. The Consultant's invoices shall be in a form satisfactory to the City of North Port Finance Department, who shall initiate disbursements.

24. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The successful firm shall be required to supply, at their cost, the following minimum insurance coverage:

A. Before performing any contract work, Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of the Contract the insurance listed below, unless otherwise specified. The policies of insurance shall be primary and written on forms acceptable to the CITY and placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the Insurance Department in the State of Florida and meet a minimum financial AM Best and Company rating of no less than "Excellent." No changes are to be made to these specifications without prior written specific approval by the City Manager or designee. The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon agreement with Consultant.

- i. **Workers Compensation:** Coverage to apply for all employees at the statutory limits provided by state and federal laws.

- ii. **Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance:** Proof of current General Liability Insurance.

- iii. **Automobile Insurance:** Proof of current Commercial Auto Liability or Personal Automobile Coverage

- iv. **Professional Liability Insurance:** Professional liability or malpractice or errors and/or omissions insurance shall be purchased and maintained with a minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence for this project with a \$1,000,000 policy term general aggregate. The City prefers all Professional Liability Insurance be written on an Occurrence Form; however, in the event that the professional liability insurance required by the Contract is written on a claims-made basis, Consultant warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained for a period of two (2) years or an extended reporting period (ERP) with tail coverage will be obtained and maintained for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

- v. **General requirements:** The City of North Port is to be named additional insured on the Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Policy. Certification of same shall be required. All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the CITY before commencement of any work activities under this Contract.

Any and all deductibles to the above referenced policies are to be the responsibility of the Consultant. The Consultant's insurance is considered primary for any loss regardless of any insurance maintained by the City. The Consultant is responsible for all insurance policy premiums, deductibles, or SIR (self-insured retentions) or any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy.

All insurance policies must be issued by companies of recognized responsibility licensed to do business in Florida and must contain a provision that prohibits cancellation unless the City is provided notice as stated within the policy. It is the Consultant's responsibility to provide notice to the City.

B. **WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:** All required insurance policies are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or thru other means, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, and the City's insurance carriers, for losses paid

under the terms of these polices that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Consultant for the City. It is the Consultant's responsibility to notify their insurance company of the Waiver of Subrogation and request written authorization or the proper endorsement. Additionally, the Consultant, its officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and any subcontractors, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City and its insurance carriers for any losses paid, sustained or incurred, but not covered by insurance, that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed. This waiver also applies to any deductibles or self-insured retentions the Consultant or its agents may be responsible for.

C. **POLICY FORM:**

i. All policies, required by this Contract, with the exception of Workers Compensation, or unless specific approval is given by Risk Management through the City's Purchasing Office, are to be written on an occurrence basis, and the Comprehensive Commercial General Liability policy shall name the City of North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees and volunteers **as additional insured** as their interest may appear under this Contact. Insurer(s), with the exception of Workers Compensation, shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City of North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees or volunteers.

ii. Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of the Consultant, shall be provided by or on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Contract.

The Consultant shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to subcontractors.

iii. Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall:

a. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.

b. Be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided or cancelled by either party except after notice is delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. The Consultant is to notify the City Purchasing Office by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.

iv. The City shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.

v. The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Consultant's liability nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. The extent of Consultant's liability for indemnity of the City shall not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between the Consultant and its carrier.

vi. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Contract and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the City is an insured under the policy.

vii. Claims Made Policies will be accepted for hazardous materials and such other risks as are authorized by the City's Purchasing Office. All Claims Made Policies contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements herein shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, the Consultant agrees to purchase the extended reporting period on cancellation or termination unless a new policy is affected with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.

viii. Certificates of Insurance evidencing Claims Made or Occurrences form coverage and conditions to this Contract, as well as the Contract number and description of work, are to be furnished to the City's Purchasing Office (4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286) prior to commencement of work AND a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the insurance contract when applicable. All insurance certificates shall be received by the City's Purchasing Office before the Consultant will be allowed to commence or continue work. The Certificate of Insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier shall certify compliance with the insurance requirements provided herein.

ix. Notices of Accidents (Occurrences) and Notices of Claims associated with work being performed under this Contract shall be provided to the Consultant's insurance company and the City's Purchasing Office as soon as practicable after notice to the insured.

25. INDEMNITY:

The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its Commissioners, officers and employees, from all liabilities, damages, losses and costs (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, whether such fees and costs are incurred in negotiations, at the trial level or on appeal, or in the collection of attorneys' fees), to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Consultant, or Consultant's officers, employees, agents, and other persons employed or utilized by the Consultant in the performance of, or the failure to perform, the Agreement.

In the event of a claim, the City shall promptly notify the Consultant in writing by prepaid certified mail (return receipt requested) or by delivery through any nationally recognized courier service (such as Federal Express or UPS) which provides evidence of delivery, at the address provided for receipt of notices in this Agreement. Such notification may also be provided by fax transmission.

The City shall provide all available information and assistance that the Consultant may reasonably require regarding any claim. This agreement for indemnification shall survive termination or completion of the Agreement. The insurance coverage and limits required in this Contract may or may not be adequate to protect the City and such insurance coverage shall not be deemed a limitation on the Consultant's liability under the indemnity provided in this section. In any proceedings between the parties arising out of or related to this Indemnity provision, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees through all proceedings (at both trial and appellate levels).

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to affect the rights, privileges and immunities of the City as set forth in Florida Statute § 768.28.

26. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR BOARD MEMBERS:

The Florida Code of Ethics regulates the ability of the City to contract with its public officers (including board members), employees, and their immediate relatives. Respondents shall disclose any such potential conflicts on the provided Conflict of Interest Form. Respondents are responsible for reviewing Florida Statute §112.313 to determine whether they may have a conflict. If Respondent is in doubt as to their ability to contract with the City, they shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the City Manager or their designated representative prior to submittal of a response.

27. DISCLOSURE FORM FOR CONSULTANT/ENGINEER/ARCHITECT:

The purpose of this disclosure form is to allow the City to identify actual or potential 'financial' or 'other interests' (as defined in the form) which may adversely affect, or have the appearance of adversely affecting, the City's

interest in the award of this contract. The City reserves the right to reject any proposal, terminate negotiations, or terminate any subsequent contract deemed to have an unacceptable conflict of interest.

28. COLLECTION OF FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES:

By acceptance of an Agreement, the successful Consultant acknowledges compliance with the requirement that all delinquent and currently due fees, and taxes have been paid. The City may require verification and satisfaction of all delinquencies and currently due fees, assessment and taxes prior to submittal due date. City will conduct annual review for any fees, assessments and taxes.

29. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The City of North Port does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services. Pursuant to Subsection 287.134(2)(a), F.S., “an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or Contractor under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.”

30. CONTACT PROHIBITION:

All prospective Proposers are hereby instructed NOT to contact any member of the City of North Port Commission, City Manager, or City of North Port staff member other than the authorized City contact person identified in this Solicitation, or their designated Procurement staff member, regarding this solicitation package, or their submittal package, City's Intent to Award, or City's Intent to Reject (if applicable) at any time prior to the formal award for this project. Any such contact shall be cause for rejection of your submittal.

31. STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Any Proposer required by Florida law to register to do business in this state shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, 608, 617, or 621, Florida Statutes, unless they are exempt. A copy of the registration/application will be required prior to award of an Agreement. Any partnership submitting a response to this solicitation shall have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes.

32. ASSIGNMENT:

The Consultant shall not assign any interest in this Agreement and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written consent of the City Manager or designee, except that claims for the money due or to become due the Consultant from the City under this Agreement may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy without such approval from the City. Notice of such transfer or assignment due to bankruptcy shall be promptly given to the City.

33. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement constitutes the sole and complete understanding between the parties and supersedes all agreements between them, whether oral or written with respect to the subject matter. No amendment, change or addendum to this Agreement is enforceable unless agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into this Agreement. The City Manager or designee may agree to amendments that do not increase compensation to Consultant. The City Commission shall approve all increases in compensation under the Agreement.

34. DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORD:

Pursuant to Florida Statute § 119.071 (1)(b)(2), all submittals are exempt from public record until such time as the City provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the replies, whichever is earlier.

FLORIDA PUBLIC RECORDS LAW. In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, and, except as may be provided by Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes and other applicable State and Federal Laws, all Proposers should be aware that the Proposal and the responses thereto are in the public domain and are available for public inspection and copying. If the Proposer is asserting that certain information in its proposal is confidential and/or proprietary and/or exempt from public disclosure, then the Proposer is required to do the following: (1) identify, with specificity, the information which the Proposer asserts is confidential and/or proprietary and/or exempt from public disclosure, (2) place such information (including any applicable electronic media on which such information is contained) in a sealed envelope that is separate from the Proposer's other proposal documents, (3) clearly label the envelope that contains the confidential, proprietary and/or exempt information as follows: "EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE" with Proposer's name and the Bid number marked on the outside, and (4) specifically cite the applicable Florida Statute(s) that exempts such information from public disclosure - such citation must be placed on the sealed envelope and also on a separate document contained within the sealed envelope along with any relevant explanations. The envelope that contains the Proposer's confidential/proprietary/exempt information must be submitted with the Proposer's other proposal documents.

Proposer is advised that failure to follow the aforementioned instructions may result in Proposer's alleged confidential/proprietary/exempt information being disclosed to the public. All submittals received in response to this Bid will become the property of the City of North Port and will not be returned. In the event of an award, all documentation produced as part of the contract will become the exclusive property of the City.

Be aware that the designation of an item as exempt from public disclosure by a Proposer may be challenged in court by any person or entity. By designation of material in your Bid submittal as exempt from public disclosure, Bidder agrees to defend the City of North Port (and its employees, agents and elected and appointed officials) against all claims and actions (whether or not a lawsuit is commenced) related to Proposer's designation of material as exempt from public disclosure and to hold harmless the City of North Port (and its employees, agents and elected and appointed officials) for any award to a plaintiff for damages, costs and attorneys' fees, and for costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the City by reason of any claim or action related to you designation of material as exempt from public disclosure.

35. PUBLIC RECORDS:

In accordance with Florida Statutes 119.0701, Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service.
 - a. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies. (See <http://dos.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).
 - b. "Public records" means and includes those items specified in Florida Statutes 119.011(12), as amended from time to time, and currently defined as: All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the City. Contractor's records under this Agreement include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, emails and all other documentation generated during this Agreement.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the CITY, at no cost, 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 for by law. All records kept electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.
3. Ensure that project 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, if the Contractor does not transfer the records to City following completion of the contract, for the time period specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in Contractor's possession or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon the completion of the contract, the Consultant shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.
5. **IF THE CONTRACTOR 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 CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, 4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286, (941) 429-7056 OR HOTLINE 429-7270; EMAIL Publicrecordsrequest@northportfl.gov.**
6. Failure of the Contractor to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Agreement. Further, the Contractor may be subject to penalties under Florida Statutes 119.10.

The Consultant acknowledges that they have read the above information and agrees to comply with all the above RFP requirements.

36. SUNSHINE LAW EXEMPTIONS:

The exemption under F.S. §286.0113 provides that for all “competitive solicitations:”

- Any portion of a meeting at which a negotiation with a vendor is conducted pursuant to a competitive solicitation,
- Any portion of a meeting at which a vendor makes an oral presentation as part of a competitive solicitation,
- Any portion of a meeting at which a vendor answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation, or
- Any portion of a team meeting at which negotiation strategies are discussed is exempt from s. [286.0113](#) and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

An exemption from the Sunshine law means that the meeting does not have to be noticed, open to the public or have minutes taken. The statute does provide that a verbatim recording of the meeting must be made. The recording and any records presented at the meeting are also exempt from public records disclosure until 30 days after opening of the bids, proposals or replies, or notice of an intended decision, whichever is earlier. The exemption does not apply to the evaluation/ranking portion of a Selection Committee meeting, the approval of a Respondent to negotiate with, or approval of the final Contract.

37. REPLIES ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION:

Unless exempted by law, all public records are subject to public inspection and copying under Florida’s Public Records Law, Chapter 119, F.S. A time-limited exemption from public inspection is provided for the contents of a reply pursuant to Section 119.071(1)(b), F.S. Once that exemption expires, all contents of a reply become subject to public inspection unless another exemption applies. Any claim of trade secret exemption for any information contained in a Respondent’s reply to this solicitation will be waived upon opening of the reply by the Owner, unless the claimed trade secret information is submitted in accordance with this Section. This waiver includes any information included in the Respondent’s reply outside of the separately bound document described below.

38. NON-EXCLUSIVITY:

No guarantee of certain services, volume of work, or quantity of projects is implied. This contract does not entitle any firm to exclusive rights to City of North Port contracts. The City reserves the right to acquire professional services from other firms or perform "in-house" services for any purpose as it deems appropriate. The City may, in its sole discretion, procure the services of any consultants at any time for any project other than those selected.

39. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES:

- A. As required by section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, when submitting a bid or proposal, and prior to entering into a contract with the City, every person or entity shall certify on a form provided by the City, that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- B. As required by section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or more, when submitting a bid or proposal, and prior to entering into a contract with the City, every person or entity shall certify on a form provided by the City, that all of the following are true:

1. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel; and
2. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan list or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector list, created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
3. It is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

C. PENALTY:

1. If a false certification is submitted or the person or entity has been placed on one of the above-noted Lists of Scrutinized Companies or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, the person or entity will be in breach of the Contract terms and the City may terminate the Contract.
2. A person or entity that has been found to have provided a false certification may be subject to a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of the Contract, plus all reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including any costs for investigations that led to the finding of the false certification; and
3. A person or entity that has been found to have provided a false certification shall be ineligible to bid on any contract with the City for three (3) years after the date the City determined that a false certification has been submitted.

40. JOINT VENTURES:

The joint venture must be in place at the time of submittal. Firms who submit a proposal as a "joint venture" must clearly indicate in their proposal the name of the "joint venture" and the individual participants. All documents must be executed/signed and notarized by all parties involved as participants in the "joint venture". A copy of the formal "joint venture" contract between all parties, indicating their respective roles, responsibilities (e.g., agreement of the joint venture relative to the type of work, the dollar levels of participation and percentage of total fees based on location, where applicable) shall be included with the "joint venture" proposal submittal. One firm will take the lead as point of contact and awardee; how you work it out with your partnering firm is up to you. The City contract is with one entity, and one check is issued.

41. SUB-CONSULTANTS:

A Sub-Consultant is an individual or firm contracted by the Consultant or Consultant's firm to assist in the performance of services required under this RFP. A Sub-Consultant shall be paid through Consultant or Consultant's firm and not paid directly by the City. Sub-Consultants are allowed by the City in the performance of the services delineated within this RFP. Consultant must clearly reflect in its Proposal the major Sub-Consultant(s) to be utilized in the performance of required services. The City retains the right to accept or reject any Sub-Consultant proposed in the response of Successful Consultant(s) or prior to contract execution. Any and all liabilities regarding the use of a Sub-Consultant shall be borne solely by the successful consultant and insurance for each Sub-Consultant must be maintained in good standing and approved by the City throughout the duration of the Contract. Neither Successful Consultant nor any of its Sub-Consultants are considered to be employees or agents of the City. Failure to list all Sub-Consultants and provide the required information may disqualify any proposed Sub-Consultant from performing work under this RFP.

Consultants shall include in their responses the requested Sub-Consultant information and include all relevant information required of the Consultant. In addition, within five (5) working days after the identification of the award to the successful Consultant(s), the Consultant shall provide a list confirming the Sub-Consultant(s) that

the Successful Consultant intends to utilize in the Contract, if applicable. The list shall include, at a minimum, the name, and location of the place of business for each Sub-Consultant, the services Sub-Consultant will provide relative to any contract that may result from this RFP, Sub-consultants hourly rates or fees, any applicable licenses, references, ownership, and other information required of Consultant.

42. PRIOR CITY WORK:

If your firm has prior experience working with the City **DO NOT** assume this prior work is known to the evaluation committee. All firms are evaluated solely on the information contained in their proposal, information obtained from references, interviews/discussions, or presentations if requested. All submittals must be prepared as if the evaluation committee has no knowledge of the firm, their qualifications or past projects. Prior work done for the City may be used as a reference submitted by the Respondent if it is submitted within their proposal and similar to the work being requested in this RFP.

43. USE OF INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES:

The City of North Port reserves the right to consider historic information and fact, whether gained from the submitted proposal, question and answer conferences, references, and/or other sources in the evaluation process.

The City reserves the right to conduct investigations as deemed necessary by the City to assist in the evaluation of any proposal and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of Offerors, subcontractors, suppliers and other persons and organizations to perform and furnish the work in accordance with the documents.

44. DISCREPANCIES, ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:

Any discrepancies, errors, or ambiguities in the RFP or addenda (if any) should be reported in writing to the City's Purchasing Department. Should it be necessary, a written addendum will be incorporated to the RFP. The City will NOT be responsible for any oral instructions, clarifications, or other communications.

45. DISQUALIFICATION:

The City reserves the right to disqualify responses before or after the submission date, upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices on the part of the Consultant. It also reserves the right to waive any immaterial defect or informality in any Responses, to reject any or all Responses in whole or in part, or to reissue a Request for Proposal.

46. RESPONSES / PROPOSAL RECEIPT:

Sealed Responses will be accepted in accordance with the schedule detailed on the cover of this RFP. After that date and time, Responses will not be accepted. The Consultant shall file all documents necessary to support its Proposal and shall include them with its Proposal. Consultants shall be responsible for the actual delivery of Responses during business hours to the exact address indicated on the cover and in the RFP.

47. E-VERIFY SYSTEM:

The City, contractor and every subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the work authorization status of all new employees as required by Section 287.058 and 287.137, F.S. If a contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, the subcontractor shall certify to the contractor in a manner that does not violate federal law that the subcontractor, at the time of such certification, does not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, who is not authorized under federal law to be employed in the United States, as described in 8 U.S.C. S. 1324A(H)(3).

48. FORCE MAJEURE:

Should performance of any obligation created under this Agreement become illegal or impossible by reason of:

- a. A strike or work stoppage, unless caused by a negligent act or omission of either Party;
- b. An act of God, tornado, hurricane, flood, sinkhole, fire, explosion, landslide, earthquake, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, pestilence, or extremely abnormal and excessively inclement weather;
- c. An act of a public enemy, act of war, terrorism, effect of nuclear radiation, blockage, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, state of martial law, or national or international calamity;
- d. A declared emergency of the federal, state, or local government; or
- e. Any other like event that is beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing party; then the performance of any such obligation is suspended during the period of, and only to the extent of, such prevention or hindrance, provided that:
- f. The non-performing party provides written notice within five (5) days of the event of *force majeure*, describing the event in sufficient detail, including but not limited to: the nature of the occurrence, a good faith estimate of the duration of the delay, proof of how the event has precluded the non-performing party from performing, and the means and methods for correcting the delay; and continues to furnish timely reports of all actions required for it to commence or resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- g. The excuse of performance is no greater in scope or duration than required by the event of *force majeure*;
- h. No obligations of either party that arose before the *force majeure* are excused as a result of the event of *force majeure*; and
- i. The non-performing party uses all reasonable diligence to remedy its inability to perform.

Economic hardship of a party does not constitute an event of *force majeure*. A party will not be excused from performance due to forces that it could have reasonably prevented, removed, or remediated prior to, during, or immediately after their occurrence.

The non-performing party's affected obligations under this Agreement will be temporarily suspended during, but not longer than, the continuance of the event of *force majeure* and a reasonable time thereafter as may be required to commence or resume performance of its obligations. Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this Section for a period exceeding two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term.

The Consultant acknowledges that they have read the above information and agrees to comply with all the above RFP requirements.

END OF PART I

PART II – SCOPE OF SERVICE

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The City of North Port, hereinafter referred to as the “City”, desires to contract for Professional Services to conduct fee and rate studies and recommendations, non-ad valorem assessment methodology studies, maintenance/rollup of annual assessments with the property appraiser, assessment studies, impact fees, and fee updates for services provided by the City, as needed.

The City provides services to nearly 80,000 residents and approximately 78,000 parcels within a land area of 104± square miles. These services include maintaining various public infrastructure, providing solid waste, issuing building permits, and charging for use of certain facilities, while maintaining a balanced budget. In addition, the City currently serves over 25,223 water customers, 19,792 wastewater customers and 51 bulk residential and commercial reclaimed water customers. Approximately 3,000 of the City’s water and wastewater customers are outside the City and are charged a surcharge for service. The City has established user fees and rates for a variety of services including but not limited to:

1. Utilities User Fees
2. Utilities Miscellaneous Fees
3. Other Miscellaneous Fees
4. Water and Wastewater Capacity Fees
5. Road and Drainage District Fees
6. Solid Waste Fees
7. Fire District Fees
8. Rescue Services and Emergency Medical Services
9. Building Fees
10. Impact Fees
11. Park and Recreation Fees
12. Facility Rental Fees
13. Planning, Zoning and Development Review Fees
14. Police Fees
15. Business Tax Receipt
16. Construction Traffic Road Fees
17. Fleet Management Fees
18. Mobility Fees

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. All services provided must conform with applicable laws, administrative rules and regulations of the State of Florida including;
 - 1.1 Chapter 180, Municipal Public Works, those related to Special Purpose Dependent District non-ad valorem assessments, administrative code fees, and Uniform Method of collection.
 - 1.2 Chapter 163, County Organization and Intergovernmental Relations.
 - 1.3 Chapter 153 Water and Sewer Systems
2. Any non-ad valorem assessments must meet the Florida Statutory and Case law requirements for a valid special assessment. The Consultant is responsible for ascertaining all applicable laws and assuring the study and its

recommendations meet those requirements sufficient to withstand legal challenge. These requirements include but are not limited to the following:

- A. The service provided must confer a special benefit to the property being assessed.
 - B. The costs assessed must be fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit.
 - C. The apportionment or exemption from non-ad valorem assessments of governmental entities as defined by Florida Law.
3. Evaluate the City's operational and financial data to develop a valid fee or assessment program that focuses upon assessable cost calculations sufficient to fund requirements.
 4. Ensure that the recommended assessment and parcel classifications conform to the statutory requirements of the Uniform Method.
 5. For non-ad valorem assessments, the Consultant shall hire/sub-contract an attorney to obtain a legal review to confirm any studies are consistent with the City's methodology requirements, Florida Statutes, Case law and other applicable laws and rules. Cost of this service shall be included in the project fee, as issued.
 6. In the event a court finds the non-ad valorem fee, rate, assessment, or methodology to be legally insufficient or unenforceable, the CONSULTANT shall indemnify the CITY for all claims, suits, actions, and damages (including but not limited to reimbursement of assessments), expenses, costs (including but not limited to travel and experts' costs) and attorneys' fees (at both trial and appellate levels) of any nature or kind whatsoever caused by, arising out of, or related to the sufficiency or enforceability of the assessment methodology study prepared by CONSULTANT under this Contract. Changes made by the CITY to the assessment methodology shall not render this indemnity invalid unless the CONSULTANT has notified the CITY in writing prior to adoption of the non-ad valorem ordinance that a particular change will likely lead to an insufficient or unenforceable assessment methodology, and the court expressly holds that that change was the sole reason that the assessment methodology was insufficient or unenforceable. The amount of the indemnity shall be co-extensive with the amount of the CONSULTANT's Errors and Omissions/Professional Liability coverage, which shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for this project with a \$1,000,000 policy term general aggregate, and such policy shall expressly provide coverage for this indemnity provision. In the event the CONSULTANT has failed to procure Errors and Omissions/Professional Liability coverage in the stated amount or has let such coverage lapse, the indemnity shall still be enforceable up to the stated amount.

Some of the work assignments issued as a result of this RFP will have aggressive timeframes that require meeting strict deadlines. However, all of these requests will require strong technical expertise, written communication skills, and comprehensive public participation and community outreach skills. Because of the above requirements and needs, the City is seeking to establish contracts that will provide professional services on 'an as needed basis'. Work performed by Consultant staff under this RFP will be completed remotely or onsite at North Port City Hall located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida.

The consultant shall serve as the City of North Ports professional representative for each Work Assignment, as applicable, and may be required to present reports and recommendations to Commissioners or public as requested and scheduled by staff. The firms shall be required to submit any and all presentations or publications relating to City work for review and approval by the City of North Port staff prior to distribution.

The selected firm(s) shall work in close cooperation and coordinate their work through assigned City of North Port Directors and/or assigned City staff.

The consultants shall perform all the services specified in accordance with generally accepted professional standards. The consultants shall perform all services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the work. All work of any kind shall conform to and be in compliance with applicable practices, codes, laws, ordinances, regulations, and restrictions. The consultant services will include the necessary planning and other professional services that consist of

All deliverables required in the performance of the Work Assignments shall be submitted to assigned City of North Port Staff in the appropriate electronic media format via flash drives, email, and/or FTP site. Word processing documents shall be in Word format, spreadsheet data in Excel format, presentations shall be in Power Point, project schedules shall be in Microsoft Project and all maps, plans, and surveys shall be in suitable CAD, ArcGIS and PDF format for utilization by the City of North Port. All deliverables shall become the property of the City upon delivery.

Information provided in Part I, General Instructions, Paragraph 1, Purpose, of this RFP, is included in this Part II, Scope of Service, by reference.

The City, at its sole discretion, may expand the scope of work to include additional requirements. The City reserves the right to investigate as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any firm to perform the work or services requested. Information the City deems necessary in order to make a determination shall be provided by the firms upon request.

II. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

To be eligible to respond to this Solicitation, the Proposer must demonstrate that the firm, has sufficient capabilities, resources and experience to provide the Services under this Solicitation. Any Proposer that fails to meet the following minimum qualification requirements may be noted as “NON-RESPONSIVE”. Those qualifications are as follows:

Offerors must demonstrate that they have the resources and capability to provide the services as described herein. Consultant Staff assigned to specific tasks should possess in-depth knowledge within one or more specialties such as economic development, comprehensive planning, city fees, rate development, methodology planning, utility management, or environmental planning as appropriate for the assigned work.

Offerors must demonstrate extensive experience in the discipline areas identified herein by providing comparable services and/or projects that have been successfully provided and/or completed within five (5) years of the due date of this RFP. Successfully completed services and/or project shall include those that were completed within the contract time, including any owner approved time extensions, completed at or below the contract award amount, including any subsequent owner approved cost change orders, and completed in accordance with the contract documents.

III. REFERENCES/CLIENT LISTING:

The City will only entertain proposals from proposers with a minimum of five (5) years’ experience in projects of similar scope and size. Additionally, Proposers shall submit a commercial client listing, with at least five (5) accounts, detailing the longevity of the accounts and disclosing the contact name, phone number, and email for each account, project description, and area included in “Scope of Work”. The City reserves the right to contact any or all the clients to acquire a reference; however, the Proposer is encouraged to submit written recommendations from his client(s).

IV. GENERAL SERVICE AND RATE PROVISIONS –(Rates will be Established with selected and qualified consultants during the negotiations phase of the process):

Individual tasks may require project management, supervision, manpower, materials, equipment, and supplies necessary to complete any of the services outlined below. All services shall be performed in compliance with industry standards and all federal, state, local laws, and ordinances.

The services to be provided under awarded contracts may include but are not be limited to the following:

1. Evaluations, investigations, analysis, recommendations, technical writing, ordinance interpretations, ordinance formulation, cost and time estimates, financial planning, studies, designs, research, compliance/application reviews, field inspections, customer service, GIS and mapping, visualization/graphic design, and public participation and outreach.

2. Professional involvement throughout all phases of the project, including but not limited to development of programs; preparation of reports; periodic progress reports/meetings; preparation for and participation in briefings and presentations to staff groups, citizen groups, elected and appointed officials, and federal or state agencies; processing of invoices for services; timely processing of project correspondence, Consultants' requests for payment, and material and equipment submittals.

3. Coordination with other City consultants.

4. Other types of professional and non-professional services of a nature consistent with the intent of this RFP as so directed by the City.

V: RATES: Hourly rates established during negotiations of awarded contracts shall include (not part of the ranking phase):

1. Administrative items such as fax transmissions, long distance phone calls, mailing services, courier services, and materials required in the preparation of presentations, cost of reports, submittals, and other expenses deemed typical in the conduct of business.

2. Transportation to and from job sites, vehicles, fuel, vehicle maintenance, cell phones, personal computers, printers, cameras, video equipment, software, general office supplies, home office and administrative support, and all overhead and incidental costs.

3. Additional costs associated with attendance and participation in after-hours meetings with elected and appointed officials and community groups.

VI. WORK ASSIGNMENTS:

A detailed Scope of Services will be developed by the City Project Manager for each Work Assignment issued under an awarded contract. The Consultant shall make every effort to keep the personnel assigned to a Work Assignment consistent. The Consultant shall assign a Project Manager to each Work Assignment to provide consultation and management services. The Consultant's Project Manager will be responsible for staffing the work and the review of all submittals, reports, and work products prior to submission to the City. The Consultant's Project Manager will have the final responsibility for quality control.

The City may award an individual Work Assignment to any Consultant awarded a contract. Selection of the Consultant and award of the Work Assignment will be in compliance with the following criteria:

- The process will be followed as stated on pages 29-31 of this RFP.

VII. DISCIPLINE AREAS/WORK ASSIGNMENTS TO BE PERFORMED:

This section outlines the main task areas anticipated to be conducted under an awarded contract and the knowledge and skills needed within the associated disciplines to achieve success. The Consultant should demonstrate to the City the ability and capacity to successfully perform these tasks.

1. Establish a methodology for the evaluation of fees, including impact and capacity fees. Review existing methodology, recommend changes as necessary and determine if fees are accurate and appropriate to the City's needs. Work with and meet with City staff to refine scope, purpose, uses, and goals. Ensure the study will be both accurate and appropriate to the City's needs.

2. Conduct a comprehensive review of the City's existing fees, rates and charges. Meet with staff and conduct interviews as needed to gain an understanding of the City's processes and operations.
3. Analyze the impacts of development on specific types of facilities and calculate recommended fees for each type of facility in accordance with the City's Code.
4. Conduct a level of service analysis.
5. Identify the total cost of providing each City service at the lowest reasonable activity level and in a manner that is consistent with all applicable laws, statutes, rules and regulations governing the collection of fees, rates, and charges by public entities. Costs should include appropriate General and Administrative overhead allocations to City activities and applicable overhead rates for use in calculating the City's billable hourly rates.
6. Compare service costs with existing cost recovery levels. This should include service areas where the City is currently charging for services as well as areas where the City perhaps should charge, in light of the City's practices, or the practices of similar and/or neighboring cities.
7. Determine the full cost including direct and indirect cost of each unit of service provided by the water and wastewater systems including, but not limited to, inspection fees, fireline fees, final reads, initial reads, meter sets, re-reads and meter leaks.
8. Assess the current rate structure's performance as a baseline for comparing recommended changes. Conduct a detailed review of the existing rates and status of the Utility Fund, and develop a general familiarity with the City's billing system.
9. Develop and assess the effects of a transition plan whereby changes in customer class-based rates are phased in over a period of time to allow the City the ability to correct subsidies in their rates while minimizing the financial impact on any customer group.
10. Based upon cost of service principles, develop equitable and defensible retail and bulk service rates and fees.
11. Assess the equity of current recommended water and sewer rates for all types of property ownership.
12. Assess the interactions between the water conservation elements of the rate structure and its impacts on the ability to fund water operations as well as the water conservation elements' impact on the economic wellbeing of the community including the impact of innovative water conservation measures including incentives and disincentives on the cost of water service and water rate(s) taking into consideration the City's water use permit requirements.
13. Distribute the most recent fiscal year costs for each utility in an equitable manner between the customer classes, residential, commercial, and irrigation, including any large users. Consider conservation rates, inclining block rates, marginal cost rates, unmetered rates, fire protection rates, and rates for re-use of wastewater effluent.
14. The prior methodology for the Fire Rescue services involves two (2) components which are imposed equally among all non-exempt tax parcels on a per parcel equivalent basis (Tier 1), and the other costs are apportioned among developed property based on the value of structures on the parcel (Tier 2), as determined by the county property appraiser. This methodology has been upheld in numerous challenges before the Florida Supreme Court. As a result, the methodology for the Fire Rescue services does not need to be evaluated. Additionally, the District's Non-Ad Valorem Assessment roll data, along with the historical and budgeted financial information is used to populate the

Financial Analysis and Management System (FAMS-XL©) interactive model. This model has been determined to be valid, reliable, and understandable. As a result, only the following tasks may be performed:

- 14.1 Update the Ten-Year Revenue Sufficiency Analysis (prepared in conjunction with the annual budget season).
- 14.2 Update the Fire Assessment Roll (performed during the spring and finalized in September).
15. Include the preparation of detailed customer forecasts and billing analyses, identification of expenditure requirements to be funded from rates, development of capital improvement funding plans, evaluation of financial performance and policy development, and design of various utility rates and service charges.
16. Promote compliance with rate covenant, additional bonds test, and flow funds provisions based on authorizing bond documents and maintain credit rating position.
17. Recommend ways of communicating system costs, conservation/waste reduction methods and practices, and possible rate adjustments.
18. Prepare reports that identify each facility or service, its full cost, current and recommended cost recovery levels. Reports should identify the direct cost, the indirect cost, and the overhead cost for each service; and provide a model for adjusting these fees and rates for the City's current and future needs.
19. Work with City staff to review and evaluate future needs and services of the City in order to incorporate these needs into the recommendations.
20. Work with City staff to conduct an assessment regarding the impacts on each department with links to the fee structures to determine which City cost centers are applicable.
21. Recommend appropriate fees and charges. Recommended fees are based on the analysis, together with the appropriate subsidy percentage for those fees where full cost recovery may be unrealistic.
22. Prepare reports that identify the current fees, and recommended fees. The reports must also identify percentage change, cost recovery percentage, and fee comparison with other cities or service providers that are comparable to North Port, Florida. A survey comparison of rates and fees with similar cities will be used to help determine the appropriate level of subsidy, if any.
23. Research and prepare District Assessment and Methodology reports, draft and final. Recommend the categories of property to be assessed and determine the relative benefit anticipated to be derived by those categories of property found within the City that receive services. Recommend the fair and reasonable apportionment of assessable costs among benefited parcels within each category of property. Determine the rates required to fully fund the cost of services provided by the City to various parcels or users that benefit from the City's services. Methodologies are anticipated to remain in effect for a three (3) year period and the Study shall reflect a method to adjust the level of assessment sufficient to continue funding the budgetary requirements through that period.
24. Attend project commencement meetings with City representatives at City offices.
25. Conduct progress meetings and written progress reports as requested by the City, or as Consultant deems necessary.
26. Consultant may develop public information materials including web site, brochures, FAQs, or other media tools as may be appropriate or requested by the City.

27. The Consultant may be required to conduct presentations for the Commission and the general public. All material and format shall be approved by City staff prior to any presentation.
28. The Consultant may assist in the draft of all legal notices, publications, documents, and resolutions necessary to certify and adopt the rate structure as requested by the City. The Consultant shall submit “drafts” of all documents, including a draft agenda for the required public hearings, to the City for review with sufficient time for publication and adoption prior to statutory deadlines.
29. For yearly non-ad valorem assessments, create and maintain an assessment roll based on the final methodology approved by the City Commission and deliver the assessment roll to the City within the time frame and format acceptable to the City and the Sarasota County Tax Collector.
30. All materials, in any format, produced by the Consultant for the City during the course and scope of services are considered the property of the City.
31. Provide a database for a mail merge process with property specific data to assist with the preparing first class mailing notices, as needed.

VIII. POST AWARD OF QUALIFICATION BASED MASTER CONTINUING CONTRACTS:

PROCEDURE & SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS WITHIN THE CONTINUING CONTRACT

Work Assignments:

Work Assignment size may vary. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to the quantity of services, if any, to be procured under this Request for Proposals by the City.

Florida State Statute Limits – 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 \$4 million, for study activity if the fee for professional services for each individual study under the contract does not exceed \$500,000, 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. If these limits are amended in the future the new limits will apply to the proposed contract. Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.

Any work assignment \$100,000 or greater requires Commission approval.

Reasonable attempts will be made to equalize the projects amongst qualified candidates in terms of project worth with the objective of effecting an equitable distribution of work assignment fees among qualified firms, provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selection of the most highly qualified firms. The City may use direct select for work assignments or request for letters of interest method for individual work assignments as outlined below.

NON-EXCLUSIVITY: No guarantee of certain services, volume of work, or quantity of projects is implied. This contract does not entitle any firm to exclusive rights to City contracts. The City reserves the right to acquire professional services from other firms or perform "in-house" services for any purpose as it deems appropriate. The City may, in its sole discretion, procure the services of any consultant at any time for any project other than those selected for this continuing contract.

FAILURE TO PERFORM: Failure to perform as described, or not complete all activities as required and as provided herein, shall be just cause for the assessment of damages, as described below, and such damages shall be considered, not as a penalty, but as liquidation of damages sustained. In the event all of the required work is not completed as actually reflected in the invoice(s) when the frequency requires, corrections of all discrepancies shall be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM the following work day. These corrections shall be completely performed in accordance with the specification requirements. Failure to appear and perform the required duties without the advance approval of the City shall result in the deduction of the total cost of the service from the invoice(s). These charges are intended to act as an incentive to perform in full compliance with the specifications. Deductions shall be applied in accordance with the cost proposal form “prices.” A full deduction “price” shall be levied each time services are not performed in full accordance with work specifications. Such deductions will continue until said work is properly performed or the contract is cancelled. Acknowledgment and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein above set is not intended to be, nor shall be deemed to be, in the nature of a penalty.

Additional Services: The Consultant will provide an hourly rate fee chart during negotiations. Additional services may be requested by the City and will be completed as mutually agreed upon between the City and the Consultant(s) based on the Hourly Rates.

A. Letter of Interest Process

When the City requires professional services, it is anticipated, but not necessarily required, that the process will proceed in the following manner:

- i) For each specific project to be completed under a continuing services contract, the end user will send a Letter of Interest to all qualified firms awarded the continuing services agreement. The letter of interest that will include, but not be limited to, the following information along with request for interested firms to submit a qualifications-based proposal for the specific project.
 - a. Project description;
 - b. General scope of work;
 - c. Goals of project;
 - d. Potential unknowns;
 - e. Any special conditions associated with the project;
 - f. Proposed schedule for project;
 - g. Proposed budget for project;
 - h. Limited references request;
 - i. Limited page limit on qualifications-based project-specific proposal; and,
 - j. Deadline for submittal of qualifications-based proposal for the project.
- ii) Each firm shall then have the opportunity to submit a qualifications-based proposal for the specific project.
- iii) City staff will evaluate the qualifications-based proposals on general criteria including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Understanding of project and required deliverables;
 - b. Ability and relevant expertise/qualifications of the firm’s personnel to be used in performing the service;
 - c. Availability of staff and ability to meet project schedule;
 - d. Evaluations on prior similar projects;
 - e. Firm’s proposed cost saving measures for the project,
 - f. Conflict of Interest form,
 - g. Disclosure form for Consultant/Engineer/Architect; and,
 - h. Scrutinized Company Certification Form

- iv) City staff will obtain from selected Consultant a finalized detailed scope with tasks, fee schedule based on hourly rates submitted with master contract, and project schedule. Negotiations may be required to fine tune scope and issue a Work Assignment.

The City reserves the right to be the sole determination of responsiveness and responsibility of any submittals received in response to requests for proposals, requests for qualifications, and/or letters of interest.

The Consultant shall neither commence any Work, nor enter a City Work premise, until the Consultant has received a **fully executed Work Assignment** from the City serving as written Notice to Proceed (“NTP”).

The parties agree that the scope of services for any Work Assignment is a description of Consultant’s obligations and responsibilities and is deemed to include preliminary considerations and prerequisites, and all labor, materials, equipment, and tasks which are such an inseparable part of the work described that exclusion would render performance by Consultant impractical, illogical, or unconscionable.

Consultant and City acknowledge that Scope of Services may not delineate every detail and minor work task required to be performed by Consultant to complete the Project. If, during the course of the performance of the services included in the Work Assignment, Consultant determines that work should be performed to complete the Project which is in the Consultant’s opinion outside the level of effort originally anticipated, whether or not the Scope of Services identifies the work items, Consultant shall notify the City in writing in a timely manner before proceeding with the work. If Consultant proceeds with said work without notifying the City, said work shall be deemed to be within the original level of effort, whether or not specifically addressed in the Scope of Services. Notice to the City does not constitute authorization or approval by City to perform the work. Performance of work by Consultant outside the originally anticipated level of effort without prior written City approval is at Consultant’s sole risk.

Consultant acknowledges and agrees that services under this Agreement will be requested by City on an as-needed basis only, and no representation or guarantee is made by City to Consultant that City will utilize Consultant’s services exclusively or at all.

B. Direct Work Assignment Process:

Upon approval from the Sr. Purchasing Administrator or designee, City staff may forego the Letter of Interest Process and proceed directly with the Work Assignment process. A scope with itemized tasks and fee schedule based on contracted hourly rates will be obtained from one of the contracted firms, reviewed, negotiated and awarded. This process will be used when circumstances warrant a more expedient process.

C. Invoicing:

Consultants shall invoice the City for each project or assignment, as negotiated. Each invoice shall identify the invoice number; project or assignment; detail the contract price; payments made to date; percentage of completion of the assignment/project/phase and/or employees names, titles, direct labor rates, and multiplier; payment due this invoice; remaining balance due; attached list of approved reimbursables with appropriate receipts. Invoices shall itemize hours, hourly wage, or other unit agreed upon as measurement of payment during negotiations, if requested. If hourly, invoices shall identify the name and title of personnel who performed the work.

Invoices shall also include a detailed bullet list of work completed within the period of the invoice. Bullet list of work completed shall clearly identify the work associated with the current billing.

D. Compensation:

Compensation to the consultant shall include the following: all profit, direct and indirect labor costs, personnel related costs, overhead and administrative costs, and all other costs not indicated as non-reimbursable below.

No claim for reimbursement for these expenses shall be made to the City:

- A.** All travel and vehicle related expenses.
- B.** Three (3) sets of signed and sealed permitting plans.
- C.** Computer usage, telephone expenses, fax, copies, printing, and postage.
- D.** Subcontractor mark-up.

A copy of the invoice for each reimbursable expense shall be attached to consultant's invoice.

The City will not allow Prime Consultant markups on any services provided by a Sub-Consultant.

E. Change Orders:

All requests for changes to the resulting Agreement shall be made in writing and are subject to approval by the appropriate level of City authority.

All change orders, including no-cost change orders, to Work Assignments require approval by City Manager, at a minimum. Some change orders will require Commission approval.

The consultant shall fully understand the City's Change Order Policy. In the event the consultant begins work on unauthorized changes to scope prior to receiving a signed Change Order by the City's appropriate level of authority, they do so at their own expense and risk not being compensated by the City for performing unauthorized work.

F. Schedule:

An understanding and agreement, by and between the Consultant and the City, that the completion time will be as specified in approved work assignments and that all work shall be prosecuted regularly, diligently, and uninterrupted at such rate of progress as will ensure full completion thereof as specified in the Scope of Services.

END OF PART II

PART III – EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

EVALUATION METHOD AND CRITERIA:

All proposals will be subject to a review and evaluation process. It is the intent of the City that all proposers responding to this RFP, who meet the requirements, will be ranked in accordance with the criteria established in these documents. The City will consider all responsive and responsible proposals received in its evaluation and award process.

Proposals shall include all of the information solicited in this RFP, and any additional data that the Proposer deems pertinent to the understanding and evaluating of the proposal. Proposers should not withhold any information from the written response in anticipation of presenting the information orally or in a demonstration, since oral presentations or demonstrations **may not** be solicited.

During the evaluation process and at the sole discretion of the City, requests for clarification of one or more proposer submittals may be conducted. This request for clarification may be performed by the City in a written format, or through scheduled oral interviews. Such clarification request will provide proposers with an opportunity to answer any questions the City may have on a proposer’s submittal.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Firms are ranked according to the evaluation criteria which will include, but shall not be limited to, considerations listed under Part II- THROUGH IV. The City shall be the sole judge as to the merits of the proposal(s), and the resulting agreement to the most qualified, responsive, and responsible proposer(s), who fulfills all requirements, and whose evaluation by the City indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the City. The City’s decision will be final. The City intends to negotiate with up to five of the top ranked firm(s). If negotiations with the any of top ranked firms are not successful, negotiations may begin with remaining firms in rank order.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Proposals will be reviewed by staff from the City of North Port and evaluated based on the format and content outlined in this proposal as follows:

- Remarks:** The assigned value is judged on a scale of 0 through 5
- 0=Information/documentation provided is not adequate for evaluation
 - 1=Poor, Unacceptable, Needs major help to be acceptable
 - 2=Marginal, Weak, Workable but needs clarifications
 - 3=Good, No major weaknesses, Fully Acceptable as is
 - 4=Excellent, Very good, Solid in all respects
 - 5=Outstanding, out-of-the-box, Innovative

<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Assigned Value</i>	<i>Weight 1-10</i>	<i>Score</i>
QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANT FIRM	0-5		X 4	= 20 Max
QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PROJECT TEAM	0-5		X 4	= 20 Max
PROJECT MANAGER’S EXPERIENCE	0-5		X 3	= 15 Max
PROFICIENCY WITH SIMILAR SERVICES/PROJECTS	0-5		X 4	= 20 Max
PROJECT CONTROL/APPROACH	0-5		X 3	= 15 Max
REFERENCES	0-5		X 2	= 10 Max
SUB-TOTAL				100 MAX
The following criteria will be verified by Purchasing and provided at the evaluation meeting:				
MBE / W/VBE Certification				
Certified Minority	Value of 3	0 or 3	X 1	
Non-certified or N/A	Value of 0			
	TOTAL POINTS			TBD
REMARKS: Minority, Women and/or Veteran Owned Business Enterprise have a point value of either 0 or 3.				

SCORING:

1. The Committee will score their evaluations independently through raw scores and the raw scores will be converted to ordinal score.
 - a) Committee member will score each Proposer 0 through 5 (5 being the highest score) on each criterion, unless the score for the criteria score is processed with a calculated formula.
 - b) The score will be multiplied by the criteria weight. The total raw score obtainable is 100 and bonus points (applicable preference points) will be added to the total points scored.
 - c) Each total raw score will be converted to an ordinal score.

2. Ordinal Scores are determined as the order of preference based on the individual member’s raw scores.
 - a) The highest raw score will receive an ordinal score of one, 2nd highest raw score will receive an ordinal score of 2, and so on.
 - b) The individual ordinal score for each proposer by each committee member are added together for a total ordinal score.

3. The lowest total ordinal score will be ranked as #1, 2nd lowest ranked as #2 and so on.

4. The Committee will meet in a public meeting to discuss the responses, scoring, ranking, and all issues related to the project. The committee members have the right to either:
 - a) Adjust their scoring based on committee discussion; or
 - b) Re-rank the proposers based on committee discussion; or
 - c) Determine a ranking by the consensus of the committee.

5. The Committee will hold a 'closed' meeting (telephone discussions) with each of the proposers to further clarify the City's requirements and the Proposer's proposals prior to the public ranking meeting.

SELECTION – EVALUATIONS, RANKING AND TELEPHONE DISCUSSIONS/MICROSOFT TEAMS: The Selection Committee shall evaluate and rank the proposals submitted by all responsive firms. Telephone discussions/Microsoft Teams meetings will be held with all firms submitting prior to ranking. Discussions are not open to the public. Please see schedule below and ensure that a representative of your firm will be available via telephone/Microsoft Teams when called by the Selection Committee. Each of the firms will be contacted via e-mail and informed of the time that the discussions will begin. The firms may be provided with additional information regarding the project requirements along with written questions from the selection committee. The discussions will be conducted with submitting firms in alphabetical order, with an anticipated time frame not to exceed 15 minutes with each firm being called consecutively.

As stated above, discussions will be held via telephone or Microsoft Teams utilizing the telephone number or email address listed on the signature page of the submittal form. It is each firm's responsibility to have the appropriate personnel at that site or respond to the questions and/or clarification. Once the discussions (are not "Open" to the public) are completed, the Selection Committee will commence the discussions, evaluations and ranking portion of the meeting (which is "Open" to the public).

The top ranked firms by the Selection Committee will be the firms recommended for contract negotiations. Purchasing on behalf of the Selection committee shall forward their recommendation to the City Manager in rank order the response or responses of which the Selection Committee deems to be in the best interest of the City. Purchasing shall be request the City Manager to authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the (top) ranked consultants. Following the negotiations, a final contract will be presented for City Commission approval.

If presentations are not requested: Contract negotiations will then commence with the top ranked firms pending City Manager approval. The department will prepare the agenda item for the next available commission meeting and request the City Commission to approve the contracts and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with the top ranked, responsive and responsible firms.

If presentations are requested – Formal Oral Presentations: Purchasing will establish the schedule and proposers will be notified within a reasonable time period, in advance of the date, time and place of the presentations. The specific format of each presentation will be provided to proposers with the notifications. Oral presentations will NOT be open to the public.

The City will allot equal time for each proposer. The format may consist of formal presentations, questions and answers, and discussion for clarification purposes. Oral presentations will provide an opportunity for the proposers to demonstrate their ability to use time efficiently, effectively and economically. The times allotted are maximums and no firm will be penalized for using less than the allotted time.

Final Ranking (if presentations are requested) and Recommendation for Award: Upon completion of the oral presentations, the Committee will rank up to the top five (5) proposers on their oral presentations to determine the top ranked proposers considered to be the most capable of performing the required project in the best interest of the City. The Department will prepare the agenda item for the next available commission meeting

requesting the City Commission approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with the top ranked, responsive and responsible firms.

Schedule: The anticipated schedule for this project is as follows:

<i>Timeline of Events</i>	<i>Event Time</i>	<i>Event Date</i>
<i>Issuance of Proposal</i>	8:00 AM	May 26, 2023
<i>Pre-proposal Meeting</i>	N/A	
<i>Deadline to submit questions/clarifications</i>	2:00 PM	June 19, 2023
<i>Submittal Due Date</i>	2:00 PM	June 26, 2023
<i>Telephone Discussions (Closed to Public),</i>	9:00 AM (CLOSED TO PUBLIC)	July 6, 2023
<i>Evaluation and Ranking Committee Meeting (Open to Public)</i>	1:00 PM (OPEN TO PUBLIC) CITY HALL, ROOM 244	July 6, 2023
<i>Presentations or Negotiations Team Meeting (Closed to Public)</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Contract to Commission</i>	Estimated	September

END OF PART III

PART IV – RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PROPOSALS AND REQUIRED SUBMITTAL FORMS

1. RULES FOR PROPOSALS – The Purpose of this section of the Solicitation Document is to identify the requirements for Proposers to submit a **complete and correct** Proposal package, which shall cover:

A. The proposal must name all persons or entities interested in the proposals as principals of the Project Team. The proposal must declare that it is made without collusion with any other person or entity submitting a proposal pursuant to this RFP.

B. Any questions regarding a project or submittal shall be **directed to Purchasing**. There shall not be any contact between a Proposer and any member of the selection committee or negotiating committee or any member of the City Commission regarding the project or proposal submitted by any Proposer. Any Proposer contacting any committee member or member of the City Commission regarding a submitted proposal is subject to sanctions up to and including having the City disqualify that Consultant's submittal.

C. The Proposal Forms shall be used when submitting a Proposal. Use of any other forms may result in the Proposer's submittal being deemed "Non-Responsive."

D. The Proposal will either be typed or completed in legible writing in blue ink. The Proposer's authorized agent will sign the Proposal Forms in blue ink, and all corrections made by the Proposer shall be initialed in ink by the authorized agent. The use of pencil or erasable ink or failure to comply with any of the foregoing may result in the rejection of the Proposal.

E. Proposer Registration with either the City or DemandStar is **not** required. The City utilizes www.DemandStar.com for their vendor database system: plan holder list, and notification availability (i.e. Addenda, Sign-In Sheets, Notice of Intent, etc.). Registration with DemandStar is **not** required to submit a Proposal. The City does **not** require the Proposer to complete a registration application with DemandStar to be recommended for the award of any Agreement. DemandStar is the City's sole method of notification for formal solicitations including but not limited to, addenda, sign-in, plans, tab sheets, Notice of Intent and any other related documents. Registration with DemandStar is optional, at the sole discretion of the Proposer. Proposers may register on-line at www.DemandStar.com or by requesting a faxed registration form by calling (800) 711-1712. **If you are interested in receiving free notification(s) solely for the City of North Port's solicitation documents, please contact them directly at 1-800-711-1712 with your request. If you are already registered with DemandStar for either the City of North Port, you do NOT need to register again.**

2. PROPOSAL FORMAT/REQUIREMENTS

Proposers shall include the following information in their written proposal document and should use the following format when compiling their responses. Sections should be tabbed and labeled; pages should be sequentially numbered at the bottom of the page.

TITLE PAGE: Title Page shall show the request for proposal's subject, title and proposal number; the firm's legal name; points of contact information (name, telephone, cell, fax number and E-mail address).

TABLE OF CONTENTS: The Table of Contents shall provide listing of all major topics, their associated section number, and starting page.

TAB 1 - TRANSMITTAL LETTER: Provide a Letter of Interest indicating the qualifications for which the Consultant is applying, and your firm's commitment to the City's projects. The letter shall be signed in blue ink by a person who is authorized to commit the firm to perform the work included in the proposal, and should identify all materials and enclosures being forwarded in response to the RFP.

Tab 2 – APPROACH TO PROJECT/PROJECT CONTROL/RESOURCES: Provide a short narrative of your understanding of the RFP scope of services. Identify the specific details of how you will provide the services outlined and how you will approach the City’s projects. The firm shall demonstrate its capabilities in managing completed projects, and evidence of and adherence to time and budget constraints, on projects completed within the last five (5) years. Other factors to consider are number and value of change orders (as a percentage of contract costs), number, nature, and value of construction claims, and subsequent settlements/litigation results. Also provide information on your firm’s current workload and how this project will fit into your workload and the techniques that are planned to assure project schedules will be met. Describe available facilities, technological capabilities and other available resources your firm offers for the project. Indicate all resources available to the Firm. Clearly define any limitations.

Tab 3 – QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FIRM: Respondents must provide documentation that demonstrates their ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. Indicate the firm’s number of years of experience in providing the professional services as it relates specifically to the project. Indicate business structure, i.e. Corporation, Partnership, LLC. Firm must be registered as a legal entity in the State of Florida; Minority, Woman, or Veteran owned Business (if applicable); Company address, phone number, fax number, email address, website, contact person(s), etc. Please state the relative size of the firm; the size of the firm’s staff, including management, technical, and support staff; the location of the office from which the work on this contract is to be performed; the number of years of the firm’s experience; licenses and any other pertinent information shall be submitted. Submittals that do not contain such documentation may be deemed as non-responsive.

Tab 4 - PROJECT TEAM AND PROJECT MANAGER EXPERIENCE: Relative to the scope of services for the RFP, describe the specific ability of the firm (Project manager and lead staff). The project manager must have a minimum of five (5) years’ experience in required discipline and have served as project manager on similar projects on a minimum of three previous occasions. Include the number of years lead staff has been employed by firm, and qualifications of the lead staff to be assigned to this contract, including their first-hand experience in providing like services to Florida municipalities. Clearly identify the Project Manager and location from which they will work. If there are alternate Project Managers for different areas of expertise, please describe. List the members of the project team. Provide a list of the personnel to be used on the project and their qualifications. A brief resume including education, experience, licenses and any other pertinent information shall be included for each team member, including subconsultants to be assigned to the project. Provide any other documentation that demonstrates their ability to satisfy all the minimum qualification requirements. The proposal must specifically identify if any of the services may be completed by a subconsultant. Specific project tasks and the specific subconsultant to be used must be provided. Submittals that do not contain such documentation may be deemed non-responsive.

Tab 5 – PROFICIENCY WITH SIMLIAR SYSTEMS AND REFERENCES: List at least two (2) projects with corresponding fees within the last three (3) years, similar in size and scope, specific to fee/rate studies, non-ad valorem fee methodologies and assessments. Include experience working with municipalities in the State of Florida and provide work samples from similar projects. Consultant shall demonstrate their commitment to perform the work expeditiously and without delay.

Tab 6 – REFERENCES: Provide a minimum of five (5) business related references for which you are currently providing, or have provided within the last ten (10) years, services similar to the scope of services required by this RFP. A minimum of three (3) references must be for work performed in Florida. Information should include:

- Client Name, address, contact person telephone and FAX numbers and email addresses.
- Description of work.
- Year the project was completed.
- Total cost of the construction, estimated and actual.
- **Please do not include City of North Port employees as references.**

TAB 7 - LITIGATION AND INSURANCE - Have you been involved in litigation in the last five (5) years? If so, describe circumstances and outcome. The proposer shall advise the amount of liability insurance you have.

TAB 8 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Any other pertinent information the proposer chooses to provide.

Tab 9 – SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIRED SUBMITTAL FORMS: Provide completed required forms in this section. The checklist is provided to assist each Proposer in the preparation of their response. Included in this checklist are important requirements, which is the responsibility of each Proposer to submit with their response in order to make their response fully compliant. This checklist is a guideline which is to be executed and submitted with the required forms. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to read and comply with the solicitation in its entirety.

In addition to the items noted above, proposers are asked to include any additional items that may be needed to complete the services requested that may not have been identified in this RFP.

A. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **NUMBER OF PAGES:** The proposal **shall not exceed (50) pages (one-sided) or (25) pages (two-sided) in length. (The Title Page, Table of Contents, City Required Forms, tabs do not count towards the TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES).**
 - 1.1 When compiling a response, sections should be tabbed and labeled; pages should be sequentially numbered at the bottom of the page; proposals should be bound to allow flat stacking for easy storage; **do not use three ring binders of any kind**; and sections should be compiled in the sequence list above.
 - 1.2 Place proposal with all the required items in a sealed envelope clearly marked for specification number, project name, name of proposer, and due date and time.
2. **PAPER/FONT SIZE:** 8.5"x11"/Font Calibri 11, PDF FORMAT.
3. **NUMBER OF ORIGINAL PROPOSALS:** One (1) original hard-copy **UNBOUND** (marked "**ORIGINAL**") and signed in **blue ink**. **NUMBER OF COPIES:** three (3) hard copies **BOUND** (marked "**COPY**") (**1 original + 3 copies = 4 total submittals**).
4. **USB Flash Drive:** One (1) electronic version in Portable Document Format (PDF) **on** a USB Drive containing the entire submittal. USB drive only. **CDs will not be accepted.**

B. REQUIRED SUBMITTAL FORMS: City Required Submittal Forms/Checklist

READ/EXECUTED & INCLUDED

- Proposal Submittal Signature Form
- Statement of Organization

- References
- Drug-Free Workplace (If Applicable)
- Public Entity Crime Information
- Non-Collusive Affidavit
- Lobbying Certification
- Conflict of Interest Form
- Disclosure Form (Consultant/Engineer/Architect)
- Scrutinized Business Certification Form
- E-Verify Form

- State Registration Requirements (<http://www.sunbiz.org/search.html>)
- Copy of Registration, Attached
- State required license for Prime Firm Only (Not sub-consultants)

- SAMPLE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE:** Demonstrate your firm's ability to comply with insurance requirements. Provide a previous certificate or other evidence listing the Insurance Companies names for both Professional Liability and General Liability and the dollar amounts of the coverage.
 YES NO Sample Insurance Certificate is included with the submittal

- MBE/WBE/VBE:** If claiming Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise/Veterans Business Enterprise, the Prime Firm (not sub-consultant) **shall be** certified as a Minority Business Enterprise by the State of Florida, Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity pursuant to Section 287.0943, Florida Statutes.
 YES, CLAIMING MBE/WBE/VBE STATUS AS PRIME ONLY
 YES, I'VE ATTACHED THE CERTIFICATE OF MBE/WBE/VBE STATUS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS OUTLINED SECTION 12.
 NOT CLAIMING MBE/WBE/VBE

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL SIGNATURE FORM

The undersigned attests to his/her authority to submit this proposal and to bind the firm herein named to perform as per Agreement, if the firm is awarded the Agreement by the City.

The undersigned further certifies that he/she has read the Request for Proposal, Terms and Conditions, Insurance Requirements and any other documentation relating to this request and this proposal is submitted with full knowledge and understanding of the requirements and time constraints noted herein.

As addenda are considered binding as if contained in the original specifications, it is critical that the firm acknowledge receipt of same. The submittal may be considered void if receipt of an addendum is not acknowledged.

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____ Addendum No. _____ Dated _____
Addendum No. _____ Dated _____ Addendum No. _____ Dated _____
Addendum No. _____ Dated _____ Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Company Name _____

Telephone # _____ **E-Mail** _____ **Fax #** _____

Main Office Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Address of Office Servicing City of North Port, if different than above: SAME AS ABOVE

Office Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone # _____ **E-mail** _____ **Fax #** _____

Name & Title of Firm Representative _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Do you accept Visa? YES NO

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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
(Information Sheet for Transactions and Conveyances Corporation Identification)

The following information will be provided to the City of North Port for incorporation in legal documents. It is, therefore, vital all information is accurate and complete. Please be certain all spelling, and capitalization is exactly as registered with the state or federal government.

Name of Respondent: _____

DBA (if any): _____

Type of Entity (Sole Proprietor, Corporation, LLC, LLP, Partnership, etc): _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-Mail _____

Federal Identification Number: _____

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

Respondent shall submit proof that it is authorized to do business in the State of Florida unless registration is not required by law.

(Please Check 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

Does it use a registered fictitious name: Yes or No

Names of Officers:

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____

Vice President: _____ **Treasurer:** _____

Director: _____ **Director:** _____

Other: _____ **Other:** _____

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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: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME AND TITLE (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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REFERENCES/CLIENT LISTING

The firm shall provide at least five (5) business related references for which they are currently providing or have provided experience in similar scope and size as this RFP within the last five (10) years. A minimum of three (3) references must be for work performed in Florida.

1. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Discipline: _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

2. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Discipline: _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

3. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Discipline: _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME AND TITLE (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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4. Business/Customer Name: _____
Name of Contact Person/Title: _____
Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ Discipline: _____
Duration of Contract or business relationship _____
Type of Services Provided _____

5. Business/Customer Name: _____
Name of Contact Person/Title: _____
Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ Discipline: _____
Duration of Contract or business relationship _____
Type of Services Provided _____

6. Business/Customer Name: _____
Name of Contact Person/Title: _____
Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____ Discipline : _____
Duration of Contract or business relationship _____
Type of Services Provided _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME AND TITLE (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

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

(Company Name)

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 bid 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 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 abuse 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 this section.

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

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PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION

As provided by F.S. §287.133, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not 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 Section 287, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

I, _____, being an authorized representative of the Respondent,
_____, located at _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____, have read and understand
the contents above. I further certify that Respondent is not disqualified from replying to this solicitation because of F.S.
§287.133.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Federal ID #: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____
day of _____, 20__, by _____.

Notary Public - State of Florida

___ Personally Known OR ___ Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced _____

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NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared:

_____ who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/She is the _____ (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of _____, the Respondent that has submitted the attached reply;
2. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached reply and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such reply;
3. Such reply is genuine and is not a collusive or sham reply;
4. Neither the said Respondent nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other respondent, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham reply in connection with the work for which the attached reply has been submitted; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any respondent, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached reply or of any other respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the reply price or the reply price of any other respondent, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the reply work.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 20____.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Title)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____.

Notary Public - State of Florida

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LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

“The undersigned hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that”:

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This _____ day _____ of 2023

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the authorized representative of _____ (Name of the contractor, firm or individual), and that the vendor and any of its agents agree to have no contact or communication with, or discuss any matter related in any way to any active City of North Port solicitation, with any City of North Port elected officials, officers, their appointees or their agents or any other staff or outside individuals working with the city in respect to this request other than the designated Procurement Official Contact and to abide by the restrictions outlined in the General Terms and Conditions of the Solicitation. Technical questions directed to the project manager, is prohibited. These persons shall not be lobbied, either individually or collectively, regarding any questions for bid, proposal, qualification and/or any other solicitations released by the city. To do so is grounds for immediate disqualification from the selection process. The selection process is not considered final until such a time as the Commission has made a final and conclusive determination.

(a) No City 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 either directly or indirectly an officer or employee of the City, City Commission in connection with the awarding of any City Contract.

(b) If any funds other than City appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a member of City Commission or an officer or employee of the City in connection with this contract, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-L “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 2023.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____.

Notary Public - State of Florida

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

F.S. §112.313 places limitations on public officers (including advisory board members) and employees' ability to contract with the City either directly or indirectly. Therefore, please indicate if the following applies:

PART I.

- I am an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City
_____ (List Position Or Board)
- I am the spouse or child of an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City
Name: _____
- An employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City, or their spouse or child, is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor of Respondent or has a material interest in Respondent. "Material interest" means direct or indirect ownership of more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity. For the purposes of [§112.313], indirect ownership does not include ownership by a spouse or minor child.
Name: _____
- Respondent employs or contracts with an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City
Name: _____
- None Of The Above

PART II:

Are you going to request an advisory board member waiver?

- I will request an advisory board member waiver under §112.313(12)
- I will NOT request an advisory board member waiver under §112.313(12)
- N/A

The City shall review any relationships which may be prohibited under the Florida Ethics Code and will disqualify any vendors whose conflicts are not waived or exempt.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME AND TITLE (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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VENDOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR E-VERIFY SYSTEM

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The undersigned Vendor/Consultant/Contractor (Vendor), after being duly sworn, states the following:

1. Vendor is a person or entity that has entered into or is attempting to enter into a contract with the City of North Port (City) to provide labor, supplies, or services to the City in exchange for salary, wages or other remuneration.
2. Vendor has registered with and will use the E-Verify System of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of:
 - a. All persons newly hired by the Vendor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
 - b. All persons, including sub-contractors, sub-vendors or sub-consultants, assigned by the Vendor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the City.
3. If the Vendor becomes the successful Contractor who enters into a contract with the City, then the Vendor will comply with the requirements of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. "Employment Eligibility", as amended from time to time.
4. Vendor will obtain an affidavit from all subcontractors attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien as defined in 8 United States Code, Section 1324A(H)(3).
5. Vendor will maintain the original affidavit of all subcontractors for the duration of the contract.
6. Vendor affirms that failure to comply with the state law requirements can result in the City's termination of the contract and other penalties as provided by law.

VENDOR: _____ (Vendor's Company Name)

_____ (Vendor signature)

_____ (Vendor's name printed)

_____ (Title)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2022, by _____, as _____.

Notary Public

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

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DISCLOSURE FORM
FOR
CONSULTANT/ENGINEER/ARCHITECT

Please select (only) one of the following three options:

Our firm has no actual, potential, or reasonably perceived, **financial*** or **other interest**** in the outcome of the project.

Our firm has a potential or reasonably perceived **financial*** or **other interest**** in the outcome of the project as described here: _____.

Our firm proposes to mitigate the potential or perceived conflict according to the following plan:
_____.

Our firm has an actual **financial*** or **other interest**** in the outcome of the project as described here:
_____.

***What does “financial interest” mean?**

If your firm, or employee of your firm working on the project (or a member of the employee’s household), will/may be perceived to receive or lose private income depending on the government business choices based on your firm’s findings and recommendations, this must be listed as a financial interest. An example would be ownership in physical assets affected by the government business choices related to this project. The possibility of contracting for further consulting services is not included in this definition and is not prohibited.

****What does “other interest” mean?**

If your firm, or employee of your firm working on the project (or a member of the employee’s household), will/may be perceived to have political, legal or any other interests that will affect what goes into your firm’s findings and recommendations, or will be/may be perceived to be affected by the government business choices related to this project, this must be listed as another interest.

BUSINESS NAME: _____

NAME AND TITLE (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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Scrutinized Company Certification Form

Company Name: _____			
Authorized Representative Name and Title: _____			
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	ZIP: _____
Phone Number: _____	Email Address: _____		

A company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with the City of North Port for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 215.4725, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

A company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with the City of North Port for goods or services of \$1 million or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 215.473, or with companies engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- This bid, proposal, contract or contract renewal is for goods or services of less than \$1 million. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above-named company, and as required by Florida Statutes, section 287.135(5), I hereby certify that the above-named company is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

- This bid, proposal, contract or contract renewal is for goods or services of \$1 million or more. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above-named company, and as required by Florida Statutes, section 287.135(5), I hereby certify that the above-named company is not participating in a boycott of Israel, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria.

I understand that pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 287.135, the submission of a false certification may result in the termination of the contract if one is entered into, and may subject the above-named company to civil penalties, attorney's fees and costs.	
Certified By: _____	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE
Print Name and Title: _____	
Date Certified: _____	

Solicitation/Contract/PO Number (Completed by Purchasing): 2023-32

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PART V. SAMPLE AGREEMENT

"SAMPLE" CONTRACT #2023-32

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CITY FEES, RATES, METHODOLOGIES AND ASSESSMENTS

THIS CONTINUING CONTRACT ("Contract") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2020, by and between the CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY" and _____, a _____ Corporation registered to conduct business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT."

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants specified herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. CONSULTANT'S SERVICES

- A. CONSULTANT agrees to diligently and timely perform services for the CITY relating to Professional Engineering Services as identified in the Request for Proposal No. 2022-32 (the "RFP") and CONSULTANT'S proposal submitted _____. The overall Scope of Services is described in **Attachment A** which is attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
- B. This Contract shall commence immediately upon the execution of the Contract by both the CITY and CONSULTANT. The term of the Agreement shall begin on the date of execution and continue for three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms, subject to CONSULTANT'S satisfactory performance and mutual agreement of the CITY and CONSULTANT to renew the Contract on the same terms and conditions.

2. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES

A. COMPENSATION

1. CONSULTANT shall receive payments in accordance with the fees set forth in the Fee Schedule (**Attachment B**) and approved Work Assignment(s) (**Attachment C**) as compensation for its services; Attachments B and C are attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein. The scope of services, schedule, and maximum compensation for each Work Assignment shall be determined individually as the need for a project assignment arises. Work Assignments issued under this Contract shall not exceed thresholds set forth in Florida Statute, Section 287.055(g). Work Assignments shall require approval of the City Manager or designee. Said compensation shall include all profit, direct and indirect labor costs, personnel related costs, overhead and administrative costs, travel related out-of-pocket expenses and costs, and all other costs which are necessary to provide the services as outlined in this Contract but not those indicated as non-reimbursable below.
2. No claim for reimbursement of the following expenses shall be made to the CITY:
 - a. All travel and vehicle related expenses.
 - b. Three (3) sets of signed and sealed permitting plans.

- c. Computer usage, telephone expenses, fax, copies, printing, and postage.
- d. Subcontractor mark-up.

3. The parties acknowledge and agree that the obligations of CITY to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of this Contract, or any subsequent contract entered into pursuant to this Contract or referenced herein to which CITY is a party, are and shall remain subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 166.241, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. CITY agrees to exercise all lawful and available authority to satisfy any financial obligations of CITY that may arise under this Contract; however, since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, and since funds have not yet been appropriated for the undertakings contemplated herein, CITY'S legal liability for the payment of any costs shall not arise unless and until appropriations for such costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission (nor shall such liability arise if, a request for such appropriations is excluded from the budget approved by the City Commission). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no officer, employee, director, member or other natural person or agent of CITY shall have any personal liability in connection with the breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by CITY under this Section. This Contract shall not constitute an indebtedness of CITY nor shall it constitute an obligation for which CITY is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation or for which CITY has levied or pledged any form of taxation.

B. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- 1. The CITY shall pay the CONSULTANT through payment issued by the Finance Department in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, upon receipt of the CONSULTANT'S invoice and written approval of same by the CITY'S Administrative Agent indicating that services have been rendered in conformity with this Contract. The CONSULTANT shall submit an invoice for payment to the CITY for those specific tasks as described in the Scope of Services that were completed during that invoicing period.
- 2. For those specific services that were partially completed, progress payments shall be paid in proportion to the percentage of completed work on those specific services approved in writing by the CITY'S Administrative Agent based on the percentage of the amount for those specific services.
- 3. The CONSULTANT'S invoices shall be in a form satisfactory to the CITY'S Finance Department, who shall initiate disbursements.

3. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY FLORIDA LAW, THE CONSULTANT MUST INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, 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. THE CONTRACT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OR CONSENT BY THE CITY OR ITS SUBDIVISIONS TO SUIT BY THIRD PARTIES.**
- B. THE CITY MUST PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE THAT THE CONSULTANT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE REGARDING ANY CLAIM. IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM, THE CITY MUST PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE CONSULTANT IN WRITING BY PREPAID CERTIFIED MAIL (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) OR BY DELIVERY**

THROUGH ANY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COURIER SERVICE (SUCH AS FEDERAL EXPRESS OR UPS) WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF DELIVERY, AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED FOR RECEIPT OF NOTICES IN THIS CONTRACT.

- C. THIS AGREEMENT FOR INDEMNIFICATION SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OR COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT. THE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND LIMITS REQUIRED IN THIS CONTRACT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE TO PROTECT THE CITY AND SUCH INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL NOT BE DEEMED A LIMITATION ON THE CONSULTANT'S LIABILITY UNDER THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. IN ANY PROCEEDINGS BETWEEN THE PARTIES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS INDEMNITY PROVISION, THE PREVAILING PARTY SHALL BE REIMBURSED ALL COSTS, EXPENSES AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES THROUGH ALL PROCEEDINGS (AT BOTH TRIAL AND APPELLATE LEVELS).
- D. NOTHING IN THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO AFFECT THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE CITY AS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 768.28. THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT.
- F. FURTHER, THE CONSULTANT SHALL FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, FROM ANY SUITS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, AND COSTS OF EVERY NAME AND DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO VIOLATION OR INFRINGEMENT OF A TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADE SECRET OR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT.

4. CONSULTANT'S INSURANCE

A. INSURANCE:

- 1. Before performing any work, CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, the insurance listed below, unless otherwise specified. The policies of insurance shall be primary and written on forms acceptable to the CITY and placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the Insurance Department of the State of Florida and meet a minimum financial AM Best and Company rating of no less than "Excellent." No changes are to be made to these specifications without the prior written approval of the City Manager or designee. The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon agreement with CONSULTANT.
 - 2. The below insurance requirements are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The CITY in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the CONSULTANT from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work done under this Contract by the CONSULTANT, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. CONSULTANT is free to purchase such additional insurance as it may determine necessary.
- B. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance: Coverage to apply for all employees at the statutory limits provided by state and federal laws. The policy must include Employers' Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 each accident; \$1,000,000 each employee; and \$1,000,000 policy limit for disease. Proof of such insurance must be filed by the CONSULTANT with the CITY within ten (10) days after the execution of this Contract
 - C. Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance: Coverage must apply to all employees at the statutory limits provided by state and federal laws. The CONSULTANT must procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, a comprehensive commercial general liability policy, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, broad form contractual liability and

Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage. The general aggregate limit must apply separately to this Contract or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

The policy must include General Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for General Aggregate; \$1,000,000 for each occurrence; \$1,000,000 for Products and Completed Operations; and \$100,000 for Fire Damage. Proof of such insurance must be filed by the CONSULTANT with the CITY within ten (10) days after the execution of this Contract.

- D. Automobile Liability Insurance: The CONSULTANT must procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, automobile liability insurance to include all owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles. Automobile liability insurance must be written on a standard ISO form (CA 00 01) covering any auto (Code 1), or if CONSULTANT has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned (Code 9) autos.

The policy must include liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 for Combined Single Limit (CSL) for each accident; \$1,000,000 per person for Bodily Injury; \$1,000,000 per accident for Bodily Injury; and \$1,000,000 per accident for Property Damage. Proof of such insurance must be filed by the CONSULTANT with the CITY within ten (10) days after the execution of this Contract.

- E. Professional Liability Insurance: The CONSULTANT must procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, professional liability insurance with a minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and with a \$1,000,000 policy term general aggregate. Coverage shall be extended beyond the policy year term either by a supplemental extended reporting period (ERP) with as great of duration as available, with no less coverage and reinstated aggregate limits, or by requiring that any new policy provide a retroactive date no later than the inception date of claims made. The CITY prefers all professional liability insurance be written on an Occurrence Form; however, in the event that the professional liability insurance required by the Contract is written on a claims-made basis, CONSULTANT warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained for a period of two (2) years or an extended reporting period (ERP) with tail coverage will be obtained and maintained for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

- F. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION: All required insurance policies are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or through other means, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the CITY, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, and the CITY'S insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these polices that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed by CONSULTANT for the CITY. It is CONSULTANT'S responsibility to notify its insurance company of the waiver of subrogation and request written authorization or the proper endorsement. Additionally, CONSULTANT, its officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and any subcontractors, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the CITY and its insurance carriers for any losses paid, sustained or incurred, but not covered by insurance, that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed. This waiver also applies to any deductibles or self-insured retentions for which CONSULTANT or its agents may be responsible.

G. POLICY FORM:

1. All policies required by this Contract, with the exception of Professional Liability and Workers' Compensation, or unless Risk Management through the CITY'S Purchasing Office gives specific approval, are to be written on an occurrence basis and the Comprehensive Commercial General Liability shall name the City of North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Contract. Claims Made Policies will be accepted for professional liability and hazardous materials and such other risks as are authorized by the CITY'S Purchasing Office. All Claims Made Policies

contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements herein shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, CONSULTANT agrees to purchase the extended reporting period on cancellation or termination unless a new policy is affected with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.

2. Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of CONSULTANT, shall be provided by or on behalf of all subconsultants to cover their operations performed under this Contract. CONSULTANT shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to subconsultants.
3. Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall:
 - a. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - b. Be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, or cancelled by either party except after notice is delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. CONSULTANT is to notify the CITY'S Purchasing Office by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
4. The CITY shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
5. **The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit CONSULTANT'S liability nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. The extent of CONSULTANT'S liability for indemnity of the CITY shall not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between CONSULTANT and its carrier.**
6. CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Contract and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the CITY is an insured under the policy. CONSULTANT'S insurance is considered primary for any loss, regardless of any insurance maintained by the CITY. CONSULTANT is responsible for all insurance policy premiums, deductibles, SIR (self-insured retentions) or any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy.
7. All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the CITY before commencement of any work under this Contract. All certificates of insurance required herein must be accompanied by a copy of the additionally insured documents/endorsements (CG 20101185 or combination of CG 2010370704 and CG 20370704). Certificates of insurance evidencing Claims Made or Occurrences form coverage and conditions to this Contract, as well as the Contract number and description of work, are to be furnished to the CITY'S Purchasing Office (4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286) prior to commencement of work AND a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the insurance contract when applicable. All insurance certificates shall be received by the CITY'S Purchasing Office before CONSULTANT will be allowed to commence or continue work. The Certificate of insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier shall certify compliance with the insurance requirements provided herein.
8. Notices of Accidents (Occurrences) and Notices of Claims associated with work being performed under this Contract shall be provided to CONSULTANT'S insurer(s) and the CITY'S Purchasing Office as soon as practicable after notice to the insured.

5. RESPONSIBILITY OF CONSULTANT

- A. Incorporation of Bid Documents: The Request for Proposal (“RFP”), including attachments and addenda, and the CONSULTANT’S response to the RFP, are specifically made a part of this Contract and are incorporated as if set forth fully herein. In the event of a conflict between or among the documents or any ambiguity or missing specifications or instruction, the following priority is established:
 - 1. This Contract (Contract No. 2020-58) Approved by Commission, and any attachments.
 - 2. The RFP, including any and all attachments and addenda.
 - 3. CONSULTANT’S response to the RFP.
 - 4. Specific direction from the City Manager.
- B. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and the coordination of all reports, designs, specifications, other documents and data used or produced by or at the behest of CONSULTANT under this Contract. CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its reports, designs, specifications, other documents and data.
- C. If CONSULTANT is comprised of more than one legal entity, each entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.
- D. CONSULTANT warrants that it 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 it 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 of this Contract.
- E. CONSULTANT shall perform its services in accordance with generally accepted industry standards and practices customarily utilized by competent consultant firms in effect at the time CONSULTANT’S services are rendered. CONSULTANT covenants and agrees that it and its employees shall be bound by the standards of conduct in Florida Statutes, Section 112.313, as it relates to work performed under this Contract. CONSULTANT agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the work performed.
- F. CONSULTANT shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to the work or payment for work thereof, and shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in the performance of work under this Agreement.
- G. CONSULTANT shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence directly pertaining to or connected with the services under this Agreement which shall be available and accessible at CONSULTANT’S offices for inspection, audit, and copying during normal business hours by the CITY, or any of its authorized representatives. Such records shall be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after completion of the services.

6. PUBLIC RECORDS LAW: In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 119.0701, CONSULTANT shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service.

1. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
(See <http://dos.dos.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).
 2. "Public records" means and includes those items specified in Florida Statutes, Section 119.011(12), as amended from time to time, and currently defined as: All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the CITY. CONSULTANT'S records under this Contract include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, e-mails and all other documentation generated during this Contract.
- B. Upon request from the CITY'S custodian of public records, provide the CITY, at no cost, 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 for by law. All records kept electronically must be provided to the CITY, upon request from the CITY'S custodian of public records, in a format compatible with the information technology systems of the CITY.
- C. Ensure that project 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, if CONSULTANT does not transfer the records to the CITY following completion of the Contract, for the time period specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
- D. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the CITY all public records in CONSULTANT'S possession or keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service. If CONSULTANT transfers all public records to the CITY upon completion of the Contract, CONSULTANT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon the completion of the Contract, CONSULTANT shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.
- E. **IF CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, 4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286, 941.429.7063 OR HOTLINE 941.429.7270;
E-MAIL: publicrecordsrequest@cityofnorthport.com.**
- F. Failure of CONSULTANT to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Contract. Further, CONSULTANT may be subject to penalties under Florida Statutes, Section 119.10.

7. OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS

- A. It is understood and agreed that all the documents, or reproducible copies, developed by CONSULTANT in connection with its services, including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and data, shall be delivered to, and shall become the property of the CITY as they are received by the CITY and when CONSULTANT has been fully compensated as set forth herein. CONSULTANT may keep copies of all work products for its records. CONSULTANT hereby assigns all its copyright and other proprietary interests in the products of this Contract to

the CITY. Specific written authority is required from the CITY'S Administrative Agent for CONSULTANT to use any of the work products of this Contract on any non-CITY project.

- B. Notwithstanding the above, any reuse of the work products by the CITY on other projects will be at the risk of the CITY.

8. TIMELY PERFORMANCE OF CONSULTANT'S PERSONNEL: The timely performance and completion of the required services under the Contract is vitally important to the interest of the CITY. CONSULTANT shall assign a Project Manager, together with such other personnel as are necessary, to assure faithful prosecution and timely delivery of services pursuant to the requirements of this Contract. CONSULTANT'S personnel assigned to perform the services of this Contract shall comply with the information presented in the professional services response proposal made a part hereof by reference. CONSULTANT shall ensure that all key personnel, support personnel, and other agents are fully qualified and capable to perform their assigned tasks. Any change or substitution to CONSULTANT'S key personnel must receive the CITY'S Administrative Agent's written approval before said changes or substitution can become effective.

- A. The services to be rendered by CONSULTANT shall commence within one (1) calendar week of CONSULTANT'S receipt of written Notice to Proceed from the CITY.
- B. CONSULTANT specifically agrees that all work performed under the terms and conditions of this Contract shall be completed within the time limits as set forth, subject only to delays caused through no fault of CONSULTANT or the CITY. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.
- C. CONSULTANT agrees to provide to the CITY'S Administrative Agent, monthly written progress reports concerning the status of the work. The CITY'S Administrative Agent may determine the format for this progress report. The CITY shall be entitled at all times to be advised at its request, and in writing, as to the status of work to be performed by CONSULTANT.
- D. In the event unreasonable delays occur on the part of the CITY or regulatory agencies as to the approval of any plans, permits, reports or other documents submitted by CONSULTANT which delay the Project Schedule completion date, the CITY shall not unreasonably withhold the granting of an extension of the Project Schedule (Attachment C) time limitation equal to the aforementioned delay.

9. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY

- A. The CITY'S Administrative Agent is designated to serve as project coordinator and to do all things necessary to properly administer the terms and conditions of this Contract. If necessary, the CITY may authorize a specific program manager to perform the responsibilities of the CITY'S Administrative Agent. The CITY shall designate any specific program manager in the Notice to Proceed. The responsibility of the CITY'S Administrative Agent shall include:
 - 1. Examination of all reports, sketches, drawings, estimates, proposals, and other documents presented by CONSULTANT, and render in writing, decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time.
 - 2. Transmission of instructions, receipt of information, interpretation and definition of the CITY'S policies and decisions with respect to design, materials, and other matters pertinent to the work covered by this Contract.
 - 3. Review for approval or rejection all CONSULTANT'S documents and payment requests.

- B. The CITY shall, upon request, furnish CONSULTANT with all existing data, plans, studies and other information in the CITY'S possession which may be useful in connection with the work of this project, all of which shall be and remain the property of the CITY and shall be returned to the CITY'S Administrative Agent upon completion of the services to be performed by CONSULTANT.
- C. The CITY'S Administrative Agent shall conduct periodic reviews of the work of CONSULTANT necessary for the completion of CONSULTANT'S services during the period of this Contract, and may make other CITY personnel available, where required and necessary to assist CONSULTANT. The availability and necessity of said personnel to assist CONSULTANT shall be determined solely within the discretion of the CITY. The CITY'S technical obligations to the project, if any, are stated in Specific Authorizations and Work Authorizations.
- D. The CITY shall not provide any services to CONSULTANT in connection with any claim brought on behalf of or against CONSULTANT.

10. TERMINATION

- H. TERMINATION WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE: The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated with or without cause by the City Manager in whole or in part or whenever the City Manager determines that termination is in the CITY'S best interest. Any such termination shall be effective by delivery to the CONSULTANT of a written notice of termination at least thirty (30) calendar days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work under the Contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Except as otherwise directed, the CONSULTANT shall stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for material, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims. CONSULTANT must deliver to the CITY all documents (including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and all other data) prepared or obtained by the CONSULTANT in connection with its services. Upon delivery of the documents, the CITY shall pay the CONSULTANT in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under the Contract, as determined by the CITY, less payments already made to the CONSULTANT, and any amounts withheld by the CITY to settle claims against or to pay indebtedness of the CONSULTANT in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Under no circumstances shall the CITY make any payment to CONSULTANT for services that have not been performed or that are performed subsequent to the termination date.
- I. NON-APPROPRIATION: The parties acknowledge and agree that the obligations of the CITY to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of this Contract, or any subsequent contract entered into pursuant to this Contract or referenced herein to which CITY is a party, are and shall remain subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 166.241, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. CITY agrees to exercise all lawful and available authority to satisfy any financial obligations of CITY that may arise under this Contract; however, since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, CITY'S legal liability for the payment of any costs shall not arise unless and until appropriations for such costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission (nor shall such liability arise if, a request for such appropriations is excluded from the budget approved by the City Commission). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Commissioner, officer, employee, director, member or other natural person or agent of CITY shall have any personal liability in connection with the breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by CITY under this Section. This Contract shall not constitute an indebtedness of CITY nor shall it constitute an obligation for which CITY is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation or for which CITY has levied or pledged any form of taxation. It is expressly understood by the parties that funding for any subsequent fiscal year of the Contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the City Commission. In the event that funds are

not available or appropriated, the CITY reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The CITY will be responsible for payment of any outstanding invoices and work completed by the CONSULTANT prior to such termination.

- J. **ABANDONMENT:** In the event that CONSULTANT abandons performance under this Contract, the City Manager or designee may terminate this Contract upon three (3) calendar days' written notice to CONSULTANT indicating its intention to do so. The written notice shall state the evidence indicating CONSULTANT'S abandonment.
- K. CONSULTANT may terminate this Contract only in the event of the CITY failing to pay CONSULTANT'S properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the CITY'S Administrative Agent, or if the project is suspended by the CITY for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.
- L. The City Manager or designee reserves the right to terminate and cancel this Contract in the event CONSULTANT is placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed for CONSULTANT or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.
- M. **BREACH:** In the event CONSULTANT breaches this Contract, the CITY must provide written notice of the breach and CONSULTANT shall have ten (10) days from the date the notice is received to cure. If CONSULTANT fails to cure within the ten (10) days, the City Manager or designee can immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and if necessary may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to CONSULTANT due to:
 - 9. The quality of a portion or all of CONSULTANT'S work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
 - 10. The quantity of CONSULTANT'S work not being as represented in CONSULTANT'S Payment Request, or otherwise;
 - 11. CONSULTANT'S rate of progress being such that, in the CITY'S opinion, substantial or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
 - 12. CONSULTANT'S failure to use Contract funds, previously paid CONSULTANT by the CITY, to pay CONSULTANT'S project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
 - 13. Claims made, or likely to be made, against the CITY or its property;
 - 14. Loss caused by CONSULTANT;
 - 15. CONSULTANT'S failure or refusal to perform any of the obligations to the CITY, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure as set forth above; or
 - 16. Violation of any local, state, or federal law in the performance of this Contract which will constitute a material breach of this Contract.
- G. In the event that the CITY makes written demand upon CONSULTANT for amounts previously paid by the CITY as contemplated in this section, CONSULTANT must promptly comply with such demand. The CITY'S rights hereunder survive the term of this Contract and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.

11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: 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 CITY. 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 CONSULTANT'S sole direction, supervision, and control. CONSULTANT shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects CONSULTANT'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the CITY shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees or agents of the CITY. CONSULTANT does not have the power or authority to bind the CITY in any promise, agreement or representation other than as specifically provided for in this Contract. CONSULTANT shall not pledge the CITY'S credit or make it a guarantor of payment of surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness. CONSULTANT further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

- 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement constitutes the sole and complete understanding between the parties and supersedes all other contracts between them, whether oral or written with respect to the subject matter.
- 13. AMENDMENT:** The City Manager or designee may agree to amendments that do not increase compensation to the CONSULTANT. Only the City Commission can approve increases in compensation under this Contract. In the event the CONSULTANT begins work on unauthorized changes to scope prior to receiving a signed Change Order by the City Manager or designee, the CONSULTANT does so at its own expense and risk as unauthorized work shall not be paid for by the CITY.
- 14. ASSIGNMENT:** CONSULTANT shall not assign any interest in this Contract and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written consent of the City Manager or designee, except that claims for the money due or to become due to CONSULTANT from the CITY under this Contract may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy without such approval from the CITY. Notice of any such transfer or assignment due to bankruptcy shall be promptly given to the CITY.
- 15. WAIVER:** No delay or failure to enforce any breach of this Contract by either CITY or CONSULTANT shall be binding upon the waiving party unless such waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, such a waiver must not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach must not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.
- 16. GOVERNING LAW, VENUE AND SEVERABILITY:** The rights, obligations, and remedies of the parties under this Contract are governed by the laws of the State of Florida and the exclusive venue for any legal or judicial proceedings in connection with the enforcement or interpretation of this Contract is in the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the Contract. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract and the balance of the Contract shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void.
- 17. BINDING EFFECT/COUNTERPARTS:** By the signatures affixed hereto, the parties intend to be bound by the terms and conditions hereof. This Contract is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. It may be signed in counterparts.
- 18. NO HIRE:** CONSULTANT shall not hire any CITY employee associated with this project throughout the duration of the Contract and for a period of one (1) year after completion.

19. NOTICES: Any notice, invoice, report, demand, or other type of documentation required by this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or via a recognized national courier service in a manner that provides for written or electronic record of delivery, to the addresses listed below:

AS TO CONSULTANT: Name:
 Title:
 Address:
 Phone:
 Email:

AS TO CITY: Name: **Garrett Woods**
 Title: Public Works
 Address: 1100 N. Chamberlain Blvd, North Port, FL 34286
 Phone: 941.240.8013
 Email: macosta@cityofnorthport.com

**WITH COPIES OF
NOTICES TO:** Name: City Attorney's Office
 Address: 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, FL 34286
 Email: northportcityattorney@cityofnorthport.com

Notices are effective when received at the addresses specified above. Changes to the respective addresses which such notice is to be directed may be made from time to time by either party by written notice to the other party. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of CONSULTANT and CITY.

20. PARAGRAPH HEADINGS: Paragraph headings are for the convenience of the parties and for the reference purposes only and shall be given no legal effect.

21. ATTORNEYS' FEES: In any proceedings between the parties arising out of or related to this Contract, the prevailing party must be reimbursed all costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney fees through all proceedings, at both trial and appellate levels.

22. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES:

- A. As required by Florida Statutes, Section 287.135(5), for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, the CONSULTANT shall certify on a form provide by the CITY, that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 215.4725, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- B. As required by Florida Statutes, Section 287.135(5), for contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or more, the CONSULTANT shall certify on a form provided by the CITY, that all of the following are true:
 - 1. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 215.4725, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel; and
 - 2. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan list or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector list, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 215.473; and
 - 3. It is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

C. If the CONSULTANT provides a false certification or has been placed on one of the above-noted Lists of Scrutinized Companies, or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, the CONSULTANT will be in breach of this Contract and the CITY may terminate the Contract.

D. PENALTY:

1. A CONSULTANT that has been found to have provided a false certification may be subject to a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of the Contract, plus all reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including any costs for investigations that led to the finding of the false certification; and
2. Shall be ineligible to bid on any contract with the CITY for three (3) years after the date the CITY determined that the CONSULTANT submitted a false certification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed the agreement as of the date first above written.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

By: _____
Heather Faust, MMC, City Clerk

By: _____
A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA City Manager

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
Amber L. Slayton, B.C.S.
City Attorney

CONSULTANT:
Company Name

By: _____
Name
Title

Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 20__, by _____.

Notary Public - State of Florida

___ Personally Known OR ___ Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced _____

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