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JANUARY 16, 2025
ADDENDUM ONE

TO: PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS

RE: RFP NO. 2025-08 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT

DUE DATE JANUARY 30, 2025, NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM, 4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, ROOM 337, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286

****ALL SUBMITTALS ARE DATE AND TIME STAMPED IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SUITE 337 FIRST AND THEN ARE OPENED IN SUITE 337A****

Proposers are hereby notified that this addendum shall be made part of the above-named bid and contract documents. The following changes to the above solicitation are issued to modify, and/or clarify the bid and contract documents (the deletions are as ~~striketroughs~~ and additions as underlined). These items shall have the same force and effect as the original documents, and bids to be submitted on the specified date shall conform with the additions, deletions and revisions as listed herein.

Clarification 1: 2025-08 Professional Engineering Services for Water Control Structure Nos. 121 and 130 Replacement has been extended to January 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Firms are required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum on their proposal forms. All other terms and conditions of the original proposal and contract documents remain the same.

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Receipt of Addendum No. 1 shall be noted within the submittal Form in the appropriate section.
End of Addendum No.1

City of North Port



**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR
WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT**

Request for Proposal No. 2025-08

PUBLIC NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of North Port will receive sealed proposals from legal entities authorized to do business in Florida for:

RFP NO. 2025-08

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT

It is the intent of the City of North Port to request proposals from experienced and qualified firms for professional Engineering services for the design, permitting services and limited construction engineering services for the replacement of Water Control Structure (WCS) Nos. 121 and 130.

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE: JANUARY 16, 2025, NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM

We are strongly encouraging the use of Delivery Services and/or couriers such as FedEx or UPS to deliver your sealed solicitations to: Finance Department/Purchasing Division, City of North Port, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286. Proposals Received After This Date and Time Will Not Be Opened.

EVALUATION AND RANKING: February 3, 2025

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.cityofnorthport.com. Proposal documents are also posted on the City FTP site at <https://www.cityofnorthport.com/filesshare> (*select the Purchasing Folder and scroll to Project RFP 2025-08*); 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 I at 941.429.7102. Requests for additional information or clarification must be submitted in writing email to purchasing@cityofnorthport.com. 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 **January 9, 2025 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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STATEMENT OF NON-SUBMITTAL

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

We the undersigned have declined to submit a proposal on the requested service for: **RFP NO. 2025-08 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT** 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@cityofnorthport.com

PART I – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. PURPOSE:

A. Intent of RFP:

The City of North Port hereinafter referred to as the “City” desires to contract for Professional Services. It is the intent of the City of North Port, Florida, to request proposals from professional engineering firms to provide engineering design, underwater survey, geotechnical services, permitting, bidding assistance and limited construction engineering services for the replacement of water control structure (WCS) Nos. 121 and 130.

B. BACKGROUND:

WCS No. 121 is located on the MacCaughey waterway south of Price Boulevard and WCS No. 130 is located on the Bass Point waterway just north of its confluence with Cocoplum waterway. WCS No. 121 is equipped with four gates and WCS No. 130 is equipped with two gates. These gates are operated in the closed position in order to allow storage of water similar to a reservoir. In anticipation of pending storm events and as the water level rises, the gates are opened as needed to reduce flooding and discharge water eventually into the Cocoplum waterway. The water in the Cocoplum waterway serves as a raw water supply for the City’s Water Treatment Plant. Thus, the proper functioning of these gates and structure are critical to the City’s ability to control water levels, minimize adverse impacts from a storm event and supplement the City’s potable water supply. This structure was constructed in the 1950’s. Over time, extensive corrosion has developed in the sheet metal weir piling, concrete supports, gates and catwalk.

2. CONTRACT AWARD/TERM: gates

3.

The City anticipates entering into one (1) contract with the firm who submits the proposal judged to be most advantageous to the City. 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 a contract.

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 Proposal.

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

CONSULTANT/ENGINEER: The term “CONSULTANT” OR “ENGINEER” shall refer after award, said Proposer/Firm will be referred to as the consultant/engineer.

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" or "the Broker of Record" 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 Department.

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 "Sub-consultant" 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.

After award of contract - Changes to the originally proposed project team (Consultant Key personnel, Sub-consultants, Sub-consultant Key personnel, Principle, etc) shall be submitted to the City in writing. Acceptance of the change shall be the sole discretion of the City. In the event the City does not approve the amended project team, the City has the option to terminate the contract. The City will reimburse the awarded Consultant for the work completed up to the time of termination.

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

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 inquiries via e-mail regarding this RFP to to Purchasing@cityofnorthport.com. The last day for questions is **JANUARY 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.**

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: There is no pre-proposal meeting for this project.

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. 2025-08 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT"** 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: The Selection Committee may conduct 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.). The discussions/presentations/interviews are closed to the public per Chapter 286, as amended, of the Florida Statutes.

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.
- Examination of Sites: Prior to submitting a proposal, each proposer shall attend the mandatory pre-proposal & site meeting, if required, and examine the all the site and all conditions thereon. All proposals shall be presumed to include all such existing conditions as may affect any work to be done in this agreement. Failure to familiarize himself with such conditions will in no way relieve the successful

proposer from the necessity of furnishing any materials or performing any work that may be required to complete the work in accordance with the Specifications. **(There is no pre-proposal meeting).**

10. 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 Service, Plans, Permits, reports 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.

11. 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**”.

12. 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.”

13. 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.

14. REGULATIONS:

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. RESERVED RIGHTS:

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all submissions, to accept all or any part of the submission, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission, for whatever reason or for no reason, 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.

18. 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.

19. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

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

20. 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.

21. 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. The policy must include proof of current Worker's Compensation coverage or Worker's Compensation exemption (notarized affidavit). Minimum \$100,000 each accident, \$100,000 each employee, and \$500,000 policy limit for diseases.
- ii. **Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance:** Occurrence form required. Aggregate must apply separately to this Contract. Minimum \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed ops; and \$100,000 damage to rented premises. City of North Port to be named additionally insured.
- iii. **Automobile Insurance:** To include all vehicles owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles. Proof of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance. Minimum \$300,000 each accident for property damage and bodily injury with contractual liability 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. 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 policies 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, 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. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. COLLECTION OF FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES:

By acceptance of an Agreement, the Successful Contractor 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.

26. 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."

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor 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 Contractor 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.

30. 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 Contractor. The City Commission shall approve all increases in compensation under the Agreement.

31. 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 your designation of material as exempt from public disclosure.

32. 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@cityofnorthport.com.**
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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. 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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

- 38. 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-consultant's hourly rates or fees, any applicable licenses, references, ownership, and other information required of Consultant.

39. 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, 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.

40. 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.

41. 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.

42. 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 Qualifications.

43. 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.

44. E- VERIFY: 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 448.095, Florida Statutes. A contractor who enters into a contract with a subcontractor, must require that the subcontractor provides the contractor a certification by affidavit stating that at the time of such certification and during the term of the contract, the subcontractor does not and will 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). The Contractor shall comply with all other federal laws pertaining to the subcontractor.

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45. 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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The scope of work is a general guide to the work the City expects to be performed by the Consultant and is not a complete listing of all services that may be required or desired. The engineering services include design, permitting, bidding and construction assistance for the replacement of water control structure (WCS) No 114.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: WCS No. 121 is located on the MacCaughey waterway south of Price Boulevard and WCS No. 130 is located on the Bass Point waterway just north of its confluence with Cocoplum waterway. WCS No. 121 is equipped with four gates and WCS No. 130 is equipped with two gates. These gates are operated in the closed position in order to allow storage of water similar to a reservoir. In anticipation of pending storm events and as the water level rises, the gates are opened as needed to reduce flooding and discharge water eventually into the Cocoplum waterway. The water in the Cocoplum waterway serves as a raw water supply for the City's Water Treatment Plant. Thus, the proper functioning of these gates and structure are critical to the City's ability to control water levels, minimize adverse impacts from a storm event and supplement the City's potable water supply. This structure was constructed in the 1950's. Over time, extensive corrosion has developed in the sheet metal weir piling, concrete supports, gates and catwalk.

The intent of this RFP is to invite Engineering firms (Consultants) to provide proposals for the design, survey including underwater survey, geotechnical services, wetland and protected wildlife species survey, permitting, bidding assistance and limited construction engineering services associated with the replacement of WCS Nos. 121 and 130. The number of gates will be unchanged in each structure. All new gates will be manually operated, stainless steel pull-up type of replacement gate design. Design will require approved exemptions from the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) or Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) 404 Program permits. Design work includes:

- Detailed complete structural design of the weir structure, catwalk and all associated catwalk and gate supports needed to meet the City's approved wind rating.
- Evaluate and recommend to the City the proposed weir structure material.
- Install an electric line that runs from land out to the gate operators with an electric outlet that would allow the City to energize it with the use of a City truck mounted generator for screw gun operator to open/close the gates. No lights are proposed for the catwalk.
- Design the replacement aluminum catwalk access from the side that has access on land that is owned by the City. The City is currently pursuing the purchase of additional land for access and this will be coordinated with the selected consultant during the design phase.
- Consultant shall evaluate, provide sketch and description, perform the negotiations and obtain any permanent easement and temporary construction easement needed. City will pay for the easement cost if any, from the landowner.
- Include a cost estimate for the construction cost for the project.
- Must meeting all design, survey, NEPA permitting requirements from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) through Sarasota's Resilient SRQ program.

As part of this design, the Consultant shall conduct an underwater subsurface survey of the canal to determine the nature of the canal bottom and side slopes, the depth and extent of rock rubble and concrete at the canal bottom and bathymetric survey of the contour elevations of the canal bottom. The underwater subsurface and bathymetric survey shall be conducted for the entire width of the canal including the bank side slopes, for a sufficient area upstream and downstream from the proposed location of the new structure. Topographic survey shall include all land access and construction equipment/material staging areas and buried utilities survey. Geotechnical engineering services shall include, but not limited to, recommendations for foundation design, depth of sheet piling, soil conditions and erosion protection.

The location and design of the new structures shall consider accessibility on City owned lands, available drainage right-of-way and easements and all conflicts with existing above and below ground utilities and other structures. The

consultant shall participate in ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the construction phase of the project if held.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS: This work shall include the following engineering services for the design, permitting, bidding and construction assistance for the replacement of WCS Nos. 121 and 130.

- 1) Preparation of all required drawings, engineering studies, analysis and associated reports and permit applications, as required, for the USACE, FDEP and SWFWMD. Project must also meeting CDBG-DR requirements. Plans and calculations shall be signed and sealed by a Florida Licensed Professional Engineer.
- 2) Conduct soil, hydrology, geotechnical and wildlife survey evaluation of the area related to the project.
- 3) Prepare Specifications and 60%, 90% and 100% design plan documents with construction estimates and bid forms.
- 4) Construction bid phase services to include attending pre-bid meeting, response to bid questions and preparation of any needed bid addendum.
- 5) Limited construction phase services to include:
 - a. Shop drawing reviews
 - b. Responding to any Request for Information (RFI) from the contractor, including associated plan revisions
 - c. Review of as-built plans and preparation of Record Drawings
 - d. Certifications required by permitting agencies
 - e. Periodic site visits during construction
- 6) The Consultant selected for the project shall include the following considerations in the design:
 - a. Flow bypassing and dewatering methods during construction
 - b. Gate design and operation and maintenance needs
 - c. Geotechnical conditions
 - d. Structure design with supporting calculations
 - e. Electrical design
 - f. Process and mechanical
 - g. Any land acquisition, permanent easement and construction easement needs
 - h. Drainage conveyance restoration
 - i. Staging areas
 - j. Utility coordination
 - k. Survey
 - l. Civil
 - m. Local, State and Federal permitting

The selected firm shall understand that time is of the essence for this project and shall complete the project on the following schedule. Although it is anticipated the City will respond sooner, the City shall have a minimum of ten business days to review and submit comments for each submittal. **Design and permitting services must be completed within 365 days of the written Notice to Proceed authorization.**

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

END OF PART II

PART III – EVALUATION METHOD AND CRITERIA OF PROPOSALS

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: Award will be made according to State of Florida statute 287.055 also known as the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). 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 will initiate negotiations with the top ranked firm. If negotiations with the top ranked firm are not successful negotiations will begin with number two and then three if necessary.

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

EVALUATION CRITERIA	VALUE	ASSIGNED VALUE	WEIGHT 1-10	SCORE
1. Qualification of Firm	(0-5)	_____	x 2	=10 max
2. Key Personnel	(0-5)	_____	x 7	=35 max
3. Project Understanding	(0-5)	_____	x 3	=15 max
4. Proficiency in Similar Projects	(0-5)	_____	x 7	=35 Max
5. Overall Impression of the Firm, Its Capabilities & References	(0-5)	_____	x 1	=5 max

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE VERIFIED BY PURCHASING AND PROVIDED TO THE TEAM:

6. MBE /WBE/VBE Certification	(0 or 3) _____	X1	=3 max
A. Certified Minority	Value of 3		
B. Non-certified or N/A	Value of 0		
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Ent have a point value either 0 or 3.			Total score =103 max

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 (via Microsoft Teams/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: The Selection Committee shall evaluate and rank the proposals submitted by all responsive firms. Telephone discussions 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 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 20 minutes with each firm being called consecutively.

As stated above, discussions will be held via telephone utilizing the telephone number listed on the signature page of the submittal form. It is each firm's responsibility to have the appropriate personnel at that telephone site or respond to the questions and/or clarification. Once the telephone 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 firm ranked number one by the Selection Committee will be the firm recommended for contract negotiations. In accordance with §287.055, 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 number one (top) ranked consultant. 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 firm 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 contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with the top ranked, responsive and responsible firm.

If presentations are requested - Formal Oral Presentations: Purchasing will establish the schedule and proposers will be notified within a reasonable time period (date provided below), 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 the top three proposers on their oral presentations to determine the top ranked proposer 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 firm.

Upon completion of the telephone discussions or oral presentations, the Committee will rank the proposals to determine the top ranked proposer. Committee recommendation will be submitted to the City Manager for approval to commence negotiations with the top ranked firm.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The anticipated time schedule as related to this solicitation is as follows:

<u>EVENT SCHEDULE</u>	<u>DATE/TIME (EST)</u>
1. Issuance of Proposal	5 DECEMBER 2024
2. Pre-Proposal Meeting	N/A
3. Deadline to Submit Questions/Inquiries	9 JANUARY 2025
4. Submittal Due Date	16 JANUARY 2025
5. Telephone Discussions (Closed to Public) <i>Meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams Further Instructions will be provided.</i>	3 FEBRUARY 2025
6. Evaluation and Ranking Committee Meeting (Open to Public) <i>City Hall, Room 244</i>	3 FEBRUARY 2025
7. Negotiations Team Meeting or Presentations if required. (Closed to Public)	TBD
8. CONTRACT TO COMMISSION	TBD

END OF PART III

PART IV

RULES, INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS FOR PREPARING PROPOSALS & REQUIRED SUBMITTAL FORMS

1. RULES FOR PROPOSALS

- 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 firm's submittal.
- C. The Proposal Forms shall be used when submitting a Proposal. Use of any other forms shall result in the Proposer's submittal being deemed "Non-Responsive."
- D. The Proposal will either be typed or completed legibly (handwritten) 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 DemandStar is **not** required. The City utilizes www.DemandStar.com for their vendor database system: planholder list, and notification availability (ie. 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 method of notification for formal solicitations including but not limited to, addenda, sign-in, plans, tabsheets, 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. **Note: If you are already registered with DemandStar for the City of North Port, you do NOT need to register again.**

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.cityofnorthport.com. Proposal documents are also posted on the City FTP site at <https://www.cityofnorthport.com/filesshare> (***select the Purchasing Folder and scroll to Project RFP 2025-08***); however, addendums are only posted on www.demandstar.com.

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. **(Maximum 1 single-sided page)**

TAB 1 - TRANSMITTAL LETTER: Provide a Letter on Interest indicating the project for which the firm is applying, and your firm's commitment to the project. The response shall contain a cover letter 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. **(Maximum 1 single-sided page)**

TAB 2 - QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FIRM: Provide documentation that demonstrates the 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, IE: Corp., Partnership, LLC. Firm should be registered as a legal entity in the State of Florida; Minority or Woman owned Business (if applicable); Company address, phone number, fax number, E-Mail address, web site, contact person(s), etc. Relative size of the firm, including management, technical and support staff; licenses and any other pertinent information shall be submitted. Respondents must submit a complete **United States Government General Services Administration Standard Form 330** PART I, Sections A, B and C and Standard Form 330 PART II for each branch office of the firm and for each subconsultant listed in PART I, C. Submittals that do not contain such documentation may be deemed as non-responsive. **(Maximum 2 single-sided pages plus the Standard Form 330)**

SF330 PART I – Contract-Specific Qualifications

Section A. Contract Information.

1. **Title and Location.** Enter the title and location of the contract for which this form is being submitted, exactly as shown in the public announcement or agency request.
2. **Public Notice Date.** Enter the posted date of the agency's notice on the Federal Business Opportunity website (FedBizOpps), other form of public announcement or agency request for this contract.
3. **Solicitation or Project Number.** Enter the agency's solicitation number and/or project number, if applicable, exactly as shown in the public announcement or agency request for this contract.

Section B. Architect-Engineer Point of Contact

4-8. Name, Title, Name of Firm, Telephone Number, Fax (Facsimile) Number and E-mail (Electronic Mail) Address. Provide information for a representative of the prime contractor or joint venture that the agency can contact for additional information.

Section C. Proposed Team.

9-11. Firm Name, Address, and Role in This Contract. Provide the contractual relationship, name, full mailing address, and a brief description of the role of each firm that will be involved in performance of this contract. List the prime contractor or joint venture partners first. If a firm has branch offices, indicate each individual branch office that will have a key role on the team. The named subcontractors and outside associates or consultants must be used, and any change must be approved by the contracting officer. (See FAR Part 52 Clause "Subcontractors and Outside Associates and Consultants (Architect-Engineer Services)".) Attach an additional sheet in the same format as Section C if needed.

SF330 PART II General Qualifications

Prepare a Part II for the specific branch office seeking work if the firm has branch offices. Prepare Part II for each branch office that will or may contribute on the project. Prepare Part II for each branch office of the firm and for each sub-consultant that will or may contribute to the project.

1. **Solicitation Number.** If Part II is submitted for a specific contract, insert the agency's solicitation number and/or project number, if applicable, exactly as shown in the public announcement or agency request.

2a-2e. **Firm (or Branch Office) Name and Address.** Self-explanatory.

3. **Year Established.** Enter the year the firm (or branch office, if appropriate) was established under the current name.

4. **DUNS Number.** Insert the Data Universal Numbering System number issued by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services-(not required for this project).

5. **Ownership.**

a. **Type.** Enter the type of ownership or legal structure of the firm (sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.).

b. **Small Business Status.** Refer to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code in the public announcement, and indicate if the firm is a small business according to the current size standard for that NAICS code (for example, Engineering Services (part of NAICS 541330), Architectural Services (NAICS 541310), Surveying and Mapping Services (NAICS 541370)). The small business categories and the internet website for the NAICS codes appear in FAR Part 19. Contact the requesting agency for any questions. Contact your local U.S. Small Business Administration office for any questions regarding Business Status.

6a-6c. **Point of Contact.** Provide this information for a representative of the firm that the agency can contact for additional information. The representative must be empowered to speak on contractual and policy matters.

7. **Name of Firm.** Enter the name of the firm if Part II is prepared for a branch office.

8a-8c. **Former Firm Names.** Indicate any other previous names for the firm (or branch office) during the last six years. Insert the year that this corporate name change was effective.

9. **Employees by Discipline.** Use the relevant disciplines and associated function codes shown at the end of these instructions and list in the same numerical order. After the listed disciplines, write in any additional disciplines and leave the function code blank. List no more than 20 disciplines. Group remaining employees under "Other Employees" in column b. Each person can be counted only once according to his/her primary function. If Part II is prepared for a firm (including all branch offices), enter the number of employees by disciplines in column c (1). If Part II is prepared for a branch office, enter the number of employees by discipline in column c (2) and for the firm in column c (1).

10. **Profile of Firm's Experience and Annual Average Revenue for Last 5 Years.** Complete this block for the firm or branch office for which this Part II is prepared. Enter the experience categories which most accurately reflect the firm's technical capabilities and project experience. Use the relevant experience categories and associated profile codes shown at the end of these instructions, and list in the same numerical order. After the listed experience categories, write in any unlisted relevant project experience categories and leave the profile codes blank. For each type of experience, enter the appropriate revenue index number to reflect the professional services revenues received annually (averaged over the last 5 years) by the firm or branch office for performing that type of work. A particular project may be identified with one experience category or it may be broken into components, as best reflects the capabilities and types of work performed by the firm. However, do not double count the revenues received on a particular project.

11. **Annual Average Professional Services Revenues of Firm for Last 3 Years.** Complete this block for the firm or branch office for which this Part II is prepared. Enter the appropriate revenue index numbers to reflect the professional services revenues received annually (averaged over the last 3 years) by the firm or branch office. Indicate Federal work (performed directly for the Federal Government, either as the prime contractor or subcontractor), non-Federal work (all other domestic and foreign work, including Federally-assisted projects), and the total. If the firm has been in existence for less than 3 years, see the definition for "Annual Receipts" under FAR 19.101.

12. **Authorized Representative.** An authorized representative of the firm or branch office must sign and date the completed form. Signing attests that the information provided is current and factual. Provide the name and title of the authorized representative who signed the form.

TAB 3 –KEY PERSONNEL/QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PROJECT TEAM: List the members of the project team. Provide a list of the personnel to be used on each project and their qualifications. An organizational chart can be included in this tab of Key Personnel. A **brief** resume including education, experience, licenses and any other pertinent information shall be included for each team member, for each project, including subconsultants to be assigned to each project. Provide any other documentation that demonstrates their ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. Submittals that do not contain such documentation may be deemed non-responsive. **(Maximum 3 single-sided pages plus the Standard Form 330)**

This information must be included in the Standard Form 330 submittal.

3.1 Please note the form requirements for Sections E.

- **SF 330 Section E** – Include a complete Section E form (12 through 19) for EACH key person you anticipate assigning to this project.

3.2 Sub-consultants: Consultant must clearly reflect in its Proposal any Sub-consultants proposed to be utilized along with a summary of their background and qualifications. The City retains the right to accept or reject any Sub-consultants proposed.

TAB 4 - TEAM'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE/PROFICIENCY IN SIMILAR PROJECTS: Include a Section F form for EACH project used to represent your firms' experience in similar projects. Include each representative project your firm has completed in the past 10 years but do not exceed 5 examples. Include a Section G form which indicates the involvement of those key personnel that may be assigned to this project. **(Maximum 1 single-sided page plus the standard form 330 sections)**

Section F – Example Projects.

- **SF 330 Section F.** Example Projects Which Best Illustrate Proposed Team's Qualifications for This Contract.

Select projects where multiple team members worked together, if possible, that demonstrate the team's capability to perform work similar to that required for this contract. Complete one Section F for each project. Present ten projects, unless otherwise specified by the agency. Complete the following blocks for each project:

20. **Example Project Key Number.** Start with "1" for the first project and number consecutively.

21. **Title and Location.** Title and location of project or contract. For an indefinite delivery contract, the location is the geographic scope of the contract.

22. **Year Completed.** Enter the year completed of the professional services (such as planning, engineering study, design, or surveying), and/or the year completed of construction, if applicable. If any of the professional services or the construction projects are not complete, leave Year Completed blank and indicate the status in Brief Description of Project and Relevance to This Contract (block 24).

23a. **Project Owner.** Project owner or user, such as a government agency or installation, an institution, a corporation or private individual.

23b. **Point of Contact Name.** Provide name of a person associated with the project owner or the organization which contracted for the professional services, who is very familiar with the project and the firm's (or firms') performance.

23c. **Point of Contract Telephone Number.** Self-explanatory.

24. **Brief Description of Project and Relevance to This Contract.** Indicate scope, size, cost, principal elements and special features of the project. Discuss the relevance of the example project to this contract. Enter any other information requested by the agency for each example project.

25. **Firms from Section C Involved with This Project.** Indicate which firms (or branch offices, if appropriate) on the project team were involved in the example project, and their roles. List in the same order as Section C.

SF 330 Section G. Key Personnel Participation in Example Projects.

This matrix is intended to graphically depict which key personnel identified in Section E worked on the example projects listed in Section F.

26. and 27. **Names of Key Personnel and Role in this Contract.** List the names of the key personnel and their proposed roles in this contract in the same order as they appear in Section E.

28. **Example Projects Listed in Section F.** In the column under each project key number (see block 29) and for each key person, place an "X" under the project key number for participation in the same or similar role.

29. **Example Projects Key.** List the key numbers and titles of the example projects in the same order as they appear in Section F.

TAB 5 – MANAGEMENT APPROACH/PROJECT CONTROL: The firm shall demonstrate its capabilities in managing similar completed projects, and evidence of and adherence to time and budget constraints, on projects completed within the last ten (10) years. 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 you offer for the project. **(Maximum single-sided 2 pages)**

TAB 6 – REFERENCES: Include at least two (2) References within the last 15 years of projects with similar scope as listed in this RFP. The Project Manager and the key design engineer(s) in the proposed project team must show relevant experience in two (2) referenced similar projects. **(Maximum 1 single-sided page per reference)**

Information should include:

- Client Name, address, contact person, title, telephone and FAX numbers and E-mail addresses.

- Description of work.
- Involvement in project.
- Year the project was completed.
- Total cost of the project (include separate design cost and separate construction cost).

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. **(Maximum 2 single-sided pages)**

TAB 8 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Any other pertinent information the proposer chooses to provide. **(Maximum 2 single-sided pages plus the standard form 330)**

SF 330 Section H. Additional Information.

30. **Use this section to provide additional information specifically requested by the agency or to address selection criteria that are not covered by the information provided in Sections A-G.**

Section I. Authorized Representative

31. and 32. **Signature of Authorized Representative and Date.** An authorized representative of a joint venture or the prime contractor must sign and date the completed form. Signing attests that the information provided is current and factual, and that all firms on the proposed team agree to work on the project. Joint ventures selected for negotiations must make available a statement of participation by a principal of each member of the joint venture.

33. **Name and Title. Self-explanatory.**

THE REMAINDER OF THIS PAGE IS LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK

REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF SUBMITTAL

TAB 9 CITY REQUIRED FORMS – This 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. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to read and comply with the solicitation in its entirety.

A. REQUIRED SUBMITTAL FORMS: Provide fully executed forms.

- ___ **ATTACHMENT 1:** Proposal Submittal Signature Form
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 2:** Statement of Organization
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 3:** References – Consultant is to contact the references and advise his/her references that the City will be sending an e-mail and reference form which needs to be completed and e-mailed back to the City in a timely fashion.
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 4:** Drug-Free Workplace
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 5:** Public Entity Crime Information
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 6:** Non-Collusive Affidavit
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 7:** Lobbying Certification
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 8:** Conflict of Interest Form
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 9:** Disclosure Form (Consultant/Engineer/Architect)
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 10:** Scrutinized Company Certificate
- ___ **ATTACHMENT 11:** Vendor's Certification For E-Verify System

___ **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.

___ **MBE/WBE/VBE:** If claiming either Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprises/Veteran 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 STATUS AS PRIME ONLY**

___ **YES, I'VE ATTACHED THE CERTIFICATE OF MBE/WBE STATUS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS OUTLINED SECTION 1.**

___ **NOT CLAIMING MBE/WBE /VBE**

PLEASE INITIAL AND RETURN WITH YOUR PROPOSAL.

INITIALS

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED

B. METHOD OF SUBMITTAL:

1. **NUMBER OF SUBMITTAL PACKAGES:** 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).
2. **NUMBER OF PAGES:** The proposal shall not exceed (19) pages (one-sided) in length. **LETTER SIZE:** 8.5”x11” /**FONT SIZE:** Calibri 11, PDF FORMAT.
3. **USB FLASH DRIVE:** One (1) electronic version in Portable Document Format (PDF) **on a** USB Drive containing the entire submittal. **CDs will not be accepted.**

(The Title Page, City Required Forms, 330 Form, resumes and 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.
4. **SUBMIT TO:**
City of North Port
Finance Department - Purchasing Division
Alla V. Skipper, CPPB, Senior Contract Administrator
4970 City Hall, 3 RD Floor, Suite 337
North Port, Florida 34286
RFP NO. 2025-08 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT

Note: Submissions received after the time and date stated on the Notice of Availability will not be accepted.

ATTACHMENT 1
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**

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

ATTACHMENT 2

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 _____

Print Name and Title of person authorized to bind: _____

Federal Identification Number: _____

Signature: _____

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**

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

Does it use a registered fictitious name: _____ **Yes** or _____ **No**

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Names of Officers:

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____

Vice President: _____ **Treasurer:** _____

Director: _____ **Director:** _____

Other: _____ **Other:** _____

Name of Corporation (As used in Florida):

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

Corporate Address:

Post Office Box: _____
City, State Zip: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of _____ physical presence or _____ online notarization, this
_____ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – _____

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

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ **Title:** _____

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ATTACHMENT 3 REFERENCES/CLIENT LISTING

(The firm shall provide at least two (2) business related references for which they are currently providing or have provided within the last fifteen (15) years, services similar to the scope of services required by this RFP). Attach additional sheets if necessary. The Project Manager and the key design engineer(s) in the proposed project team must show relevant experience in two (2) referenced similar projects.

1. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____ Project completion date: _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Cost of Project: Design _____ Construction: _____

2. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____ Project completion date: _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Cost of Project: Design _____ Construction: _____

3. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____ Project completion date: _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Cost of Project: Design _____ Construction: _____

4. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____ Project completion date: _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Cost of Project: Design _____ Construction: _____

5. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____ Project completion date: _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Cost of Project: Design _____ Construction: _____

Date: _____

Signed (*Person authorized to bind the company*): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL

**ATTACHMENT 4
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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ATTACHMENT 5
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 _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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**ATTACHMENT 6
NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT**

State of _____

County of _____

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 _____ 2022, by _____.

Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

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**ATTACHMENT 7
LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

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

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This _____ day _____ of 2022

_____, 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 _____, 2024.

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 _____ 2022, by _____.

Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

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**ATTACHMENT 8
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 (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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ATTACHMENT 9
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 (PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE COMPANY): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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ATTACHMENT 10
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): _____

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ATTACHMENT 11
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 _____, 2024, by _____, as _____.

Notary Public

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

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END OF PART IV

PART V. SAMPLE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT #2025-08

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE NOS. 121 AND 130 REPLACEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered 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, with a local business address of _____, 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 Architectural and Engineering services as identified in the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 2025-08 and CONSULTANT'S proposal submitted **xxx, 2022**. The overall Scope of Services is described in **Exhibit A** with detailed tasks and associated fees provided in **Exhibit B**, both exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
- B. This Agreement shall commence immediately upon the execution of this Agreement by both the CITY and CONSULTANT and upon CONSULTANT'S receipt of a written Notice to Proceed from the CITY'S Purchasing office and shall continue through the completion of the project. The expected completion date is **XXXXX, XX, 202X (Bidding and construction services completion date to be determined)**.

2. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT FOR CONSULTANT'S SERVICES

A. COMPENSATION

1. CONSULTANT shall perform the Scope of Services, as described in Exhibit A, for a not to exceed fee of _____ **DOLLARS AND** _____ **CENTS (\$XXXXX.XX)**. This fee 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 Agreement.
2. 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 Agreement, or any subsequent agreement entered into pursuant to this Agreement 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 Agreement; however, since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis the 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 Agreement 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 CONSULTANT through payment issued by the Finance Department in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Florida Statutes, Section 218.70, *et seq*, upon receipt of 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. 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. CONSULTANT'S invoices shall be in a form satisfactory to the City of North Port 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 AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT 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 AGREEMENT.**
- C. THIS AGREEMENT FOR INDEMNIFICATION SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION OR COMPLETION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND LIMITS REQUIRED IN THIS AGREEMENT 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 AGREEMENT 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 AGREEMENT.**
- E. THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**
- 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

Before performing any work, CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain, during the life of the Agreement, 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 City Manager or designee's prior written approval. The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Agreement upon agreement with CONSULTANT.

v. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance: (PER CHAPTER 440, FLORIDA STATUTES): The CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement workers' compensation insurance for all its employees to be engaged in work on the project under this Agreement and in case any such work is sublet, the CONSULTANT shall require the sub-contractor similarly to provide workers' compensation insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work; unless such employees are covered by protection afforded by the CONSULTANT'S workers' compensation insurance. For additional information contact the Florida Department of Financial Services, Workers' Compensation Division at (850) 413-1601 or on the web at www.fldfs.com. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this Agreement is not protected under the Workers' Compensation Statute, the CONSULTANT shall provide, and shall cause each sub-contractor to provide, employers' liability insurance for the protection of such of its employees. The minimum liability limits of such insurance shall not be less than herein specified or in that amount specified by law for that type of damage claim. Minimum \$100,000 each accident, \$100,000 each employee, and \$500,000 policy limit for diseases.

1.

Proof of such insurance shall be filed by the CONSULTANT with the CITY within ten (10) days after the execution of this Agreement. Coverage is to apply for all employees in the statutory limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws. The policy must include proof of current Worker's Compensation coverage or Worker's Compensation exemption (notarized affidavit).

2. Professional Liability Insurance: Minimum \$1,000,000 per occurrence for this project, 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 this Agreement is written on a claims-made basis, CONSULTANT warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Agreement; 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 Agreement is completed.
3. Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance: (Occurrence Form CG 00 01): The CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain and require all sub-contractors to procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, a comprehensive general liability policy, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, contractual liability pursuant to CG 00 01, and Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage. The general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

Proof of such insurance shall be filed by the CONSULTANT with the CITY within ten (10) days after the execution of this Agreement. The policy must include comprehensive 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 ops; \$100,000 for damage to rented premises; and \$100,000 for fire damage.

The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "City of North Port, Florida, and its commissioners, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Consultant."

2. 4. Business Automobile Liability: The CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain and require all sub-contractors to procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, business automobile liability insurance including on all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles. 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. Minimum \$300,000 each accident for property damage and bodily injury with contractual liability coverage.

Proof of such insurance shall be filed by the CONSULTANT with the CITY within ten (10) days after the execution of this Agreement.

B. 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 policies 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.

C. POLICY FORM

1. All policies required by this Agreement, 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 Insurance shall name the City of North Port, Florida, and its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Agreement. 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 Agreement, and required of CONSULTANT, shall be provided by or in behalf of all subconsultants to cover their operations performed under this Agreement. 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 Agreement shall:

- c. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - d. 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 Agreement. 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 Agreement 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 Agreement. 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 Agreement, as well as the Agreement 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 Agreement 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. 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 Agreement. CONSULTANT shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in its reports, designs, specifications, other documents, and data.
- B. If CONSULTANT is comprised of more than one legal entity, each entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.
- C. 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 Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for

CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award of this Agreement.

- D. 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 Agreement. CONSULTANT agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the work performed.
 - E. CONSULTANT shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the work or payment for work thereof. The City of North Port, Florida, 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. CONSULTANT shall not administer this Agreement in an unlawfully discriminatory manner, nor deny participation in or the benefits of same to any individual based on that individual's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical characteristic.
 - F. 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.
 - G. CONSULTANT shall perform all services within the survey limits depicted in **Exhibit D**, attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
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.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 Agreement include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, e-mails and all other documentation generated during this Agreement.
- 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 Agreement term and, if CONSULTANT does not transfer the records to the CITY following completion of the Agreement, for the time period specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
- D. Upon completion of the Agreement, 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 Agreement, 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 Agreement, 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 AGREEMENT, 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 Agreement. 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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

- A. The timely performance and completion of the required services 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 Agreement. CONSULTANT'S personnel assigned to perform the services of this Agreement 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.
- B. 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.
- C. CONSULTANT specifically agrees that all work performed under the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be completed within the time limits as set forth, subject only to delays caused through no fault of CONSULTANT or the CITY.
- D. 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.
- E. 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 time limitation equal to the aforementioned delay. The Project Schedule is attached as **Exhibit C**, which is attached hereto and incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

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 Agreement. 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 Agreement.
 - 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 Agreement, 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 this 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

- A. TERMINATION WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE: The performance of work under this Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by the City Manager or designee 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 effected by the delivery to the CONSULTANT of a written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work under the Agreement 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 sub-contracts for material, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and sub-contracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims. CONSULTANT will be paid only for such work performed and materials supplied up to the termination. 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.

Upon termination CONSULTANT shall deliver to the CITY all documents (including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and all other data) prepared or obtained by CONSULTANT in connection with its services. The CITY shall, upon receipt of the aforesaid documents, pay to CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT shall accept as full payment for its services, a sum of money equal to (1) the fee for each completed and accepted task as shown in Exhibit A – Scope of Services and Exhibit B – Consultant's Fee Schedule, plus (2) the percentage of the work completed in any commenced but uncompleted task, less (3) all previous payments made to CONSULTANT in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement and any amounts withheld by the CITY to settle claims against or to pay indebtedness of CONSULTANT in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

- 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 Agreement, or any subsequent contract entered into pursuant to this Agreement 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 Agreement; 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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 Agreement. 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 has abandoned performance under this Agreement, then the City Manager or designee may terminate this Agreement 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 shall have the right to terminate services 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 Agreement 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. In the event CONSULTANT breaches this Agreement, the CITY shall provide written notice of the breach and CONSULTANT shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the notice is received to cure. If CONSULTANT fails to cure to the City's satisfaction within the ten (10) calendar days, the City Manager or designee shall have the right to immediately terminate the Agreement 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 Agreement;
 - 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 Agreement 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; or
 - 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.
- G. In the event that the CITY makes written demand upon CONSULTANT for amounts previously paid by the CITY as contemplated in the clause, CONSULTANT shall promptly comply with such demand. The CITY'S rights hereunder survive the term of this Agreement and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.
- H. REMEDIES: In the event of a default or breach of the contract terms, the City may avail itself of each and every remedy specifically given to it now existing at law or in equity, and each and every such remedy will be in addition

to every other remedy so specifically given or otherwise so existing and may be exercised from time to time and as often and in such order as may be deemed expedient by the City. The exercise, or the beginning of the exercise, of one remedy will not be deemed to be a waiver of the right to exercise, at the same time or thereafter, any other remedy. The City's rights and remedies as set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies available to it in law or in equity.

11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

CONSULTANT is and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, 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 Agreement 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 Agreement. 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 Agreement.

12. 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.

13. NO HIRE

CONSULTANT shall not hire any CITY employee associated with this project throughout the duration of the Agreement and for a period of one (1) year after completion.

14. NOTICES

Any notices, invoices, reports, or any other type of documentation required by this Agreement 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:

CONSULTANT'S REPRESENTATIVE:

Contact name
Company name
Street address
City, ST, Zip
TEL:
FAX
EMAIL

THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

Elizabeth Wong P.E., Stormwater Manager
City of North Port

1100 North Chamberlain Blvd.
North Port, FL 34286
TEL: 941.240.8321
Email: ewong@cityofnorthport.com

WITH COPIES OF NOTICES TO:

City Attorney's Office
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.

15. ATTORNEYS' FEES

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

16. CONFLICTS

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and RFP No. 2025-08 or CONSULTANT'S response, which are made a part hereof by reference, the Agreement shall control.

17. E-VERIFY

The CITY, CONSULTANT 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 448.095, Florida Statutes. A contractor who enters into a contract with a subcontractor, must require that the subcontractor provides the contractor a certification by affidavit stating that at the time of such certification and during the term of the contract, the subcontractor does not and will 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). The CONSULTANT shall comply with all other federal laws pertaining to the subcontractor.

18. 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, 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 Agreement and the CITY may terminate the Agreement.
- 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 Agreement, 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.

19. FORCE MAJUERE:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.

- D. The term of the Agreement will be extended by a period equal to that during which the non-performing party's performance is suspended under this Section.

20. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Authority to Execute Agreement. The signature by any person to this Agreement shall be deemed a personal warranty that the person has the full power and authority to bind any corporation, partnership, or any other business or governmental entity for which the person purports to act hereunder.
- B. Binding Effect/Counterparts. By the signatures affixed hereto, the Parties intend to be bound by the terms and conditions hereof. This Agreement 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.
- C. Governing Law and Venue. The laws of the State of Florida govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this Agreement. The exclusive venues for any legal or judicial proceedings in connection with the enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement are 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.
- D. No Agency. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed as creating the relationship of principal and agent, or of partnership or joint venture, between the Parties, it being understood and agreed that no provision contained herein, or any acts of the Parties shall be deemed to create any relationship between them other than that as detailed herein.
- C. Severability. In the event any court shall hold any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and binding upon the parties. One or more waivers by either party of any breach of any provision, term, condition, or covenant shall not be construed as a waiver of a subsequent breach by the other party.
- D. Headings. The descriptive titles appearing in each respective paragraph thereof are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement and do not affect its construction.
- E. Complete Agreement. This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, agreements, or understandings between the parties, and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements between the parties, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter.
- F. Amendment. 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. Only the City Commission can approve increases in compensation under this Agreement.
- G. Assignment. The CONSULTANT shall not assign this Agreement or any right or responsibility herein unless with the written consent of the City.
- H. Non-Discrimination. The City of North Port, Florida 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. The CONSULTANT shall not administer this Agreement in an unlawfully discriminatory manner, nor deny participation in or the benefits of same to any individual based on that individual's race, color, national origin, sex, age,

disability, family or religious status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical characteristic.

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

CONSULTANT:

_____(Print Name)

By: _____(signature)

_____(Title)

Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this
____ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

Approved by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida on _____, 2024.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

A. JEROME FLETCHER II, ICMA-CM, MPA
CITY MANAGER

ATTEST

HEATHER TAYLOR, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY

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