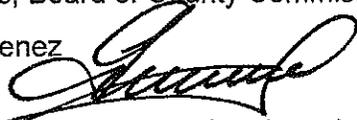


Date: September 3, 2014
To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(F)(4)

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor



Subject: Recommendation for Approval to Award: Private Attorney Services for Public Housing
and Community Development

Resolution No. R-751-14

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve award of RFP-00042 Private Attorney Services for Public Housing and Community Development to De Leon & De Leon, P.A. to pursue evictions against residents for violations of their lease.

Public Housing and Community Development owns and operates approximately 9,200 federally-subsidized public housing units in Miami-Dade County. The County pursues approximately 1,000 evictions per year, in accordance with Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes (Landlord/Tenant Act), and the Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity policy based on the federal "One Strike Law." Evictions are typically pursued against residents for criminal or drug activity, violent or destructive behavior, non-payment of rent, and/or any other violations of their lease.

Scope

This impact of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact and Funding Source

The fiscal impact for the initial three-year term is \$1,200,000. If the County chooses to exercise the three, one-year options to renew, the cumulative value is anticipated to be \$2,400,000. The current contract EPP-RFP661 is valued at \$1,460,000 for the four and a half year contract term. Under the current contract, the contractor is paid for attorney services only. All other related costs under the current contract are borne by Public Housing and Community Development and paid directly to the Clerk of the Courts. The recommended contract is now based on a flat fee inclusive of all other related costs that will now be borne by the contractor, rather than Public Housing and Community Development, and paid to the Clerk of the Courts.

Department	Allocation	Funding Source	Contract Manager
Public Housing and Community Development	\$1,200,000	Federal Funds	Indira Rajkumar-Futch
Total	\$1,200,000		

Pursuant to Resolution R-98-12, which directs the County Mayor or designee to negotiate better prices on all awarded contracts, and prior to the exercise of any option-to-renew, it is the County's intention, at the time of the option to renew period, annually, or at any time during the contract term, at the County's sole discretion, to re-negotiate the firms' prices to realize savings to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

Lydia Osborne of the Internal Services Department is the Procurement Contracting Officer.

Delegated Authority

Upon approval of this item, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will have the authority to exercise, at their discretion, contract modifications and extensions in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Vendor Recommended for Award

A Request for Qualification (RFQ) was issued under full and open competition on March 27, 2014. One firm, the incumbent, responded to the solicitation. The Evaluation/Selection Committee recommended the sole proposer for award, based on the criteria established in the RFQ.

Awardee	Address	Principal
De Leon & De Leon, P.A.	66 West Flagler Street, #800 Miami, FL	Neil A. De Leon

Vendors Not Recommended for Award

None

Due Diligence

Due diligence was conducted in accordance with the Internal Service Department's Procurement Guidelines to determine Contractor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance or compliance issues. The lists that were referenced include: convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to Contractor responsibility. This information is being provided pursuant to Resolution R-187-12.

Applicable Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program provision did not apply due to source of funding.
- A Selection Factor was not assigned to this Solicitation due to the funding source. Local Preference did not apply due to source of funding.
- The services being provided are not being covered under the Living Wage Ordinance.



Russell Benford
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 3, 2014

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(F)(4)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(F)(4)
9-3-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-751-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000 WITH DE LEON & DE LEON, P.A. TO OBTAIN PRIVATE ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN CONTRACT NO. RFP00042

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the execution of an agreement in the aggregate amount of \$2,400,000 with De Leon & De Leon, P.A., in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County and to exercise any cancellation and renewal provisions and all other rights contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Xavier L. Suarez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	aye
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson aye
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk



Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Oren Rosenthal

**Private Attorney Services
Contract No. RFP-00042**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of this _____ day of _____ by and between De Leon & De Leon, P.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, having its principal office at 66 West Flagler Street, #800, Miami, Florida 33130 (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"), and Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, having its principal office at 111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128 (hereinafter referred to as the "County"),

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Contractor has offered to provide private attorney services, on a non-exclusive basis, that shall conform to the Scope of Services (Appendix A); Miami-Dade County's Request for Proposals (RFP) No.00042 and all associated addenda and attachments, incorporated herein by reference; and the requirements of this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor has submitted a written proposal dated April 16, 2014, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor's Proposal" which is incorporated herein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to procure from the Contractor such private attorney services for the County, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

The following words and expressions used in this Agreement shall be construed as follows, except when it is clear from the context that another meaning is intended:

- a) The words "Contract" or "Agreement" to mean collectively these terms and conditions, the Scope of Services (Appendix A), all other appendices and attachments hereto, all amendments issued hereto, RFP No. 00042 and all associated addenda, and the Contractor's Proposal.
- b) The words "Contract Date" to mean the date on which this Agreement is effective.
- c) The words "Contract Manager" to mean Miami-Dade County's Director, Internal Services Department, or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Contract.
- d) The word "Contractor" to mean De Leon & De Leon, P.A. and its permitted successors and assigns.
- e) The word "Days" to mean Calendar Days.
- f) The word "Deliverables" to mean all documentation and any items of any nature submitted by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager for review and approval pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- g) The words "directed", "required", "permitted", "ordered", "designated", "selected", "prescribed" or words of like import to mean respectively, the direction, requirement, permission, order, designation, selection or prescription of the County's Project Manager; and similarly the words "approved", "acceptable", "satisfactory", "equal", "necessary", or words of like import to mean respectively, approved by, or acceptable or satisfactory to, equal or necessary in the opinion of the County's Project Manager.
- h) The words "Extra Work" or "Additional Work" to mean additions or deletions or modifications to the amount, type or value of the Work and Services as required in this Contract, as directed and/or approved by the County.
- i) The words "Project Manager" to mean the County Mayor or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Project.
- j) The words "Scope of Services" to mean the document appended hereto as Appendix A, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
- k) The word "subcontractor" or "subconsultant" to mean any person, entity, firm or corporation, other than the employees of the Contractor, who furnishes labor and/or materials, in connection with the Work, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf and/or under the direction of the Contractor and whether or not in privity of Contract with the Contractor.
- l) The words "Work", "Services" "Program", or "Project" to mean all matters and things required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.

ARTICLE 2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

If there is a conflict between or among the provisions of this Agreement, the order of

precedence is as follows: 1) these terms and conditions, 2) Appendices to these terms and conditions: the Scope of Services (Appendix A) and Price Schedule (Appendix B), 3) the Miami-Dade County's RFP No. 00042 and any associated addenda and attachments thereof, and 4) the Contractor's Proposal.

ARTICLE 3. RULES OF INTERPRETATION

- a) References to a specified Article, section or schedule shall be construed as reference to that specified Article, or section of, or schedule to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated.
- b) Reference to any agreement or other instrument shall be deemed to include such agreement or other instrument as such agreement or other instrument may, from time to time, be modified, amended, supplemented, or restated in accordance with its terms.
- c) The terms "hereof", "herein", "hereinafter", "hereby", "herewith", "hereto", and "hereunder" shall be deemed to refer to this Agreement.
- d) The titles, headings, captions and arrangements used in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to limit, amplify or modify the terms of this Contract, nor affect the meaning thereof.

ARTICLE 4. NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

- a) This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained in this Agreement. The parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this Agreement, and that this Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties as to all matters contained herein. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written. It is further agreed that any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force or effect, and that this Agreement may be modified, altered or amended only by a written amendment duly executed by both parties hereto or their authorized representatives.
- b) The Contractor shall provide the services set forth in the Scope of Services, and render full and prompt cooperation with the County in all aspects of the Services performed hereunder.
- c) The Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement requires the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the effective and complete performance of all Work and Services under this Contract. All things not expressly mentioned in this Agreement but necessary to carrying out its intent are required by this Agreement, and the Contractor shall perform the same as though they were specifically mentioned, described and delineated.
- d) The Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, supplies, and other items required to perform the Work and Services that are necessary for the completion of this Contract. All Work and Services shall be accomplished at the direction of and to the satisfaction of the County's Project Manager.
- e) The Contractor acknowledges that the County shall be responsible for making all policy

decisions regarding the Scope of Services. The Contractor agrees to provide input on policy issues in the form of recommendations. The Contractor agrees to implement any and all changes in providing Services hereunder as a result of a policy change implemented by the County. The Contractor agrees to act in an expeditious and fiscally sound manner in providing the County with input regarding the time and cost to implement said changes and in executing the activities required to implement said changes.

ARTICLE 5. CONTRACT TERM

The Contract shall become effective on the date set forth on the first page and shall continue through the last day of the 36th month. The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to exercise the option to renew this Contract for a period for three (3) additional years on a year-to-year basis. The County reserves the right to exercise its option to extend this Contract for up to one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days beyond the current Contract period and will notify the Contractor in writing of the extension. This Contract may be extended beyond the initial one hundred-eighty (180) calendar day extension period by mutual agreement between the County and the Contractor, upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

ARTICLE 6. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficiently served if delivered by Registered or Certified Mail, with return receipt requested; or delivered personally; or delivered via fax or e-mail (if provided below) and followed with delivery of hard copy; and in any case addressed as follows:

(1) to the County

a) to the Project Manager:

Miami-Dade County
Public Housing & Community Development
701 NW 1st Court, 16th Floor
Miami, Florida 33136-3914
Attention: Executive Director
Phone: (786) 469-4106
Fax: (786) 469-4151
E-mail: indi@miamidadegov

and,

b) to the Contract Manager:

Miami-Dade County
Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1375
Miami, FL 33128-1974
Attention: Assistant Director
Phone: (305) 375-5548
Fax: (305) 375-2316
E-mail: SINGER@miamidadegov

(2) To the Contractor

De Leon & De Leon, P.A.
66 West Flagler Street, #800
Miami, Florida 33130
Attention: Neil De Leon
Phone: (305) 374-5494
Fax: (305) 374-5498
E-mail: nad@deleondeleon.com

Either party may at any time designate a different address and/or contact person by giving notice as provided above to the other party. Such notices shall be deemed given upon receipt by the addressee.

ARTICLE 7. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES/AMOUNT OBLIGATED

The Contractor warrants that it has reviewed the County's requirements and has asked such questions and conducted such other inquiries as the Contractor deemed necessary in order to determine the price the Contractor will charge to provide the Work and Services to be performed under this Contract. The compensation for all Work and Services performed under this Contract, including all costs associated with such Work and Services, shall be in accordance with Price Schedule, Appendix B, herein. The County shall have no obligation to pay the Contractor any additional sum in excess of this amount, except for a change and/or modification to the Contract, which is approved and executed in writing by the County and the Contractor.

All Services undertaken by the Contractor before County's approval of this Contract shall be at the Contractor's risk and expense.

ARTICLE 8. PRICING

Prices shall be as indicated in Appendix B, Price Schedule; however, the Contractor may offer incentive discounts to the County at any time during the Contract term, including any renewal or extension thereof. Notwithstanding the above, in the event that the filing fees as charged by the Clerk of the Court increase/decrease from the fees in place at the time of contract execution, the County shall increase/decrease the Flat Rate as stated in Appendix B, Price Schedule, through a supplemental agreement signed by both parties. Further, any such increase/decrease in the Flat rate due to the Contractor shall be limited to the exact increase/decrease in the amount of the filing fee. In addition, the parties hereby acknowledge that as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the current filing fee is One Hundred and Ninety Dollars and Fifty Five Cents (\$190.55) plus an additional Ten Dollars \$10.00 Summons Fee for each Defendant.

ARTICLE 9. METHOD AND TIMES OF PAYMENT

The Contractor agrees that under the provisions of this Agreement, as reimbursement for those actual, reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the Contractor, which are directly attributable or properly allocable to the Services, the Contractor may bill the County periodically, but not more than once per month, upon invoices certified by the Contractor pursuant to Appendix B – Price Schedule. All invoices shall be taken from the books of account kept by the Contractor, shall be supported by copies of payroll distribution, receipt bills or other documents reasonably required by the County, shall show the County's contract number, and shall have a

unique invoice number assigned by the Contractor. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that payment for all purchases by County agencies and the Public Health Trust shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments be made on late payments. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 218.74 and Section 2-8.1.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the time at which payment shall be due from the County or the Public Health Trust shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. The time at which payment shall be due to small businesses shall be thirty (30) days from receipt of a proper invoice. All payments due from the County or the Public Health Trust, and not made within the time specified by this section shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. Further, proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the County Mayor, or his or her designee(s), not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the County or the Public Health Trust.

In accordance with Miami-Dade County Implementing Order 3-9, Accounts Receivable Adjustments, if money is owed by the Contractor to the County, whether under this Contract or for any other purpose, the County reserves the right to retain such amount from payment due by County to the Contractor under this Contract. Such retained amount shall be applied to the amount owed by the Contractor to the County. The Contractor shall have no further claim to such retained amounts which shall be deemed full accord and satisfaction of the amount due by the County to the Contractor for the applicable payment due herein.

Invoices and associated back-up documentation shall be submitted in duplicate by the Contractor to the County as follows:

Miami-Dade County
Public Housing & Community Development, Accounting Unit
Overtown Transit Building 1
701 NW 1 Court, 16th Floor
Miami, FL 33136
Invoices may be sent via e-mail to: mdha-accounting@miamidade.gov
Attention: PHCD Accounting Unit

The County may at any time designate a different address and/or contact person by giving written notice to the other party.

ARTICLE 10. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the Contractor or its employees, agents, servants, partners principals or subcontractors. The Contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may issue thereon. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the Contractor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

Upon County's notification, the Contractor shall furnish to the Internal Services Department,

Procurement Management Division, Certificates of Insurance that indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained, which meets the requirements as outlined below:

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance for all employees of the Contractor as required by Florida Statute 440.
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance on a comprehensive basis in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. **Miami-Dade County must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The mailing address of Miami-Dade County 111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, Florida 33128-1974, as the certificate holder, must appear on the certificate of insurance.**
3. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used in connection with the Services, in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
4. Professional Liability Insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000 per claim.

The company must be rated no less than "A-" as to management, and no less than "Class VII" as to financial strength by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, New Jersey, or its equivalent, subject to the approval of the County Risk Management Division.

OR

The company must hold a valid Florida Certificate of Authority as shown in the latest "List of All Insurance Companies Authorized or Approved to Do Business in Florida", issued by the State of Florida Department of Financial Services and are members of the Florida Guaranty Fund.

Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the Contractor of this liability and obligation under this section or under any other section in this Agreement.

Award of this Contract is contingent upon the receipt of the insurance documents, as required, within ten (10) business days. If the insurance certificate is received within the specified timeframe but not in the manner prescribed in this Agreement, the Contractor shall have an additional five (5) business days to submit a corrected certificate to the County. If the Contractor fails to submit the required insurance documents in the manner prescribed in this Agreement within fifteen (15) business days, the Contractor shall be in default of the contractual terms and conditions and award of the Contract may be rescinded, unless such timeframe for submission has been extended by the County.

The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the insurance certificates required in conjunction with this Section remain in force for the duration of the contractual period of the Contract, including any and all option years or extension periods that may be granted by the County. If insurance certificates are scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the Contractor shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed insurance certificates to the County at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration. In the event that expired certificates are not replaced with new or renewed certificates which cover the contractual period, the County shall suspend the Contract until such time as the new or renewed certificates are received by the County in the manner prescribed herein; provided, however, that this suspended period does not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. Thereafter, the County may, at its sole discretion, terminate this contract.

ARTICLE 11. MANNER OF PERFORMANCE

- a) The Contractor shall provide the Services described herein in a competent and professional manner satisfactory to the County in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The County shall be entitled to a satisfactory performance of all Services described herein and to full and prompt cooperation by the Contractor in all aspects of the Services. At the request of the County, the Contractor shall promptly remove from the project any Contractor's employee, subcontractor, or any other person performing Services hereunder. The Contractor agrees that such removal of any of its employees does not require the termination or demotion of any employee by the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County and shall be liable and responsible for any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs (including attorney's fees and court costs) made against the County, occurring on account of, arising from or in connection with the removal and replacement of any Contractor's personnel performing services hereunder at the behest of the County. Removal and replacement of any Contractor's personnel as used in this Article shall not require the termination and or demotion of such Contractor's personnel.
- c) The Contractor agrees that at all times it will employ, maintain and assign to the performance of the Services a sufficient number of competent and qualified professionals and other personnel to meet the requirements to which reference is hereinafter made. The Contractor agrees to adjust its personnel staffing levels or to replace any its personnel if so directed upon reasonable request from the County, should the County make a determination, in its sole discretion, that said personnel staffing is inappropriate or that any individual is not performing in a manner consistent with the requirements for such a position.
- d) The Contractor warrants and represents that its personnel have the proper skill, training, background, knowledge, experience, rights, authorizations, integrity, character and licenses as necessary to perform the Services described herein, in a competent and professional manner.
- e) The Contractor shall at all times cooperate with the County and coordinate its respective work efforts to most effectively and efficiently maintain the progress in performing the Services.
- f) The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of all federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations that are applicable to the performance of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12. EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTRACTOR

All employees of the Contractor shall be considered to be, at all times, employees of the Contractor under its sole direction and not employees or agents of the County. The Contractor shall supply competent employees. Miami-Dade County may require the Contractor to remove an employee it deems careless, incompetent, insubordinate or otherwise objectionable and whose continued employment on County property is not in the best interest of the County. Each employee shall have and wear proper identification.

ARTICLE 13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The Contractor 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 County. 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 the Contractor's sole direction, supervision and control. The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees and agents of the County.

The Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the County in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14. AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER

(Exceptions may not be taken to this Article.)

- a) The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County's Project Manager will determine in the first instance all questions of any nature whatsoever arising out of, under, or in connection with, or in any way related to or on account of, this Agreement including without limitations: questions as to the value, acceptability and fitness of the Services; questions as to either party's fulfillment of its obligations under the Contract; negligence, fraud or misrepresentation before or subsequent to acceptance of the Contractor's Proposal; questions as to the interpretation of the Scope of Services; and claims for damages, compensation and losses.
- b) The Contractor shall be bound by all determinations or orders and shall promptly comply with every order of the Project Manager, including the withdrawal or modification of any previous order and regardless of whether the Contractor agrees with the Project Manager's determination or order. Where orders are given orally, they will be issued in writing by the Project Manager as soon thereafter as is practicable.
- c) The Contractor must, in the final instance, seek to resolve every difference concerning the Agreement with the Project Manager. In the event that the Contractor and the Project Manager are unable to resolve their difference, the Contractor may initiate a dispute in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Article. Exhaustion of these procedures shall be a condition precedent to any lawsuit permitted hereunder.
- d) In the event of such dispute, the parties to this Agreement authorize the County Mayor or designee, who may not be the Project Manager or anyone associated with this Project, acting personally, to decide all questions arising out of, under, or in connection with, or in any way related to or on account of the Agreement (including but not limited to claims in the nature of breach of contract, fraud or misrepresentation arising either before or subsequent to execution hereof) and the decision of each with respect to matters within the County Mayor's purview as set forth above shall be conclusive, final and binding on parties. Any such dispute shall be brought, if at all, before the County Mayor within 10 days of the occurrence, event or act out of which the dispute arises.
- e) The County Mayor may base this decision on such assistance as may be desirable, including advice of experts, but in any event shall base the decision on an independent and objective determination of whether Contractor's performance or any Deliverable meets the requirements of this Agreement and any specifications with respect thereto

set forth herein. The effect of any decision shall not be impaired or waived by any negotiations or settlements or offers made in connection with the dispute, whether or not the County Mayor participated therein, or by any prior decision of others, which prior decision shall be deemed subject to review, or by any termination or cancellation of the Agreement. All such disputes shall be submitted in writing by the Contractor to the County Mayor for a decision, together with all evidence and other pertinent information in regard to such questions, in order that a fair and impartial decision may be made. Whenever the County Mayor is entitled to exercise discretion or judgement or to make a determination or form an opinion pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such action shall be fair and impartial when exercised or taken. The County Mayor, as appropriate, shall render a decision in writing and deliver a copy of the same to the Contractor. Except as such remedies may be limited or waived elsewhere in the Agreement, Contractor reserves the right to pursue any remedies available under law after exhausting the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 15. MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

- a) This Agreement, including attachments and appendices to the Agreement, shall constitute the entire Agreement between the parties with respect hereto and supersedes all previous communications and representations or agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereto unless acknowledged in writing by the duly authorized representatives of both parties.
- b) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed for the benefit, intended or otherwise, of any third party that is not a parent or subsidiary of a party or otherwise related (by virtue of ownership control or statutory control) to a party.
- c) In those situations where this Agreement imposes an indemnity obligation on the Contractor, the County may, at its expense, elect to participate in the defense if the County should so choose. Furthermore, the County may at its own expense defend or settle any such claims if the Contractor fails to diligently defend such claims, and thereafter seek indemnity for costs from the Contractor.

ARTICLE 16. QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORD KEEPING

The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require that its subcontractors and suppliers maintain, complete and accurate records to substantiate compliance with the requirements set forth in the Scope of Services. The Contractor and its subcontractors and suppliers, shall retain such records, and all other documents relevant to the Services furnished under this Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the expiration date of this Agreement and any extension thereof.

ARTICLE 17. AUDITS

The County, or its duly authorized representatives or governmental agencies, shall until the expiration of three (3) years after the expiration of this Agreement and any extension thereof, have access to and the right to examine and reproduce any of the Contractor's books, documents, papers and records and of its subcontractors and suppliers which apply to all matters of the County. Such records shall subsequently conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requirements, as applicable, and shall only address those transactions related to this Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2-481 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Contractor will grant access to

the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds. The Contractor agrees to maintain an accounting system that provides accounting records that are supported with adequate documentation, and adequate procedures for determining the allowability and allocability of costs.

ARTICLE 18. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel for the key personnel identified by the Contractor's Proposal, the Contractor must notify the County in writing and request written approval for the substitution at least ten (10) business days prior to effecting such substitution.

ARTICLE 19. CONSENT OF THE COUNTY REQUIRED FOR ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of this Agreement, including its rights, title or interest in or to the same or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the County.

ARTICLE 20. SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

- a) If the Contractor will cause any part of this Agreement to be performed by a Subcontractor, the provisions of this Contract will apply to such Subcontractor and its officers, agents and employees in all respects as if it and they were employees of the Contractor; and the Contractor will not be in any manner thereby discharged from its obligations and liabilities hereunder, but will be liable hereunder for all acts and negligence of the Subcontractor, its officers, agents, and employees, as if they were employees of the Contractor. The services performed by the Subcontractor will be subject to the provisions hereof as if performed directly by the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor, before making any subcontract for any portion of the services, will state in writing to the County the name of the proposed Subcontractor, the portion of the Services which the Subcontractor is to do, the place of business of such Subcontractor, and such other information as the County may require. The County will have the right to require the Contractor not to award any subcontract to a person, firm or corporation disapproved by the County.
- c) Before entering into any subcontract hereunder, the Contractor will inform the Subcontractor fully and completely of all provisions and requirements of this Agreement relating either directly or indirectly to the Services to be performed. Such Services performed by such Subcontractor will strictly comply with the requirements of this Contract.
- d) In order to qualify as a Subcontractor satisfactory to the County, in addition to the other requirements herein provided, the Subcontractor must be prepared to prove to the satisfaction of the County that it has the necessary facilities, skill and experience, and ample financial resources to perform the Services in a satisfactory manner. To be considered skilled and experienced, the Subcontractor must show to the satisfaction of the County that it has satisfactorily performed services of the same general type which is required to be performed under this Agreement.
- e) The County shall have the right to withdraw its consent to a subcontract if it appears to the County that the subcontract will delay, prevent, or otherwise impair the

performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. All Subcontractors are required to protect the confidentiality of the County's and County's proprietary and confidential information. Contractor shall furnish to the County copies of all subcontracts between Contractor and Subcontractors and suppliers hereunder. Within each such subcontract, there shall be a clause for the benefit of the County in the event the County finds the Contractor in breach of this Contract, permitting the County to request completion by the Subcontractor of its performance obligations under the subcontract. The clause shall include an option for the County to pay the Subcontractor directly for the performance by such Subcontractor. Notwithstanding, the foregoing shall neither convey nor imply any obligation or liability on the part of the County to any subcontractor hereunder as more fully described herein.

ARTICLE 21. ASSUMPTION, PARAMETERS, PROJECTIONS, ESTIMATES AND EXPLANATIONS

The Contractor understands and agrees that any assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations presented by the County were provided to the Contractor for evaluation purposes only. However, since these assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations represent predictions of future events the County makes no representations or guarantees; and the County shall not be responsible for the accuracy of the assumptions presented; and the County shall not be responsible for conclusions to be drawn therefrom; and any assumptions, parameters, projections, estimates and explanations shall not form the basis of any claim by the Contractor. The Contractor accepts all risk associated with using this information.

ARTICLE 22. SEVERABILITY

If this Agreement contains any provision found to be unlawful, the same shall be deemed to be of no effect and shall be deemed stricken from this Agreement without affecting the binding force of this Agreement as it shall remain after omitting such provision.

ARTICLE 23. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF WORK

- a) The County may terminate this Agreement if an individual or corporation or other entity attempts to meet its contractual obligation with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement.
- b) The County may, as a further sanction, terminate or cancel any other contract(s) that such individual or corporation or other entity has with the County and that such individual, corporation or other entity shall be responsible for all direct and indirect costs associated with such termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.
- c) The foregoing notwithstanding, any individual, corporation or other entity which attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement may be debarred from County contracting for up to five (5) years in accordance with the County debarment procedures. The Contractor may be subject to debarment for failure to perform and all other reasons set forth in Section 10-38 of the County Code.
- d) In addition to cancellation or termination as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the County may at any time, in its sole discretion, with or without cause, terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Contractor.

- e) In the event that the County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, the Contractor shall, upon receipt of such notice, unless otherwise directed by the County:
 - i. stop work on the date specified in the notice ("the Effective Termination Date");
 - ii. take such action as may be necessary for the protection and preservation of the County's materials and property;
 - iii. cancel orders;
 - iv. assign to the County and deliver to any location designated by the County any non-cancelable orders for Deliverables that are not capable of use except in the performance of this Agreement and has been specifically developed for the sole purpose of this Agreement and not incorporated in the Services;
 - v. take no action which will increase the amounts payable by the County under this Agreement; and
- f) In the event that the County exercises its right to terminate this Agreement, the Contractor will be compensated as stated in the payment Articles herein for the:
 - i. portion of the Services completed in accordance with the Agreement up to the Effective Termination Date; and
 - ii. non-cancelable Deliverables that are not capable of use except in the performance of this Agreement and has been specifically developed for the sole purpose of this Agreement, but not incorporated in the Services.
- g) All compensation pursuant to this Article are subject to audit.

ARTICLE 24. EVENT OF DEFAULT

- a) An Event of Default shall mean a breach of this Agreement by the Contractor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and in addition to those instances referred to herein as a breach, an Event of Default shall include the following:
 - i. the Contractor has not delivered Deliverables on a timely basis;
 - ii. the Contractor has refused or failed to supply enough properly skilled staff personnel;
 - iii. the Contractor has failed to make prompt payment to subcontractors or suppliers for any Services;
 - iv. the Contractor has become insolvent (other than as interdicted by the bankruptcy laws), or has assigned the proceeds received for the benefit of the Contractor's creditors, or the Contractor has taken advantage of any insolvency statute or debtor/creditor law or if the Contractor's affairs have been put in the hands of a receiver;
 - v. the Contractor has failed to obtain the approval of the County where required by this Agreement;

- vi. the Contractor has failed to provide "adequate assurances" as required under subsection b below;
 - vii. the Contractor has failed in the representation of any warranties stated herein.
- b) When, in the opinion of the County, reasonable grounds for uncertainty exist with respect to the Contractor's ability to perform the Services or any portion thereof, the County may request that the Contractor, within the timeframe set forth in the County's request, provide adequate assurances to the County, in writing, of the Contractor's ability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Until the County receives such assurances, the County may request an adjustment to the compensation received by the Contractor for portions of the Services which the Contractor has not performed. In the event that the Contractor fails to provide to the County the requested assurances within the prescribed timeframe, the County may:
- i. treat such failure as a repudiation of this Agreement; and
 - ii. resort to any remedy for breach provided herein or at law, including but not limited to, taking over the performance of the Services or any part thereof either by itself or through others.
- c) In the event the County shall terminate this Agreement for default, the County or its designated representatives may immediately take possession of all applicable equipment, materials, products, documentation, reports and data.

ARTICLE 25. NOTICE OF DEFAULT - OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

If an Event of Default occurs in the determination of the County, the County may so notify the Contractor ("Default Notice"), specifying the basis for such default, and advising the Contractor that such default must be cured immediately or this Agreement with the County may be terminated. Notwithstanding, the County may, in its sole discretion, allow the Contractor to rectify the default to the County's reasonable satisfaction within a thirty (30) day period. The County may grant an additional period of such duration as the County shall deem appropriate without waiver of any of the County's rights hereunder, so long as the Contractor has commenced curing such default and is effectuating a cure with diligence and continuity during such thirty (30) day period or any other period which the County prescribes. The default notice shall specify the date the Contractor shall discontinue the Services upon the Termination Date.

ARTICLE 26. REMEDIES IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT

If an Event of Default occurs, the Contractor shall be liable for all damages resulting from the default, including but not limited to:

- a) lost revenues;
- b) the difference between the cost associated with procuring Services hereunder and the amount actually expended by the County for re-procurement of Services, including procurement and administrative costs; and
- c) such other direct damages.

The Contractor shall also remain liable for any liabilities and claims related to the Contractor's default. The County may also bring any suit or proceeding for specific performance or for an

injunction.

ARTICLE 27. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNIFICATION

- a) The Contractor shall not infringe on any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patent rights, other intellectual property rights or any other third party proprietary rights in the performance of the Work.
- b) The Contractor warrants that all Deliverables furnished hereunder, including but not limited to: equipment, programs, documentation, software, analyses, applications, methods, ways, processes, and the like, do not infringe upon or violate any copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, patent rights, other intellectual property rights or any other third party proprietary rights.
- c) The Contractor shall be liable and responsible for any and all claims made against the County for infringement of patents, copyrights, service marks, trade secrets or any other third party proprietary rights, by the use or supplying of any programs, documentation, software, analyses, applications, methods, ways, processes, and the like, in the course of performance or completion of, or in any way connected with, the Work, or the County's continued use of the Deliverables furnished hereunder. Accordingly, the Contractor at its own expense, including the payment of attorney's fees, shall indemnify, and hold harmless the County and defend any action brought against the County with respect to any claim, demand, cause of action, debt, or liability.
- d) In the event any Deliverable or anything provided to the County hereunder, or portion thereof is held to constitute an infringement and its use is or may be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the obligation to, at the County's option to (i) modify, or require that the applicable subcontractor or supplier modify, the alleged infringing item(s) at its own expense, without impairing in any respect the functionality or performance of the item(s), or (ii) procure for the County, at the Contractor's expense, the rights provided under this Agreement to use the item(s).
- e) The Contractor shall be solely responsible for determining and informing the County whether a prospective supplier or subcontractor is a party to any litigation involving patent or copyright infringement, service mark, trademark, violation, or proprietary rights claims or is subject to any injunction which may prohibit it from providing any Deliverable hereunder. The Contractor shall enter into agreements with all suppliers and subcontractors at the Contractor's own risk. The County may reject any Deliverable that it believes to be the subject of any such litigation or injunction, or if, in the County's judgment, use thereof would delay the Work or be unlawful.

ARTICLE 28. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a) All Developed Works and other materials, data, transactions of all forms, financial information, documentation, inventions, designs and methods obtained from the County in connection with the Services performed under this Agreement, made or developed by the Contractor or its subcontractors in the course of the performance of such Services, or the results of such Services, or which the County holds the proprietary rights, constitute Confidential Information and may not, without the prior written consent of the County, be used by the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers for any purpose other than for the benefit of the County, unless required by law. In addition to the foregoing, all County employee information and County financial information shall be considered Confidential Information and shall be subject to all the

requirements stated herein. Neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers may sell, transfer, publish, disclose, display, license or otherwise make available to others any part of such Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the County. Additionally, the Contractor expressly agrees to be bound by and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, and their officers and employees from the breach of any federal, state or local law in regard to the privacy of individuals.

- b) The Contractor shall advise each of its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers who may be exposed to such Confidential Information of their obligation to keep such information confidential and shall promptly advise the County in writing if it learns of any unauthorized use or disclosure of the Confidential Information by any of its employees or agents, or subcontractor's or supplier's employees, present or former. In addition, the Contractor agrees to cooperate fully and provide any assistance necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.
- c) It is understood and agreed that in the event of a breach of this Article damages may not be an adequate remedy and the County shall be entitled to injunctive relief to restrain any such breach or threatened breach. Unless otherwise requested by the County, upon the completion of the Services performed hereunder, the Contractor shall immediately turn over to the County all such Confidential Information existing in tangible form, and no copies thereof shall be retained by the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers without the prior written consent of the County. A certificate evidencing compliance with this provision and signed by an officer of the Contractor shall accompany such materials.

ARTICLE 29. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

As a political subdivision of the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County is subject to the stipulations of Florida's Public Records Law.

The Contractor acknowledges that all computer software in the County's possession may constitute or contain information or materials which the County has agreed to protect as proprietary information from disclosure or unauthorized use and may also constitute or contain information or materials which the County has developed at its own expense, the disclosure of which could harm the County's proprietary interest therein.

During the term of the contract, the Contractor will not use directly or indirectly for itself or for others, or publish or disclose to any third party, or remove from the County's property, any computer programs, data compilations, or other software which the County has developed, has used or is using, is holding for use, or which are otherwise in the possession of the County (hereinafter "Computer Software"). All third-party license agreements must also be honored by the contractors and their employees, except as authorized by the County and, if the Computer Software has been leased or purchased by the County, all hired party license agreements must also be honored by the contractors' employees with the approval of the lessor or Contractors thereof. This includes mainframe, minis, telecommunications, personal computers and any and all information technology software.

The Contractor will report to the County any information discovered or which is disclosed to the Contractor which may relate to the improper use, publication, disclosure or removal from the County's property of any information technology software and hardware and will take such steps as are within the Contractor's authority to prevent improper use, disclosure or removal.

ARTICLE 30. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

- a) The Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees that the County retains all rights, title and interests in and to all materials, data, documentation and copies thereof furnished by the County to the Contractor hereunder or furnished by the Contractor to the County and/or created by the Contractor for delivery to the County, even if unfinished or in process, as a result of the Services the Contractor performs in connection with this Agreement, including all copyright and other proprietary rights therein, which the Contractor as well as its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers may use only in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not, without the prior written consent of the County, use such documentation on any other project in which the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers are or may become engaged. Submission or distribution by the Contractor to meet official regulatory requirements or for other purposes in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement shall not be construed as publication in derogation of the County's copyrights or other proprietary rights.
- b) All rights, title and interest in and to certain inventions, ideas, designs and methods, specifications and other documentation related thereto developed by the Contractor and its subcontractors specifically for the County, hereinafter referred to as "Developed Works" shall become the property of the County.
- c) Accordingly, neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers shall have any proprietary interest in such Developed Works. The Developed Works may not be utilized, reproduced or distributed by or on behalf of the Contractor, or any employee, agent, subcontractor or supplier thereof, without the prior written consent of the County, except as required for the Contractor's performance hereunder.
- d) Except as otherwise provided in subsections a, b, and c above, or elsewhere herein, the Contractor and its subcontractors and suppliers hereunder shall retain all proprietary rights in and to all Licensed Software provided hereunder, that have not been customized to satisfy the performance criteria set forth in the Scope of Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor hereby grants, and shall require that its subcontractors and suppliers grant, if the County so desires, a perpetual, irrevocable and unrestricted right and license to use, duplicate, disclose and/or permit any other person(s) or entity(ies) to use all such Licensed Software and the associated specifications, technical data and other Documentation for the operations of the County or entities controlling, controlled by, under common control with, or affiliated with the County, or organizations which may hereafter be formed by or become affiliated with the County. Such license specifically includes, but is not limited to, the right of the County to use and/or disclose, in whole or in part, the technical documentation and Licensed Software, including source code provided hereunder, to any person or entity outside the County for such person's or entity's use in furnishing any and/or all of the Deliverables provided hereunder exclusively for the County or entities controlling, controlled by, under common control with, or affiliated with the County, or organizations which may hereafter be formed by or become affiliated with the County. No such License Software, specifications, data, documentation or related information shall be deemed to have been given in confidence and any statement or legend to the contrary shall be void and of no effect.

ARTICLE 31. VENDOR REGISTRATION/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**a) Vendor Registration**

The Contractor shall be a registered vendor with the County – Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division, for the duration of this Agreement. In becoming a Registered Vendor with Miami-Dade County, the Contractor confirms its knowledge of and commitment to comply with the following:

1. **Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
2. **Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure Affidavit**
(Section 2-8-1(d)(2) of the County Code)
3. **Miami-Dade Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification**
(Section 2-8.1.2(b) of the County Code)
4. **Miami-Dade Disability and Nondiscrimination Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1.5 of the County Code)
5. **Miami-Dade County Debarment Disclosure Affidavit**
(Section 10.38 of the County Code)
6. **Miami-Dade County Vendor Obligation to County Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
7. **Miami-Dade County Code of Business Ethics Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1(i) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and Section 2-11.1(c) of the County Code)
8. **Miami-Dade County Family Leave Affidavit**
(Article V of Chapter 11 of the County Code)
9. **Miami-Dade County Living Wage Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.9 of the County Code)
10. **Miami-Dade County Domestic Leave and Reporting Affidavit**
(Article 8, Section 11A-60 11A-67 of the County Code)
11. **Subcontracting Practices**
(Ordinance 97-35)
12. **Subcontractor /Supplier Listing**
(Section 2-8.8 of the County Code)
13. **Environmentally Acceptable Packaging**
(Resolution R-738-92)
14. **W-9 and 8109 Forms**
(as required by the Internal Revenue Service)
15. **FEIN Number or Social Security Number**
In order to establish a file, the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) must be provided. If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner or individual must be provided. This number becomes Contractor's "County Vendor Number". To comply with Section 119.071(5) of the Florida Statutes relating to the collection of an individual's Social Security Number, be aware that the County requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:
 - Identification of individual account records
 - To make payments to individual/Contractor for goods and services provided to Miami-Dade County
 - Tax reporting purposes
 - To provide a unique identifier in the vendor database that may be used for searching and sorting departmental records
16. **Office of the Inspector General**
(Section 2-1076 of the County Code)
17. **Small Business Enterprises**
The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all small business enterprises pursuant to Sections 2-8.2, 2-8.2.3 and 2-8.2.4 of the County Code and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
18. **Antitrust Laws**
By acceptance of any contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with all antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

b) Conflict of Interest

Section 2-11.1(d) of Miami-Dade County Code requires that any County employee or any member of the employee's immediate family who has a controlling financial interest, direct or indirect, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County, competing or applying for a contract, must first request a conflict of interest opinion from the County's Ethics Commission prior to their or their immediate family member's entering into any contract or transacting any business through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family has a controlling financial interest, direct or indirect, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County. Any such contract or business engagement entered in violation of this subsection, as amended, shall be rendered voidable. For additional information, please contact the Ethics Commission hotline at (305) 579-2593.

ARTICLE 32. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS**Independent Private Sector Inspector General Reviews**

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Administrative Order 3-20, the County has the right to retain the services of an Independent Private Sector Inspector General (hereinafter "IPSIG"), whenever the County deems it appropriate to do so. Upon written notice from the County, the Contractor shall make available to the IPSIG retained by the County, all requested records and documentation pertaining to this Agreement for inspection and reproduction. The County shall be responsible for the payment of these IPSIG services, and under no circumstance shall the Contractor's prices and any changes thereto approved by the County, be inclusive of any charges relating to these IPSIG services. The terms of this provision apply to the Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors and assignees. Nothing contained in this provision shall impair any independent right of the County to conduct an audit or investigate the operations, activities and performance of the Contractor in connection with this Agreement. The terms of this Article shall not impose any liability on the County by the Contractor or any third party.

Miami-Dade County Inspector General Review

According to Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General which may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts, throughout the duration of said contracts, except as otherwise provided below. The cost of the audit for this Contract shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the total contract amount which cost shall be included in the total contract amount. The audit cost will be deducted by the County from progress payments to the Contractor. The audit cost shall also be included in all change orders and all contract renewals and extensions.

Exception: The above application of one quarter (1/4) of one percent fee assessment shall not apply to the following contracts: (a) IPSIG contracts; (b) contracts for legal services; (c) contracts for financial advisory services; (d) auditing contracts; (e) facility rentals and lease agreements; (f) concessions and other rental agreements; (g) insurance contracts; (h) revenue-generating contracts; (i) contracts where an IPSIG is assigned at the time the contract is approved by the Commission; (j) professional service agreements under \$1,000; (k) management agreements; (l) small purchase orders as defined in Miami-Dade County Administrative Order 3-38; (m) federal, state and local government-funded grants; and (n) interlocal agreements. ***Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners may authorize the inclusion of the fee assessment of one quarter (1/4) of one percent in any exempted contract at the time of award.***

Nothing contained above shall in any way limit the powers of the Inspector General to perform audits on all County contracts including, but not limited to, those contracts specifically exempted above. The Miami-Dade County Inspector General is authorized and empowered to review past, present and proposed County and Public Health Trust contracts, transactions, accounts, records and programs. In addition, the Inspector General has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records and monitor existing projects and programs. Monitoring of an existing project or program may include a report concerning whether the project is on time, within budget and in conformance with plans, specifications and applicable law. The Inspector General is empowered to analyze the necessity of and reasonableness of proposed change orders to the Contract. The Inspector General is empowered to retain the services of independent private sector inspectors general (IPSIG) to audit, investigate, monitor, oversee, inspect and review operations, activities, performance and procurement process, including but not limited to project design, specifications, proposal submittals, activities of the Contractor, its officers, agents and employees, lobbyists, County staff and elected officials to ensure compliance with contract specifications and to detect fraud and corruption.

Upon written notice to the Contractor from the Inspector General or IPSIG retained by the Inspector General, the Contractor shall make all requested records and documents available to the Inspector General or IPSIG for inspection and copying. The Inspector General and IPSIG shall have the right to inspect and copy all documents and records in the Contractor's possession, custody or control which, in the Inspector General's or IPSIG's sole judgment, pertain to performance of the contract, including, but not limited to original estimate files, change order estimate files, worksheets, proposals and agreements form and which successful and unsuccessful subcontractors and suppliers, all project-related correspondence, memoranda, instructions, financial documents, construction documents, proposal and contract documents, back-charge documents, all documents and records which involve cash, trade or volume discounts, insurance proceeds, rebates, or dividends received, payroll and personnel records, and supporting documentation for the aforesaid documents and records.

ARTICLE 33. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor agrees to comply, subject to applicable professional standards, with the provisions of any and all applicable Federal, State and the County orders, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations which may pertain to the Services required under this Agreement, including, but not limited to:

- a) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), in compliance with Executive Order 11246 as amended and applicable to this Contract.
- b) Miami-Dade County Florida, Department of Small Business Development Participation Provisions, as applicable to this Contract.
- c) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as applicable to this Contract.
- d) Miami-Dade County Code, Chapter 11A, Article 3. All contractors and subcontractors performing work in connection with this Contract shall provide equal opportunity for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The aforesaid provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in a conspicuous place available for employees and applicants for employment, such notices as may be required by the Dade County Fair Housing and Employment Commission, or other authority having jurisdiction over the work setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination law.
- e) "Conflicts of Interest" Section 2-11 of the County Code, and Ordinance 01-199.
- f) Miami-Dade County Code Section 10-38 "Debarment".
- g) Miami-Dade County Ordinance 99-5, codified at 11A-60 et. seq. of Miami-Dade Code pertaining to complying with the County's Domestic Leave Ordinance.
- h) Miami-Dade County Ordinance 99-152, prohibiting the presentation, maintenance, or prosecution of false or fraudulent claims against Miami-Dade County.

The Contractor shall hold all licenses and/or certifications, obtain and pay for all permits and/or inspections, and comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and building code requirements applicable to the work required herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the

County or Contractor for failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, certifications, permits and/or inspections shall be borne by the Contractor. The Project Manager shall verify the certification(s), license(s), permit(s), etc. for the Contractor prior to authorizing work and as needed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall not be required pursuant to this Agreement to take any action or abstain from taking any action if such action or abstention would, in the good faith determination of the Contractor, constitute a violation of any law or regulation to which Contractor is subject, including but not limited to laws and regulations requiring that Contractor conduct its operations in a safe and sound manner.

ARTICLE 34. NONDISCRIMINATION

During the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees to not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or veteran status, and will take affirmative action to ensure that employees and applicants are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Such action shall be taken with reference to, but not limited to: recruitment, employment, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on the job training.

By entering into this Contract, the Contractor attests that it is not in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (and related Acts) or Miami-Dade County Resolution No. R-385-95. If the Contractor or any owner, subsidiary or other firm affiliated with or related to the Contractor is found by the responsible enforcement agency or the County to be in violation of the Act or the Resolution, such violation shall render this Contract void. This Contract shall be void if the Contractor submits a false affidavit pursuant to this Resolution or the Contractor violates the Act or the Resolution during the term of this Contract, even if the Contractor was not in violation at the time it submitted its affidavit.

ARTICLE 35. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Contractor represents that:

- a) No officer, director, employee, agent, or other consultant of the County or a member of the immediate family or household of the aforesaid has directly or indirectly received or been promised any form of benefit, payment or compensation, whether tangible or intangible, in connection with the award of this Agreement.
- b) There are no undisclosed persons or entities interested with the Contractor in this Agreement. This Agreement is entered into by the Contractor without any connection with any other entity or person making a proposal for the same purpose, and without collusion, fraud or conflict of interest. No elected or appointed officer or official, director, employee, agent or other consultant of the County, or of the State of Florida (including elected and appointed members of the legislative and executive branches of government), or a member of the immediate family or household of any of the aforesaid:
 - i) is interested on behalf of or through the Contractor directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever in the execution or the performance of this Agreement, or in the services, supplies or work, to which this Agreement relates or in any portion of the revenues; or

- ii) is an employee, agent, advisor, or consultant to the Contractor or to the best of the Contractor's knowledge any subcontractor or supplier to the Contractor.
- c) Neither the Contractor nor any officer, director, employee, agency, parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of the Contractor shall have an interest which is in conflict with the Contractor's faithful performance of its obligation under this Agreement; provided that the County, in its sole discretion, may consent in writing to such a relationship, provided the Contractor provides the County with a written notice, in advance, which identifies all the individuals and entities involved and sets forth in detail the nature of the relationship and why it is in the County's best interest to consent to such relationship.
- d) The provisions of this Article are supplemental to, not in lieu of, all applicable laws with respect to conflict of interest. In the event there is a difference between the standards applicable under this Agreement and those provided by statute, the stricter standard shall apply.
- e) In the event Contractor has no prior knowledge of a conflict of interest as set forth above and acquires information which may indicate that there may be an actual or apparent violation of any of the above, Contractor shall promptly bring such information to the attention of the County's Project Manager. Contractor shall thereafter cooperate with the County's review and investigation of such information, and comply with the instructions Contractor receives from the Project Manager in regard to remedying the situation.

ARTICLE 36. PRESS RELEASE OR OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Under no circumstances shall the Contractor without the express written consent of the County:

- a) Issue or permit to be issued any press release, advertisement or literature of any kind which refers to the County, or the Work being performed hereunder, unless the Contractor first obtains the written approval of the County. Such approval may be withheld if for any reason the County believes that the publication of such information would be harmful to the public interest or is in any way undesirable; and
- b) Communicate in any way with any contractor, department, board, agency, commission or other organization or any person whether governmental or private in connection with the Services to be performed hereunder except upon prior written approval and instruction of the County; and
- c) Except as may be required by law, the Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors and suppliers will not represent, directly or indirectly, that any product or service provided by the Contractor or such parties has been approved or endorsed by the County.

ARTICLE 37. BANKRUPTCY

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, if, during the term of any contract the Contractor has with the County, the Contractor becomes involved as a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding, or becomes involved in a reorganization, dissolution, or liquidation proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Contractor under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law.

ARTICLE 38. GOVERNING LAW

This Contract, including appendices, and all matters relating to this Contract (whether in contract, statute, tort (such as negligence), or otherwise) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be Miami-Dade County.

ARTICLE 39. FIRST SOURCE HIRING REFERRAL PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 2-2113 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, for all contracts for goods and services, the Contractor, prior to hiring to fill each vacancy arising under a County contract shall (1) first notify the South Florida Workforce Investment Board ("SFWIB"), the designated Referral Agency, of the vacancy and list the vacancy with SFWIB according to the Code, and (2) make good faith efforts as determined by the County to fill a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of its employment needs under the County contract through the SFWIB. If no suitable candidates can be employed after a Referral Period of three to five days, the Contractor is free to fill its vacancies from other sources. Contractor will be required to provide quarterly reports to the SFWIB indicating the name and number of employees hired in the previous quarter, or why referred candidates were rejected. Sanctions for non-compliance shall include, but not be limited to: (i) suspension of contract until Contractor performs obligations, if appropriate; (ii) default and/or termination; and (iii) payment of \$1,500/employee, or the value of the wages that would have been earned given the noncompliance, whichever is less. Registration procedures and additional information regarding the FSHRP are available at <https://iapps.southfloridaworkforce.com/firstsource/>.

ARTICLE 40. PUBLIC RECORDS AND CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED ON BEHALF OF A PUBLIC AGENCY

The Contractor shall comply with the state of FL Public Records Law, s. 119.0701, F.S., specifically to: (1) keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the public agency in order to perform the service; (2) provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law; (3) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and (4) meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Contractor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency. If the Contractor does not comply with a public records request, the public agency shall enforce contract provisions in accordance with the contract.

ARTICLE 41. LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT PROTOCOL

- a) During the pendency of the legal services engagement, Contractor shall not, without HUD's approval, represent any officer or employee of County, in her/his individual capacity, in connection with potential civil liability or criminal conduct issues related to the County's operations.
- b) Contractor has an obligation not to, and shall not, interfere with, disrupt, or inappropriately delay or hinder any authorized monitoring, review, audit, or investigative activity of HUD

(including the Office of Inspector General), the General Accounting Office (GAO), or the officers and employees of HUD and GAO. Any and all representation by the Contractor cannot be inconsistent with the foregoing obligation. Specifically, Contractor shall not deny access to HUD, GAO, or the officers and employees of HUD and GAO, to County records in response to document demands by HUD, GAO, or the officers and employees of HUD and GAO, notwithstanding possible discovery privileges that would otherwise be available to the County. HUD requires public housing agencies to provide HUD, GAO, or the officers and agents of HUD and GAO, with "full and free" access to all their books, documents, papers and records. See 24 CFR. §85.42(e)(1); HUD Handbook 7460.7 REV-2, §1-2(B)(2).

- c) The County and Contractor shall make available for inspection and copying, by HUD (including the Office of Inspector General), GAO, and the officers and employees of HUD and GAO, all invoices, detailed billing statements, and evidence of payment thereof relating to Contractor's engagement. Such records constitute "PHA records" and are subject to section c, above.
- d) If HUD or the County determines that Contractor is violating any provision of this Article it shall timely notify Contractor of such violation. Contractor will have forty-eight (48) hours following its receipt of the notice of violation to cease and desist from further violation of the addendum. If Contractor fails to adequately cure the noticed violation within forty-eight (48) hours: (A) HUD, in its discretion, may demand that the County terminate this Agreement for breach, or, henceforth, satisfy all costs associated with the engagement with non-Federal funds; and/or (B) the County in its discretion, may terminate this Agreement for breach. Additionally, HUD may sanction the Contractor pursuant to 24 CFR. Part 24.
- e) Should any part, term, or provision of this Article be declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, and provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected.

ARTICLE 42. INTEREST OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AND FORMER MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES

No member, officer, or employee of the County, no member of the governing body of the locality in which the project is situated, no member of the governing body in which the County was activated, and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project, shall, during his or her tenure, or for one year thereafter, have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE 43. LIMITATIONS ON PAYMENTS TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN FEDERAL TRANSACTIONS

- a) Definitions. As used in this article:

"Agency", as defined in 5 U.S.C. 552(f), includes Federal executive departments and agencies as well as independent regulatory commissions and Government corporations, as defined in 31 U.S.C. 9101(1).

"Covered Federal Action" means any of the following Federal actions:

- (i) The awarding of any Federal contract;
- (ii) The making of any Federal grant;
- (iii) The making of any Federal loan;

- (iv) The entering into of any cooperative agreement; and,
- (v) The extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement

"Covered Federal action does not include receiving from an agency a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan.

"Indian tribe" and "tribal organization" have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450B). Alaskan Natives are included under the definitions of Indian tribes in that Act.

"Influencing or attempting to influence" means making, with the intent to influence, any communication to or appearance before an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any covered Federal action.

"Local government" means a unit of government in a State and, if chartered, established, or otherwise recognized by a State for the performance of a governmental duty, including a local public authority, a special district, an intrastate district, a council of governments, a sponsor group representative organization, and any other instrumentality of a local government.

"Officer or employee of an agency" includes the following individuals who are employed by an agency:

- i. An individual who is appointed to a position in the Government under title 5, U.S.C., including a position under a temporary appointment;
- ii. A member of the uniformed services as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.;
- iii. A special Government employee as defined in section 202, title 18, U.S.C.; and
- iv. An individual who is a member of a Federal advisory committee, as defined by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, title 45, appendix 2.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association, authority, firm, partnership, society, State, and local government, regardless of whether such entity is operated for profit or not for profit. This term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

"Recipient" includes all contractors, subcontractors at any tier, and subgrantees at any tier of the recipient of funds received in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. The term excludes an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization with respect to expenditures specifically permitted by other Federal law.

"Regularly employed means, with respect to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, an officer or employee who is employed by such person for at least 130 working days within one year immediately preceding the date of the submission that initiates agency consideration of such person for receipt of such contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. An officer or employee who is employed by such person for less than 130 working days within one year immediately preceding the date of submission that initiates agency consideration of such person shall be considered to be regularly employed as soon as he or she is employed by such person for 130 working days.

"State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a territory or possession of the United States, an agency or instrumentality of a State, and a multi-State, regional, or interstate entity having governmental duties and powers.

b) Prohibition.

- i. Section 1352 of title 31, U.S.C. provides in part that no appropriated funds may be expended by the recipient of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any of the following covered Federal actions; the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- ii. The prohibition does not apply as follows:
 - (1) Agency and legislative liaison by Own Employees.
 - (a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in paragraph (i) of this section, does not apply in the case of a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, if the payment is for agency and legislative activities not directly related to a covered Federal action.
 - (b) For purposes of paragraph (b)(i)(1)(a) of this clause, providing any information specifically requested by an agency or Congress is permitted at any time.
 - (c) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted at any time only where they are not related to a specific solicitation for any covered Federal action:
 - (1) Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstrations) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and
 - (2) Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services for an agency's use.
 - (d) The following agency and legislative liaison activities are permitted where they are prior to formal solicitation of any covered Federal action:
 - (1) Providing any information not specifically requested but necessary for an agency to make an informed decision about initiation of a covered Federal action;
 - (2) Technical discussions regarding the preparation of an unsolicited proposal prior to its official submission; and
 - (3) Capability presentations by persons seeking awards from an agency

pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95-507 and other subsequent amendments.

- (e) Only those activities expressly authorized by subdivision (b)(ii)(1)(a) of this clause are permitted under this clause.
- (2) Professional and technical services.
 - (a) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply in the case of-
 - i. a payment of reasonable compensation made to an officer or employee of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action, if payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action
 - ii. Any reasonable payment to a person, other than an officer or employee of a person, requesting or receiving a covered Federal action or an extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a covered Federal action if the payment is for professional or technical services rendered directly in the preparation, submission, or negotiation of any bid, proposal, or application for that Federal action or for meeting requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving that Federal action. Persons other than officers or employees of a person requesting or receiving a covered Federal action include consultants and trade associations.
 - (b) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii)(2)(a) of clause, "professional and technical services" shall be limited to advice and analysis directly applying any professional or technical discipline.
 - (c) Requirements imposed by or pursuant to law as a condition for receiving a covered Federal award include those required by law or regulation, or reasonably expected to be required by law or regulation, and any other requirements in the actual award document.
 - i. Selling activities by independent sales representatives.
 - (d) The prohibition on the use of appropriated funds, in subparagraph (b)(i) of this clause, does not apply to the following selling activities before an agency by independent sales representatives, provided such activities are prior to formal solicitation by an agency and are specifically limited to the merits of the matter.
 - i. Discussing with an agency (including individual demonstration) the qualities and characteristics of the person's products or services, conditions or terms of sale, and service capabilities; and
 - ii. Technical discussions and other activities regarding the application or adaptation of the person's products or services

for an agency's use.

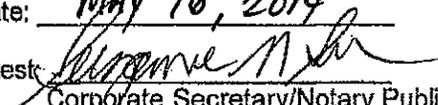
- (e) Agreement. In accepting any contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or loan resulting from this solicitation, the person submitting the offer agrees not to make any payment prohibited by this clause.
- (f) Penalties. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be subject to civil penalties as provided for by 31 U.S.C. 1352. An imposition of a civil penalty does not prevent the Government from seeking any other remedy that may be applicable.
- (g) Cost Allowability. Nothing in this clause is to be interpreted to make allowable or reasonable any costs which would be unallowable or unreasonable in accordance with Part 31 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or OMB Circulars dealing with cost allowability for recipients of assistance agreements. Conversely, costs made specifically unallowable by the requirements in this clause will not be made allowable under any of the provisions of FAR Part 31 or the relevant OMB Circulars.

ARTICLE 44. SURVIVAL

The parties acknowledge that any of the obligations in this Agreement will survive the term, termination and cancellation hereof. Accordingly, the respective obligations of the Contractor and the County under this Agreement, which by nature would continue beyond the termination, cancellation or expiration thereof, shall survive termination, cancellation or expiration hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement effective as of the contract date herein above set forth.

Contractor

By: 
 Name: NEIL A. DELEON
 Title: PRESIDENT
 Date: MAY 16, 2014
 Attest: 
 Corporate Secretary/Notary Public

Miami-Dade County

By: _____
 Name: Carlos A. Gimenez
 Title: Mayor
 Date: _____
 Attest: _____
 Clerk of the Board

Corporate Seal/Notary Seal

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency



SUZANNE N SUN
MY COMMISSION # EE 840116
EXPIRES: October 2, 2016
Bonded Third Budget Notary Services

Assistant County Attorney

APPENDIX A SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Background

The County as represented by Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) owns and operates approximately 9,200 units of public housing in Miami-Dade County. The primary mission of the public housing program is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing to extremely low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled. The County is contracting with private attorney to pursue evictions against residents for criminal activity, drug activity, violent or destructive behavior, non-payment of rent and/or any other violations of their lease.

The County relies on two income sources to operate its public housing: a) subsidies from United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and b) rent collected from the public housing residents. In exchange for accepting the subsidy from HUD, the County agrees to operate its public housing pursuant to a complex set of regulations. The intent of these regulations is to ensure that the County provides decent, safe, and sanitary housing, and that residents are treated in a fair and equitable manner.

In order to maintain decent, safe, and sanitary housing for all residents and meet its obligation as a landlord, it is sometimes necessary for the County to evict residents. The County pursues approximately one-thousand (1000) evictions per year. The County pursues evictions in accordance with Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes (Landlord/Tenant Act), the adopted Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity policy based on the Federal "One Strike Law". The County is committed to effectuating the purpose of the "One Strike and You're Out" Policy which has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The County makes every effort to resolve lease violations with residents. In the event that it is necessary to evict, residents are afforded ample due process protections, which include the following:

- a) The resident is provided with a mailed or hand-delivered notice, identifying the specific reasons why he or she is being considered for eviction.
- b) The resident can request a grievance hearing in front of a panel (Grievance Board) of three uninterested persons to review the decision to evict. Whatever decision is made by the Grievance Board is binding on the County.
- c) If the matter cannot be resolved, an eviction is filed in County Court where the resident has the opportunity to file an answer and defend against the eviction.

2. Minimum Qualification Requirements

The Contractor or personnel of the Contractor who will provide attorney services to the County shall:

- A. Remain a member in good standing, and maintain that membership, with the Florida Bar and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, during the term of the contract, including any renewals or extensions.
- B. Continue to be able to practice in federal bankruptcy court in the Southern District of Florida, or have acquired the services of a bankruptcy specialist that is authorized to practice in the Southern District of Florida, during the term of the contract, including any renewals or extensions.

3. Services to be Provided

The Contractor shall:

- A. Stay current and be familiar with Florida's Landlord/Tenant Act, public housing laws and regulations, particularly laws and regulations regarding tenancy, evictions, grievance hearings, and any other laws that may apply to each case.
- B. Follow instructions of County designated staff, particularly Site Managers and Asset Management staff, in preparing and filing cases for eviction. The Contractor will also be required to consult from time to time with the County, and in some cases the County Attorney's Office (CAO) throughout the eviction process to determine how to proceed, what resolution is appropriate, whether to consider settlement, etc.
- C. Work with the CAO, when the CAO determines that it is in the best interest of the County to do so: either because a particular eviction action involves an important principle, legal or otherwise; or because the CAO is representing the County in an action that requires the cooperation of the Contractor;

- D. Assist County staff in the preparation of notices that are required to be sent prior to initiating an eviction;
- E. File eviction actions at the appropriate Court (primarily electronically through the Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts, or United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida) and see these actions through appropriate resolution.
- F. Perform the following tasks, as applicable, in the eviction actions, as may be requested by the County:
 - 1) Move for default;
 - 2) Seek default final judgment;
 - 3) Defend the County when any cross claims or counterclaims are filed against it in any eviction action;
 - 4) Consult with Site Managers/Asset Management staff, and the CAO if necessary, in the event that an eviction action results in an appeal or raises issues beyond the scope of the initial eviction action;
 - 5) Attend hearings, mediations, and depositions;
 - 6) Conduct discovery actions;
 - 7) Where appropriate, defend the County against unwarranted discovery requests;
 - 8) Attend pre-trial calendar, status conference, and calendar call;
 - 9) Represent the County in bench or jury trial;
 - 10) Attend bankruptcy court proceedings in order to move to dismiss bankruptcies, move for relief from stay, assert any claims on behalf of the County, attend creditors meetings, and confirmation hearings;
 - 11) Represent the County in adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court;
 - 12) Prepare and make all appropriate motions;
 - 13) Defend County in all motions made against it;
 - 14) Take all necessary action to properly represent the County in its eviction processes.
- G. Remain current on recent case law developments and all changes in landlord-tenant law, public housing law, bankruptcy law, civil procedure, any other relevant laws, any and all HUD requirements, and PHCD lease policies and procedures.
- H. Represent the County on grievance matters concerning evictions and other Public Housing client claims not resolved by PHCD Asset Management staff.
- I. Provide monthly status reports by site, to site personnel and the Director of the PHCD Asset Management division, consisting of a list of all current actions (eviction, bankruptcy, grievance, etc.) by Client name, Client Number, and Case number; the status of each action; and the cost for each case.
- J. Develop and present training to the County's Site Managers as requested, and after review by the CAO, on changes to landlord-tenant law and associated areas impacting Public Housing civil procedures with intent to improve case preparation and conclusion. Training shall also include advising Site Managers on what they need to file, when to file and the appropriate language that should be included in any letters submitted to tenants slated for potential and/or for eviction purposes that comply with all Federal Regulations and Florida Law.

4. Additional Services

The Contractor shall perform additional related services (within the Scope of Services requirements) herein, as may be requested by the County upon receipt of a County approved request for quote. These additional services are unforeseen circumstances where PHCD may need additional legal representation that is not covered within a regular eviction case, due to lease violations. For example, in the event an eviction case extends longer than the amount of time estimated, due to issues that PHCD must handle through Children and Families Services, because of hoarder cases and evictions that can result with a tenant becoming homeless, or evictions that may result in a fair housing claim against the County/PHCD, where additional services may be needed to defend the County on these cases.

5. Optional Services

In the event the Contractor shall require any Court Reporting Services and/or Translator Services, these services shall be charged at cost, after written notification to the County. The Contractor must present all Court Reports and/or Translated Documents, to include invoices from the court reporting and/or translator providers, to the County for billing/payment purposes.

6. Payment for Filing Eviction Actions

The Contractor will be paid a Flat Rate for filing eviction actions inclusive of all items required to file, that negotiate a resolution. This includes Section B, a) and b) below. Refer to Appendix B, Price Schedule.

A. Non Court Related Actions

Non-court related actions include consultation with County Staff; Grievance Board Consultation; reviewing termination notices, if necessary; reviewing eviction/resident file prior to filing of eviction action; drafting and executing any settlement agreement; writing letters on the County's behalf; and photo copying charges, faxing, etc. The flat rate is inclusive of all fees and tasks deemed necessary to negotiate a resolution (settlement). If no settlement is reached, then no fees shall be assessed under the non-court related actions, and the case shall be considered a court related eviction action (item B below).

B. Court Related Actions

Court related actions include all In-Court and Out-of-Court appearances, preparation for court appearance, witness meetings, client consultations, settlement discussions, photo copying charges, faxing, etc., associated with filing eviction actions, mediations and hearings following mediation for nonpayment of rent eviction and lease violation/"for cause" eviction that includes the following:

- a) Pre-filing consultation (inclusive of reviewing eviction/resident file and reviewing termination notices, if necessary); assistance to the County in the preparation of the eviction notices; filing complaints, serving summons and complaints with the applicable court; continuous consultation with Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development staff on the eviction action; moving for, attending hearings, and obtaining defaults and default final judgments when defendants do not comply with the rules of the court, including but not limited to the failure to deposit rent in court registry or responding to the complaint as prescribed by law; obtaining Writs of Possession; attending mediation with the County's Site Manager(s), and/or designee; obtaining closure of case, voluntary dismissals, any exhibit preparations; and for any hearing that may follow for non-payment of rent eviction and for lease violation/"for cause" eviction, which includes preparing documents to disperse funds from the Court registry; reviewing language of court stipulation before execution and preparing documents to disperse funds from Court registry.
- b) Filing eviction actions inclusive of all items to file bench trial and jury trial, defendant represented. In the instance that the Resident fails to comply with voluntary and/or court-ordered stipulations the Site Manager will advise the Contractor and the Contractor shall seek to pursue further eviction action against the tenant, including but not limited: to seeking final judgment and Writ of Possession at no additional charge to the County. The flat rate is inclusive of all fees in the event that a hearing follows mediation for delinquent rent and/or lease violation and any other purposes deemed necessary to resolve the case.

C. Bankruptcy Proceedings

Bankruptcy proceedings includes all court appearances, attendance at depositions, all preparation for court appearance, witness meetings, client consultations, settlement discussions, assertion of any claims on behalf of the County, motion to dismiss bankruptcy, motion for relief from stay, motion opposing confirmation plans, filing proof of claim, attending creditors meetings, attending confirmation hearings, making any other necessary appearances in bankruptcy court, and photo copying charges, faxing, etc.

**Appendix B
Price Schedule**

A. Filing Eviction Actions - Non Court Related

Price shown below is a flat rate for providing the non-court related services for filing evictions action, as stated in Appendix A, Scope of Services. Refer to Section 6 (A) for examples of non-court related services. This flat rate shall include all fees for the tasks deemed necessary to negotiate a resolution/settlement. If no settlement is reached, then this process shall rollover into the court related eviction actions in Section B below and no fees shall be applied under non court related actions (refer to Section 6).

Flat Rate for Non-Court Related Services	\$700.00
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B. Filing Eviction Actions - Court Related

Price shown below is a flat rate for providing the court related services as stated in Appendix A, Scope of Services. Refer to Section 6 (B) for examples of court related services. This flat rate shall include all in-court and out-of-court costs associated with filing eviction actions, mediations and hearings following mediation for nonpayment of rent eviction and lease violation/"for cause" eviction, in addition to all fees in the event that a hearing follows mediation for delinquent rent and/or lease violation and any other purposes deemed necessary to resolve the case.

Flat Rate for Court Related Services	\$800.00
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C. Bankruptcy Proceedings

Price shown below is a flat rate for providing bankruptcy proceedings services as stated in Appendix A, Scope of Services. Refer to Section 6 (C) for examples of these types of services. This flat rate shall include all fees for the tasks deemed necessary to resolve the case.

Flat Rate for Bankruptcy Proceedings	\$500.00
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D. Additional Services

The hourly rate shown below is for performing any additional related services as may be requested by the County.

Additional Services	\$ 150.00 (Not to Exceed Price Per Hour)
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E. Optional Services

Should the Contractor require any Court Reporting Services and/or Translator Services, they will be charged at cost, after written notification to the County. The Contractor must present all Court Reports and/or Translated Documents, to include invoices from the providers, to the County for billing/payment purposes.

Notes:

1. The rates above in Sections A through D shall be fixed and firm for the initial contract term. The rates for the option years shall be negotiated.
2. Any extensions pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement will be at the then current rates.
3. All out-of-pocket expenses, including employee travel, per diem and miscellaneous costs and fees, are included in the Contractor's price, and will not be reimbursed separately by the County.
4. Notwithstanding the rates above, compensation to the Contractor shall be based on Article 9, Method and Times of Payment. The Contractor shall not exceed the flat rates, stated above in Sections A through C, for providing the services, except as increased pursuant to Article 8 of the Contract.
5. Notwithstanding the proposed hourly rates in Sections D above, the County reserves the right to negotiate the not-to-exceed pricing on a project by project basis, at the County's sole discretion.

Memorandum



Date: May 7, 2014

To: Lester Sola
Director
Internal Services Department

Thru: Miriam Singer, CPPO *M. Singer*
Assistant Director
Internal Services Department

From: Lydia Osborne, CPPO, CPPB *Lydia Osborne*
Procurement Contracting Officer
Chairperson, Evaluation/Selection Committee

Subject: Report of Evaluation/Selection Committee for RFP No. 00042 Private Attorney Services for Public Housing and Community Development

The County issued a solicitation to obtain proposals for private attorney services to pursue evictions against residents for criminal activity, drug activity, violent or destructive behavior, non-payment of rent and/or any other violations of their lease. The County, as represented by Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD), owns and operates approximately 9,200 units of public housing in Miami-Dade County, for low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled. In order to maintain decent, safe, and sanitary housing for all residents and meet its obligation as a landlord, it is sometimes necessary for the County to evict residents.

The Evaluation/Selection Committee (Committee) has completed the evaluation of proposals submitted in response to the solicitation following the guidelines published in the solicitation.

Committee meeting dates:

- April 16, 2014 (kick-off meeting)
- April 21, 2014 (kick-off meeting)
- April 29, 2104 (scoring, ranking and recommendation)

Verification of compliance with contract measures:

Not applicable since no contract measures were assigned to this solicitation, due to funding source.

Verification of compliance with minimum qualification requirements:

The solicitation had minimum qualification requirements which were reviewed by the Chairperson and the Committee. The sole proposer met the requirements.

Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprise Preference:

Not applicable to this solicitation due to funding source.

Summary of scores:

The preliminary scores are as follows:

Proposer	Technical Score (max. 320)	Price Score (max. 80)	Total Combined Score (max. 400)
De Leon & De Leon, P.A.	299	69	368

Price submitted is presented below:

Flat Rate for Non-Court Related Services	Flat Rate for Court Related Services	Flat Rate for Bankruptcy Proceedings	Not-to-exceed Hourly Rate for Additional Services
\$780.00	\$880.00	\$500.00	\$150.00

The Committee decided not to hold oral presentations. Price proposals were reviewed for the sole proposer after the review and scoring of the technical proposal.

Local Preference:

Local Preference is not applicable to this solicitation due to funding source.

Other information:

One member, Leonard Elias, Regulatory and Economic Resources, did not attend the Kick-Off or Evaluation meetings. The Committee voted to move forward without his scores, due to the time sensitive nature of procuring the services. The evaluation of proposals was completed without Mr. Elias' scores.

Negotiations:

The Committee recommends that the County enter into negotiations with the sole proposer, Leon de Leon P.A. The following individuals will participate in the negotiations:

- Lydia Osborne, Procurement Contracting Officer, ISD
- Steven Mayers, Real Estate Advisor, ISD
- Jeannie Mendoza, Director, Asset Management, PHCD

Consensus Statement:

The Committee recommends that the County enter into negotiations with the sole proposer, De Leon & De Leon, P.A. A. The firm is a member in good standing with the Florida Bar and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and is able to practice in federal bankruptcy court in the Southern District of Florida.

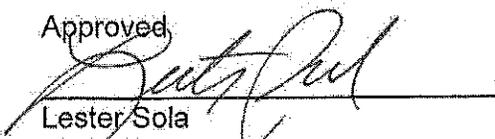
The Committee determined that the firm has the necessary qualifications, relevant experience in providing eviction services, is well experienced in Federal public housing law and regulations, landlord/tenant evictions and eviction matters, and has the resources required to provide the services for the County. De Leon & De Leon, P.A. has been in business since 1995, and has nine full time employees. Since May 2000, the firm has been providing eviction services for PHCD, and works well with both PHCD staff and County Attorneys. Specifically, the firm has brought over 2,936 successful summary procedure evictions in County court for nonpayment of rent cases and termination of leases for cause. For example, in one calendar year, the firm handled 486 total evictions, of which 432 were for non-payment or lease violations. All cases were resolved, either through the court process, mediated settlements or eviction of the tenant. The firm is well experienced with PHCD's policies and procedures, Conventional Public Housing Dwelling Lease, and Community policies.

The Co-Project Managers, Neil De Leon, and Kirk De Leon are the lead lawyers for the project, and have provided successful eviction service representation for PHCD, as well as other large commercial and not-for-profit federally funded landlords and low income housing providers. The firm will sponsor annual training to PHCD Asset Management staff, which will include any changes to laws and regulations.

The firm's proposal provided a well-developed and task appropriate approach, which ensures a close working relationship with the County. The firm's price is competitive for this market, and will be negotiated.

Copies of the score sheets are attached for each Committee member, as well as a composite score sheet.

Approved:


Lester Sola
Director


Date

Memorandum



Date: April 10, 2014
To: Those Listed Below
From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 
Subject: Appointment of Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department Request for Proposals for Private Attorney Services – RFP No. 00045

In accordance with Implementing Order 3-34, I am hereby appointing those listed below as the Selection Committee for Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department Request for Proposals for Private Attorney Services – RFP No. 00045.

Selection Committee

Lydia Osborne, ISD (Non-Voting Chairperson)
Steven Mayers, ISD
Edward Barberio, PHCD
Monica Perry, PHCD
Betty Jones, PHCD
Leonard Elias, RER
Jeannie Mendoza, PHCD (Alternate)

Technical Advisor

Robert Nunez, PHCD

You are directed to assist me in the selection process considering the factors delineated in the solicitation. If you are unable to participate in the selection process, contact this office through Small Business Development (SBD) by memorandum from your department director documenting the reason why you cannot participate. Only in cases of **dire** urgency may you be excused from participation.

Each Selection Committee member shall be responsible for evaluating, rating and ranking the proposals based on the criteria and procedure contained in the solicitation. The Selection Committee will meet to review the written proposals. If required, the Selection Committee will select firms to make oral presentations to the Selection Committee at a properly noticed public hearing. If proposers are invited to make oral presentations, the Selection Committee may re-rate and re-rank the proposals based upon the written documents combined with the oral presentation. You may utilize staff of the issuing department and the using agency to conduct a preliminary review of the proposals for responsiveness. All requests for responsiveness determinations shall be made in writing by the issuing department to the County Attorney's Office.

The alternate committee member will serve only in the event of an approved substitution. No substitution of committee members shall be allowed after the first official meeting of the committee. The Internal Services Department (ISD) may substitute the chairperson to ensure the appropriate level of staffing expertise as deemed necessary to accommodate the needs of this solicitation.

Upon completion of the evaluation process, the Selection Committee Chairperson shall prepare and submit a memorandum to include a narrative of the evaluation and justification of the recommended firm(s) and attach supporting documentation which MUST include the following information:

Name of firm(s)
Quality Rating Score
Price
Adjusted Score (if applicable)
Committee's Overall Ranking

This report should be submitted to me through ISD for review and consideration.

As a matter of administrative policy and to maintain a fair and impartial process, all individuals appointed to the Selection Committee (including the Chairperson) and staff are instructed to refrain from discussing the solicitation with prospective lobbyists and/or consultants. Selection Committee members are reminded that in accordance with the Code of Silence Ordinance 98-106, there are restrictions on communications regarding the solicitation with potential proposers, service providers, lobbyists, consultants, or any member of the County's professional staff. Violation of this policy could lead to termination of County service.

All questions must be directed to the staff contact person designated by the issuing department.

c: Lester Sola, Director, ISD
Greg Fortner, Director, PHCD
Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor/Director, RER
Gary T. Hartfield, SBD Division Director, ISD

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