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1.1. DEFINITIONS

Bid/Proposal – shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this solicitation.

Bidder/Contractor/Proposer – shall refer to anyone submitting a Bid in response to this solicitation.

Bid Solicitation – shall mean this solicitation documentation, including any and all addenda.

Solicitation Submittal Form – must be completed and submitted with Bid/Proposal. The Bidder should indicate its name in the appropriate space on each page.

County – shall refer to Miami-Dade County, Florida

ISD – shall refer to the Miami-Dade Internal Services Department.

PMS – shall refer to the Miami-Dade Procurement Management Services Division within the Internal Services Department (ISD).

Registered Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration process via the County's online Vendor Portal and has satisfied all requirements to enter into business agreements with the County.

Successful Bidder/Proposer – shall mean the Bidder(s)/Proposer(s) recommended for award.

Vendor Registration – shall refer to the online Business Entity Registration Application completed through the Vendor Portal.

BidSync – shall refer to the electronic bidding System used to solicit and receive solicitation responses for the County.

1.2. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. Bidder Qualification

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the Bid Solicitation are encouraged to submit Bids. To be eligible for award of a contract (including small purchase orders), Bidders must become a Registered Vendor. Only Registered Vendors can be awarded County contracts. Vendors are required to register with the County's online Vendor Portal as described below in Section B "Vendor Registration". For additional information about online vendor registration, please contact the Vendor Services Section at (305) 375-5773.

The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all qualified small business enterprises. For information and to apply for certification, contact Small Business Development at 111 N.W. 1 Street, 19th Floor, Miami, FL 33128-1900, or telephone at 305-375-3111. County employees and board members wishing to do business with the County are referred to Section 2-11.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code relating to Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics.

B. Vendor Registration

To be recommended for award, the County requires that vendors complete a Miami-Dade County Vendor Registration via PMS' online Vendor Portal. Vendors can register online by visiting the Vendor Services Section of PMS's web site to access the Vendor Portal at the following link: <http://www.miamidade.gov/procurement/vendor-registration.asp>

To complete the registration, vendor(s) must have the following documents prior to registration: Miami-Dade County Local Tax Receipt (for firms with a physical location within Miami-Dade County), Certificate of Incorporation, W-9, IRS Letter 147C and an Original Notarized Summary Page. During the online

registration process, the vendor shall complete the County's Uniform Affidavit Packet (Affidavit Form).

In the event that the vendor's online registration submittal is not approved, the County may in its sole discretion, award to the next lowest responsive, responsible Bidder. In becoming a Registered Vendor with Miami-Dade County, the vendor confirms its knowledge of and commitment to comply with the following:

1. **Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Affidavit**
(Sec. 2-8.1 of the County Code)
2. **Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure Affidavit**
(County Ordinance No. 90-133, amending Section 2.8-1(d)(2) of the County Code)
3. **Miami-Dade County Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification**
(Section 2-8.1.2(b) of the County Code)
4. **Miami-Dade Disability and Nondiscrimination Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1.5 Resolution R182-00 Amending R-385-95)
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**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1(i) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and County Ordinance No 00-1 amending 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**
(Ordinance 97-104)
13. **W-9 and IRS Letter 147C**
The vendor must furnish these forms as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
14. **Social Security Number**
In order to establish a file for your firm, you must provide your firm's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner or individual must be provided. This number becomes your "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 PMS requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:
 - Identification of individual account records
 - To make payments to individual/vendor 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
15. **Office of the Inspector General**

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(Section 2-1076 of the County Code.)

16. Small Business Enterprises (SBE)

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. The SBE program provisions are available at <http://www.miamidade.gov/business/business-development-legislation.asp>.

17. Antitrust Laws

By acceptance of any contract, the vendor agrees to comply with all antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

C. Public Entity Crimes

To be eligible for award of a contract, firms wishing to do business with the County must comply with the following:

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

D. Request for Additional Information

1. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(t) of the County Code, all Bid Solicitations, once advertised and until an award recommendation has been forwarded to the appropriate authority are under the “**Cone of Silence**”. Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the Procurement Officer identified on the front page of the solicitation via the BidSync System with a copy sent to the Clerk of the Board, clerkbcc@miamidade.gov.
2. Procurement Management may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to Bid opening, which changes, adds to or clarifies the terms, provisions or requirements of the solicitation. The Bidder should not rely on any representation, statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this Bid Solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this Bid Solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail.
3. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda, and any accompanying documentation.

E. Contents of Bid Solicitation and Bidders' Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to become thoroughly familiar with the Bid requirements, terms and conditions of this solicitation. Pleas of ignorance by the Bidder of conditions that exist or that may exist will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County, or the compensation to be paid to the Bidder.
2. In the event a Bidder wishes to protest any part of the

General Conditions, Special Conditions and/or Technical Specifications contained in the Bid Solicitation it must file a notice of protest in writing with the issuing department no later than 48 hours prior to the Bid opening date and hour specified in the solicitation. Failure to file a timely notice of protest will constitute a waiver of proceedings.

3. This solicitation is subject to all legal requirements contained in the applicable County Ordinances, Administrative/Implementing Orders, and Resolutions, as well as all applicable State and Federal Statutes. Where conflict exists between this Bid Solicitation and these legal requirements, the authority shall prevail in the following order: Federal, State and local.
4. It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer, prior to conducting any lobbying **regarding this** solicitation to file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board **stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder/Proposer**. The Bidder/Proposer shall also file a form with the Clerk of the Board at the point in time at which a lobbyist is no longer authorized to represent said Bidder/Proposer. Failure of a Bidder/Proposer to file the appropriate form required, in relation to each solicitation, may be considered as evidence that the Bidder/Proposer is not a responsible contractor.

F. Change or Withdrawal of Bids

1. Changes to Bid - Prior to the scheduled Bid opening a Bidder may change its Bid by submitting a new Bid via the BidSync System. No changes to a Bid will be accepted after the Bid has closed.
2. Withdrawal of Bid – A Bid shall be irrevocable unless the Bid is withdrawn as provided herein. A bid may be withdrawn one hundred-eight (180) days after the Bid has been opened and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the contact person identified on the front cover of this Bid Solicitation. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Bidder.

G. Conflicts within the Bid Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Bid Submittal Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Submittal Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

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

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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.

I. Accounts Receivable Adjustments

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.

1.3. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- A. Bidders are required to register, free of charge, with BidSync to establish a vendor account to view and respond to solicitations issued by Miami-Dade County.
- B. The solicitation submittal form and associated solicitation documents defines requirements of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted as outlined within the solicitation via the BidSync System. Use of any other form will result in the rejection of the Bidder's offer.
- C. The solicitation submittal form must be fully completed and provided with your bid/proposal. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the Bid to be rejected.
- D. An authorized agent of the Bidder's firm must sign the solicitation submittal form and submit it electronically. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE SOLICITATION SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- E. The Bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- F. The Bidder may submit alternate Bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted on a separate Bid submittal marked "Alternate Bid".
- G. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.

1.4. CANCELLATION OF BID SOLICITATION

Miami-Dade County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any solicitation when it is in the best interest of the County.

1.5. AWARD OF BID SOLICITATION

- A. This Bid may be awarded to the responsible Bidder meeting all requirements as set forth in the solicitation. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this Bid Solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low Bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids if it

is determined that prices are excessive, best offers are determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.

- D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work of this solicitation remains the same.
- E. Award of this Bid Solicitation will only be made to firms that have completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and that satisfy all necessary legal requirements to do business with Miami-Dade County. Firms domiciled in Miami-Dade County must present a copy of their Miami-Dade County issued Local Business Tax Receipt.
- F. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-8.1(g), the Bidder's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the Bid received for this Bid Solicitation.
- G. To obtain a copy of the Bid tabulation, upon notice of Award Recommendation Bidder(s) may request bid tabulations or other award information by contacting the contact person outlined within the solicitation. Information will then be provided electronically.
- H. The Bid Solicitation, any addenda and/or properly executed modifications, the purchase order, work order, and any change order(s) shall constitute the resultant contract.
- I. In accordance with Resolution R-1574-88, the Director of the Internal Services Department or authorized designee will decide all tie Bids.
- J. Award of this Bid may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the Solicitation.
- K. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any bidder after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

1.6. CONTRACT EXTENSION

The County reserves the right to exercise its option to extend a 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) day extension period upon mutual agreement between the County and the successful Bidder(s) upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

1.7. WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this Bid Solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the successful Bidder against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the successful Bidder shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty. The Special Conditions of the Bid Solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

1.8 MATERIALS SHALL BE NEW AND WARRANTED AGAINST DEFECTS.

All materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the awarded Bidder under the Contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for the particular purpose herein. In the event any of the materials

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supplied to the County by the awarded Bidder are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications: (1) the materials may be returned to the awarded Bidder at its expense and the Contract terminated or (2) the County may require the awarded Bidder to replace the materials at its expense.

1.9. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for Bidder's guidance only: (a) estimates are based on the County's anticipated needs and/or usage during a previous contract period and; (b) the County may use these estimates to determine the low Bidder. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other government, quasi-government or non-profit entities utilizing this contract under the Joint Purchase portion of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 1.36 and the resulting contract, if that section is present in this solicitation document. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollars that will be used during the contract period. The County is not obligated to place any order for the given amount subsequent to the award of this Bid Solicitation.

1.10. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is the intent of the County to enter into an agreement with the successful Bidder that will satisfy its needs as described herein. However, the County reserves the right as deemed in its best interest to perform, or cause to be performed, the work and services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit, including but not limited to: award of other contracts, use of any contractor, or perform the work with its own employees.

1.11. LOCAL PREFERENCE (NOT APPLICABLE)

1.12. CONTINUATION OF WORK

Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the County and the successful Bidder, continue until completion at the same prices, terms and conditions.

1.13. BID PROTEST

A recommendation for contract award or rejection of award may be protested by a Bidder in accordance with the procedures contained in Sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the County Code, as amended, and as established in Implementing Order No. 3-21.

- A. A written intent to protest shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board and emailed to all participants in the competitive process within three (3) County work days of the filing of the County Mayor's recommendation. This three-day period begins on the County workday after the filing of the County Mayor's recommendation. Such written intent to protest shall state the particular grounds on which it is based and shall be accompanied by a filing fee as detailed below.
- B. The written intent to protest shall be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee, payable to the Clerk of the Board, in accordance with the schedule provided below:

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| <u>Award Amount</u> | <u>Filing Fee</u> |
| \$25,000-\$250,000 | \$ 500 |

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| \$250,001-\$500,000 | \$1,000 |
| \$500,001-\$5 million | \$3,000 |
| Over \$5 million | \$5,000 |

The protester shall then file all pertinent documents and supporting evidence with the Clerk of the Board and mail copies to all participants in the competitive process and to the County Attorney within three (3) County workdays after the filing of a written intent to protest.

- C. For award recommendations greater than \$250,000 the following shall apply:
The County's recommendation to award or reject will be immediately communicated (via email) to all participants in the competitive process and filed with the Clerk of the Board.
- D. For award recommendations from \$25,000 to \$250,000 the following shall apply:
Participants may view recommendations to award on the PMS website:
<https://www.miamidade.gov/DPMww/AwardRecommendations.aspx> or call the contact person as identified on the cover page of the Bid Solicitation.

1.14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The successful Bidder shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to provide the goods and/or services specified in this Bid Solicitation. The Bidder shall comply with all federal, state and local laws that may affect the goods and/or services offered.

1.15. LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

The awarded bidder(s) 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 an awarded bidder for failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, certifications, permits and/or inspections shall be borne by said awarded bidder.

1.16. SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise specified in this Bid Solicitation, the successful Bidder shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default. When Subcontracting is allowed the Bidder shall comply with County Resolution No. 1634-93, Section 10-34 of the County Code and County Ordinance No. 97-35. The Bidder shall not change or substitute first tier subcontractors or direct suppliers or the portions of the contract work to be performed or materials to be supplied from those identified except upon written approval of the County.

1.17. SUBCONTRACTORS – RACE, GENDER AND ETHNIC MAKEUP OF OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to Sections 2-8.1, 2-8.8 and 10.34 of the County Code (as amended by Ordinance No. 11-90), for all contracts which involve the expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, the entity contracting with the County must report to the County the race, gender, and ethnic origin of the owners and employees of its first tier subcontractors (refer to the Subcontractor/Supplier Listing Sub 100 form). In the event that the successful Bidder demonstrates to the County prior to award

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that this information is not reasonably available at that time, the successful Bidder shall be obligated by contract to exercise diligent efforts to obtain that information and to provide the same to the County not later than ten (10) days after it becomes available and, in any event, prior to final payment under the contract. As a condition of final payment under a contract, the successful Bidder shall identify subcontractors used in the work, the amount of each subcontract, and the amount paid and to be paid to each subcontractor (refer to the Subcontractor Payment Report Sub 200 form at <http://www.miamidade.gov/business/library/forms/subcontractors-payment.pdf>).

1.18. ASSIGNMENT

The successful Bidder shall not assign, transfer, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of this contract, including any rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County.

1.19. DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. Freight shall be included in the proposed price.

1.20. RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employee(s) of the successful Bidder shall be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County or any of its departments. The successful Bidder shall provide competent employee(s) capable of performing the required services. The County may require the successful Bidder to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the successful Bidder shall wear proper identification.

1.21. INDEMNIFICATION

The successful Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's 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 the agreement by the successful Bidder or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The successful Bidder 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 be incurred thereon. The successful Bidder expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the successful Bidder 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.

1.22. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A. The contractor shall furnish to the Vendor Assistance Section of PMS, 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, Florida 33128, Certificate(s) of Insurance which indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained which meets the requirements as outlined below:

1. Worker's Compensation Insurance for all employees of the vendor 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.**
 3. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the work, in an amount not less than **\$300,000** combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- B. All required insurance policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida, with the following qualifications:
The company must be rated no less than "A" as to management, and no less than "Class VII" as to financial strength, by the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, New Jersey or its equivalent, subject to the approval of the County's ISD 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.
- C. **Certificates of Insurance must meet the following requirements:**
1. Certificate must indicate that no modification or change in insurance shall be made without thirty (30) days written advance notice to the certificate holder.
 2. Signature of agent must be included.
 3. If Automobile Liability Insurance is required above, insurance must be provided for all of the following vehicles:
 - a) Owned
 - b) Non-owned
 - c) Hired
 4. If General or Public Liability Insurance is required above, Certificate of Insurance must show Miami-Dade County as an additional insured for that coverage.
 5. Certificate Holder must read exactly as presented below:

Miami-Dade County
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 2340
Miami, FL 33128-1974
- D. Compliance with the requirements in this Section shall not relieve the successful Bidder of its liability and obligation under this, or under any other, section of the Contract. The successful Bidder shall provide to the County the insurance documents within ten (10) business days after notification of recommendation to award. If the certificate submitted does not include the coverages outlined in the terms and conditions of this solicitation, the successful Bidder shall have an additional five (5) business days to submit a corrected certificate to the County. Failure of the successful Bidder to provide the required insurance documents in the manner and within the timeframes prescribed within five (5) business days may result in the bidder being deemed non-responsible and the issuance of a new award recommendation.

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No work shall be authorized or shall commence under the Contract until the successful Bidder has complied with the foregoing insurance requirements.

- E. The successful Bidder shall assure that the Certificates of Insurance required in conjunction with this Section remain in full force for the term of the Contract, including any renewal or extension periods that may be exercised by the County. If the Certificate(s) of Insurance is scheduled to expire during the term of the Contract, the successful Bidder shall submit new or renewed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the County a minimum of ten (10) calendar days before such expiration.
- F. In the event that expired Certificates of Insurance are not replaced or renewed to cover the Contract period, the County may suspend the Contract until the new or renewed certificates are received by the County in the manner prescribed herein. If such suspension exceeds thirty (30) calendar days, the County may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Contract for cause and the successful Bidder shall be responsible for all direct and indirect costs associated with such termination.

1.23. COLLUSION

The successful Bidder recommended for award as the result of a competitive solicitation for any County purchases of supplies, materials and services (including professional services, other than professional architectural, engineering and other services subject to Sec. 2-10.4 and Sec. 287.055 Fla Stats.), purchase, lease, permit, concession or management agreement shall, within five (5) business days of the filing of such recommendation, submit an affidavit under the penalty of perjury, on a form provided by the County: stating either that the contractor is not related to any of the other parties bidding in the competitive solicitation or identifying all related parties, as defined in this Section, which bid in the solicitation; and attesting that the contractor's proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named, and that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to the proposer an advantage over any other proposer. In the event a recommended contractor identifies related parties in the competitive solicitation its bid shall be presumed to be collusive and the recommended contractor shall be ineligible for award unless that presumption is rebutted in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2-8.1.1. Any person or entity that fails to submit the required affidavit shall be ineligible for contract award.

- A. The Collusion Affidavit will be included in all solicitations and will be requested from bidders/proposers once bids/proposals are received and evaluated.
- B. Failure to provide a Collusion Affidavit within 5 business days after the recommendation to award has been filed with the Clerk of the Board shall be cause for the contractor to forfeit their bid bond if applicable.

1.24. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

The contract may be modified by mutual consent, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the contract, purchase order, change order or award sheet, as appropriate.

1.25. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the successful Bidder shall not incur any additional costs under this contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the successful Bidder prior to notice of termination. The County shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

1.26. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or place the vendor on probation in the event the successful Bidder fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the successful Bidder in accordance with the appropriate County ordinances, resolutions and/or administrative/implementing orders. The vendor will be notified by letter of the County's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement cost shall be borne by the successful Bidder.

1.27. FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Pursuant to Section 2-8.4.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The County as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation or entity. Such individual or entity shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

1.28. OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County and Public Health Trust programs, contracts, transactions, accounts, records and programs. The Inspector General (IG) has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records and monitor existing projects and programs. The Inspector General may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts. The cost of random audits shall be incorporated into the contract price of all contracts and shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the contract price, except as otherwise provided in Section 2-1076 of the County Code. **Federal Transit Administration Funds may be used by the County to pay for goods and/or services under this contract; hence this fee will not be deducted by the County. However, the County reserves the right to conduct reviews at any time.**

1.29. PRE-AWARD INSPECTION

The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the Bidder's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the Bidder is capable of performing the requirements of this bid solicitation.

1.30. PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids/proposals, in compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, popularly known as the "Public

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Record Law". Bidder(s) shall not submit any information in response to this Solicitation which the Bidder considers to be a trade secret, proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with this Solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any trade secret or other protection, which would otherwise be available to Bidder. In the event that the Bidder submits information to the County in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally, and clearly identifies that information in the bid/proposal as protected or confidential, the County may, in its sole discretion, either (a) communicate with the Bidder in writing in an effort to obtain the Bidder's written withdrawal of the confidentiality restriction or (b) endeavor to redact and return that information to the Proposer as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, evaluate the balance of the proposal. Under no circumstances shall the County request the withdrawal of the confidentiality restriction if such communication would in the County's sole discretion give to such Bidder a competitive advantage over other bidders. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a bid/proposal non-responsive.

1.31. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Any person or entity that performs or assists Miami-Dade County with a function or activity involving the use or disclosure of "individually identifiable health information (IIHI) and/or Protected Health Information (PHI) shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Miami-Dade County Privacy Standards Administrative Order. HIPAA mandates for privacy, security and electronic transfer standards that include but are not limited to:

1. Use of information only for performing services required by the contract or as required by law;
2. Use of appropriate safeguards to prevent non-permitted disclosures;
3. Reporting to Miami-Dade County of any non-permitted use or disclosure;
4. Assurances that any agents and subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Bidder/Proposer and reasonable assurances that IIHI/PHI will be held confidential;
5. Making Protected Health Information (PHI) available to the customer;
6. Making PHI available to the customer for review and amendment; and incorporating any amendments requested by the customer;
7. Making PHI available to Miami-Dade County for an accounting of disclosures; and
8. Making internal practices, books and records related to PHI available to Miami-Dade County for compliance audits.

PHI shall maintain its protected status regardless of the form and method of transmission (paper records, and/or electronic transfer of data). The Bidder/ Proposer must give its customers written notice of its privacy information practices including specifically, a description of the types of uses and disclosures that would be made with protected health information.

1.32. CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SALES SURTAX

When proceeds from the Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax levied pursuant to Section 29.121 of the Code of Miami-

Dade County are used to pay for all or some part of the cost of this contract, no award for those portions of a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) utilizing Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax funds as part of a multi-department contract, nor a contract utilizing Charter County Transit System Surtax funds shall be effective and thereby give rise to a contractual relationship with the County for purchases unless and until both the following have occurred: 1) the County Commission awards the contract, and such award becomes final (either by expiration of 10 days after such award without veto by the Mayor, or by Commission override of a veto); and, 2) either, i) the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has approved inclusion of the Surtax funding on the contract, or, ii) in response to the CITT's disapproval, the County Commission reaffirms award of the contract by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission's membership and such reaffirmation becomes final. Notwithstanding the other provisions of Section 1.30, award of an allocation for services in support of the CITT's oversight which does not exceed \$1000 will not require Commission or CITT approval and may be awarded by the Executive Director of the OCITT.

1.33. LOBBYIST CONTINGENCY FEES

a) In accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, after May, 16, 2003, no person may, in whole or in part, pay, give or agree to pay or give a contingency fee to another person. No person may, in whole or in part, receive or agree to receive a contingency fee.

A contingency fee is a fee, bonus, commission or non-monetary benefit as compensation which is dependent on or in any way contingent upon the passage, defeat, or modification of: 1) any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; 2) any action, decision or recommendation of the County Mayor or any County board or committee; or 3) any action, decision or recommendation of any County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process regarding such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission or a County board or committee.

1.34. COMMISSION AUDITOR – ACCESS TO RECORDS

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-2, all vendors receiving an award of the contract resulting from this solicitation 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 County reserves the right to require the successful Bidder (s) to submit to an audit by Audit and Management Services, the Commission Auditor, or other auditor of the County's choosing at the Bidder's expense. The Bidder shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The Bidder shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for three years following expiration of the Agreement. The Bidder agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

1.35. INVOICES

The successful Bidder shall invoice the County, as specified in this Solicitation. The invoice date shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the delivery of the items or the provision of

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services, unless otherwise noted in the Contract. Under no circumstances shall the invoice be submitted to the County in advance of the delivery and acceptance of the items or provision of and acceptance of the services. Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

All invoices shall contain the following information:

- I. Successful Bidder 's Information:
 - Name of the successful Bidder as specified on the contract Award Sheet issued by the County.
 - Date of invoice
 - Unique Invoice number
 - Successful Bidder's Federal Identification Number on file with the County and the State of Florida.
- II. County Information:
 - County Release Purchase Order
- III. Pricing Information:
 - Unit price of the goods and/or services provided
 - Extended total price of the goods and/or services provided
 - Applicable discounts
- IV. Goods or Services Provided:
 - Description
 - Quantity
- V. Delivery Information:
 - Delivery terms set forth within the County Release Purchase Order
 - Reference (or include a copy of) the corresponding delivery ticket number or packing slip number that was signed by an authorized representative of the County at the time the items were delivered and accepted
 - Location and date of delivery of goods and/or services being provided.

1.36. COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP)
NOT APPLICABLE

1.37. DEMONSTRATION OF EQUIPMENT MAY BE REQUIRED DURING EVALUATION

After receipt of offers by the County, Bidders may be required to demonstrate specifically offered equipment to County personnel, at no additional cost. The purpose of this demonstration is to observe the equipment in an operational environment and to verify its capability, suitability, and adaptability in conjunction with the performance requirements stipulated in this Solicitation. If a demonstration is required, the County will notify the Bidder of such in writing and will specify the date, time and location of the demonstration. If the Bidder fails to perform the demonstration on the specified date stipulated in the notice, the County may elect to reject that Bidder's offer, or to reschedule the demonstration, whichever action is determined to be in the best interest of the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the acceptability of the equipment in conformance with the specifications and its decision shall be final.

The equipment used for the demonstration shall be the same as the manufacturer's model identified in the Bidder's offer. Accordingly, the equipment used in the demonstration shall

create an express warranty that the actual equipment to be provided by the Bidder during the Contract shall conform to the equipment used in the demonstration. The Bidder shall provide adequate restitution to the County, in the manner prescribed by the County, if this warranty is violated during the term of the Contract.

1.38. EQUIPMENT SHALL BE MOST RECENT MODEL AVAILABLE

The equipment being offered by the successful Bidder shall be the most recent model available. Any optional components which are required in accordance with the specifications herein shall be considered standard equipment for the purposes of this Solicitation. Demonstrator models will not be accepted. Omission of any essential detail from the specifications herein does not relieve the Bidder from furnishing a complete unit. The equipment shall conform to all applicable federal (including OSHA), State, and local safety requirements. All components (whether primary or ancillary) of the delivered equipment shall be in accordance with current Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE) standards and recommended practices, as applicable.

The engineering, materials, and workmanship associated with the successful Bidder's performance hereunder shall exhibit a high-level of quality and appearance consistent with or exceeding industry standards.

1.39. PATENTS AND ROYALTIES

The successful Bidder, without exception, shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for, or as a result of, any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured by the vendor. The successful Bidder has no liability when such claim is solely and exclusively due to the combination, operation, or use of any article supplied hereunder with equipment or data not supplied by successful Bidder, or is based solely and exclusively upon the County's alteration of the article. The purchaser will provide prompt written notification of a claim of copyright or patent infringement.

Further, if such a claim is made or is pending, the successful Bidder may, at its option and expense, procure for the purchaser the right to continue use of, replace or modify the article to render it non-infringing. (If none of the alternatives are reasonably available, the County agrees to return the article on request to the successful Bidder and receive reimbursement, if any, as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction). If the successful Bidder uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the contract prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

1.40. TOXIC SUBSTANCES/FEDERAL "RIGHT TO KNOW" REGULATIONS

The Federal "Right to Know" Regulation implemented by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to inform their employees of any toxic substances which they may be exposed to in the workplace, and to provide training in safe handling practices and emergency procedures. It also requires notification to local fire departments of the location and characteristics of all toxic substances regularly present in the workplace.

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Accordingly, the successful Bidder performing under the Contract shall provide two (2) complete sets of Material Safety Data Sheets to each User Department utilizing the awarded products. This information should be provided at the time when the initial delivery is made, on a department by department basis.

For additional information on the Federal Right to Know Regulation, contact OSHA at www.OSHA.gov.

1.41. 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.

1.42. 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.

1.43. 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.

1.44. SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (SBE) MEASURES

NOT APPLICABLE

1.45. LOCAL CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE

NOT APPLICABLE

1.46. SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AT MIAMI-DADE AVIATION, WATER AND SEWER, AND SEAPORT DEPARTMENTS

NOT APPLICABLE

1.47. 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, gender identity or gender expression, status as victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or veteran status, and on housing related contracts the source of income, 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.

1.48. 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.

1.49. ACCESS TO RECORDS

A. The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit by Audit and Management Services or other auditor of the County's choosing at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for three years following expiration of the Agreement. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

B. ACCESS TO THIRD PARTY CONTRACT RECORDS

1. Where the Purchaser is not a State but a local government and is the FTA Recipient or a subgrantee of the FTA Recipient in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 18.36(i), the Contractor agrees to provide the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts

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and transcriptions. Contractor also agrees, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 633.17 to provide the FTA Administrator or his authorized representatives including any PMO Contractor access to Contractor's records and construction sites pertaining to a major capital project, defined at 49 U.S.C. 5302(a)1, which is receiving federal financial assistance through the programs described at 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5309 or 5311.

2. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
3. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this contract for a period of not less than three years after the date of termination or expiration of this contract, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the Purchaser, the FTA Administrator, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. Reference 49 CFR 18.39(i)(11).
4. FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements in subcontracts.

1.50. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL PROVISIONS

This Procurement is subject to a financial assistance contract between Miami-Dade County (MDC) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). By reason of such participation, the Bidder (the terms "Vendor, Bidder", "Proposer", "Contractor" and "Offeror" are used interchangeably) is required to agree to the following provisions:

A. No Government Obligation to Third Parties

The Purchaser and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Purchaser, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

B. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements and Related Acts

The Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. 3801 et seq. and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies", 49 C.F.R. Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this project. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the FTA assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies

Act of 1986 on the Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 49 U.S.C. 5307(n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate. The Contractor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

C. Federal Changes

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation, those listed directly or by reference in the most current Master Agreement (Form FTA MA) between Purchaser and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

D. Discrimination Prohibited

The Contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or any other remedy, as MDT deems appropriate. (49 CFR Part 26.13(b))

E. Nondiscrimination (General)

The proposer/bidder will comply with all regulations of the U. S. Department of Transportation, all applicable provisions of the Civil Rights act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1964 as amended by Executive Order 11375 Executive Order 11625 of October 13, 1971, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act effective June 12, 1968, the rules regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, Chapter 760 (Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as amended); Dade County Ordinance 75-46 and Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 11a of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County which prohibit discrimination because of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or veteran's status of any individual.

F. Equal Employment Opportunity

In connection with the execution of this contract, the contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, veteran's status, or national origin. The contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, ancestry, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, veteran's status, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeships. Contractor further agrees to insert a similar provision in all subcontracts,

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except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by MDC setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity clause.

G. Disability Nondiscrimination

It is hereby declared to be the national policy that elderly persons and persons with disabilities have the same right as other persons to utilize mass transportation and services; that special efforts shall be made in the planning and design of mass transportation facilities and services so that the availability to elderly persons and persons with disabilities of mass transportation which they can effectively utilize will be assured; and that all Federal programs offering assistance in the field of mass transportation (including the programs under this chapter) should contain provisions implementing this policy. (49 U.S.C. Part 5301.[d].) Further, each contractor agrees to insert a similar provision and requirement in each subcontract it awards in the conduct of this project or contract.

H. Title VI Compliance (Civil Rights Act of 1964)

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

- (1) **Compliance with Regulations:** The contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "DOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (2) **Nondiscrimination:** The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by Section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- (3) **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment:** In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin.
- (4) **Information and Reports:** The contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information and its facilities as may be determined by Miami Dade County or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required from a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor shall so certify to Miami Dade County, or to the Federal Transit Administration as

appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

- (5) **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, Miami Dade County shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Transit Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to: (a) Withholding of payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies, or cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- (6) **Incorporation of Provisions:** The contractor shall include the provisions of paragraph (1) through (6) of this section in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurements as Miami Dade County or the Federal Transit Administration may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that, in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the contractor may request Miami Dade County to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of Miami Dade County, and, in addition, the contractor may request the services of the Attorney General in such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

I. Small Business Concern

A Small Business Concern, with respect to firms seeking to participate as DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts, is defined in Section 3 of the Small Business Act and in Small Business Administration regulations implementing the Act (13 CFR Part 121). Additionally, a small business concern cannot exceed the cap on average annual gross receipts specified in 49 CFR 26.65(b).

1.51. PROMPT PAYMENT

MDT will pay small businesses, including DBEs, and prime contractors will pay subcontractors, including DBES, for satisfactory performance of their contracts no later than 30 days after a proper invoice has been received. The prime contractor will return retainage payments to the subcontractor, including DBEs, within 30 days of the subcontractor's satisfactory completion of work. The prompt payment ordinance and MDT contracting procedures provide for appropriate penalties for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of MDT contracts. Any delay or postponement of payment among or between the parties may take place only for good cause and with MDT's prior written approval. (49 CFR 26; 13 CFR 121; Florida Law, Chapter 218, Part VII, Prompt Payment Act; Miami Dade County Prompt Payment Ordinance No. 94-40).

1.52. INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

The general contract provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by DOT, whether or not expressly set forth in the contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by DOT, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1F, dated June 19, 2003, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Agreement. The

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Contractor shall not perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any MDC requests, which would cause MDC to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

1.53. INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF, OR DELEGATES TO, CONGRESS

No member of, or delegates to, the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising there from (41 U.S.C. 22).

1.54. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No employee, officer, or agent of MDC shall participate in selection, or in the award or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when:

- a. The employee, officer or agent;
- b. Any member of his immediate family; for the purpose of this solicitation and in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4220.1F immediate family is defined as parents, wife, husband, children, and brothers and sisters.
- c. His or her partner; or
- d. An organization which employs, or is about to employ any of the above, has a
- e. Financial or other interest in the firm selected for award.

MDC's officers, employees or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contracts, potential contractors, or parties of subcontracts.

1.55. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

The Buy America requirements apply to construction contracts and acquisition of goods or rolling stock (valued at more than \$100,000).

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C.5323(j) and 49 C.F.R. Part 661, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver. General waivers are listed in 49 C.F.R.661.7, and include final assembly in the United States for 15 passenger vans and 15 passenger wagons produced by Chrysler Corporation, microcomputer equipment, software, and small purchases (currently less than \$100,000) made with capital, operating, or planning funds. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 49 U.S.C. 5323 (j) (2) (c) and 49 C.F.R. 661.11. Rolling stock must be assembled in the United States and have a 60 percent domestic content.

A bidder or offeror must submit to the FTA recipient the appropriate Buy America certification with all bids or offers on FT-funded contract, except those subject to a general waiver. Bids or offers that are not accompanied by a completed Buy America certification must be rejected as non-responsive.

1.56. FLY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS

The contractor agrees to comply with 49 U.S.C. 40118 (the "Fly America" Act) in accordance with the General Services Administration's regulations at 41 CFR Part 301-10, which provides that the recipients and sub-recipients of Federal funds and their contractors are required to use U.S. Flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air travel and transportation of their personal effects or property, to the extent such service is available, unless travel by foreign air carrier is a matter of necessity, as defined by the Fly America Act. The

Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service by a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign air carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

1.57. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTION"(THIRD PARTY CONTRACTS)

- (1) The prospective Lower Tier Participant certifies, by submission of this bid or proposal, that neither it nor its "principals" as defined at 49 C.F.R. 29.105(p) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) If the prospective Lower Tier Participant is unable to certify to the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION:

- (1) By signing and submitting this bid, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the signed certification set out in "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower tier Covered Transaction" in Exhibit FED-DB1. A bid, which does not include this certificate, may be considered non-responsive.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, MDC may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to MDC if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "persons," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as Coverage sections or rules implementing Executive Order 121549 [49 CFR Part 29]. You may contact MDC for assistance in obtaining a copy of these regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized in writing by MDC.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transaction", and the certification form, without

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modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to check the Non-procurement List issued by U.S. General Service Administration.
- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under Paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to all remedies available to the Federal Government, MDC may pursue available remedies including suspension and/or debarment.

1.58. AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS

The Contractor agrees that MDC, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall, for the purpose of audit and examination be permitted to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, and other data and records with regard to the project, and to audit the books, records, and accounts with regard to the project. Further, Contractor agrees to maintain all required records for at least three years after MDC make final payments and all other pending matters are closed.

1.59. LOBBYING CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1352, and U.S. DOT regulations, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," 49 C.F.R. Part 20, the Contractor must have provided a certification to the Procuring Agency that the Contractor has not and will not use Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any Federal department or agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352.) (Exhibit FED-LB1) A bid, which does not include this certificate, may be considered non-responsive.

1.60. CLEAN AIR

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor also agrees to include these

requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

1.61. CLEAN WATER

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the Purchaser and understands and agrees that the Purchaser will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. The Contractor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

1.62. RECYCLED PRODUCTS/RECOVERED MATERIALS

The contractor agrees to comply with all the requirements of Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962), including but not limited to the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

1.63. CARGO PREFERENCE

The Contractor agrees:

- (1) To use privately owned United States-Flag commercial vessels to ship at least 50 percent of the gross tonnage (computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners, and tankers) involved, whenever shipping any equipment, materials or commodities pursuant to the underlying contract to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States-Flag commercial vessels.
- (2) To furnish within twenty (20) days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States, or within thirty (30) days following the date of loading for shipment originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated "on-board" commercial ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of Cargo described in the preceding paragraph to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, marked with appropriate identification of the Project, and to MDC (through the prime Contractor in the case of sub-contracts bill-of-lading).

1.64. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. , Executive Order no. 11514, as amended, "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," 42 U.S.C. § 4321 note: FTA statutory requirements at 49 U.S.C. § 5324(b): Council on Environmental Quality regulations pertaining to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 40 CFR part 1500 et seq.: the joint FHWA/FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," 23 CFR part 771 and 49 CFR part 622, and when promulgated, FHWA/FTA joint regulations, "NEPA and Related Procedures for Transportation Decision making, Protection of Public Parks, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic Sites, " 23 CFR part 1420 and 49 CFR part 623.

1.65. ENERGY CONSERVATION

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Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. Section 6321 et seq.).

1.66. BIDDERS LIST FORM

As required by 49 CFR 26.11, each bidder, as a part of its bid, shall submit a completed Bidders List Form, #BL-01, for itself and for each subcontractor or vendor it solicited as part of this proposal. A proposal, which does not include the Bidders List Form, may be found to be non-responsive.

1.67. BREACHES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The following provisions apply to all FTA funded purchases in excess of \$100,000.

- A) Disputes - Disputes arising in the performance of this Contract which are not resolved by agreement of the parties shall be decided in writing by the authorized representative of the County. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within [ten (10)] days from the date of receipt of its copy, the Contractor mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the County. In connection with any such appeal, the Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the County shall be binding upon the Contractor and the Contractor shall abide by the decision.
- B) Performance During Dispute - Unless otherwise directed by the County, Contractor shall continue performance under this Contract while matters in dispute are being resolved.
- C) Claims for Damages - Should either party to the Contract suffer injury or damage to person or property because of any act or omission of the party or of any of his employees, agents or others for whose acts he is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other party within a reasonable time after the first observance of such injury or damage.
- D) Remedies - Unless this contract provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes and other matters in question between the County and the Contractor arising out of or relating to this agreement or its breach will be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State in which the County is located.
- E) Rights and Remedies - The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by the County or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

1.68. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

The following provisions apply to all FTA funded purchases in valued at, or in excess of, \$25,000.

Any contract resulting from this solicitation is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the

contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

1.69. ACCESSIBILITY (ROLLING STOCK)

Rolling stock must comply with the accessibility requirements of DOT regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR Part 37, and Joint ATBCB/DOT regulations, "Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 36 CFR Part 1192 and 49 CFR Part 38.

1.70. NONDISCRIMINATORY EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

During the performance of the contract, the 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 an employee or applicant is 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.

1.71. 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

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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.

1.72. ACCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The Contractor agrees to comply with and assure that any sub-recipient, or third party contractor under this Project complies with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended 29 U.S.C. § 794; the transit assistance laws codified at 49 U.S.C. § 5301, et seq.; and the following regulations and any amendments thereto:

- (1) U.S. DOT regulations. "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Receiving or Benefiting from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 C.F.R. Part 27.;
- (2) Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations. "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services." 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- (3) DOJ regulations. "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public accommodations and in Commercial Facilities." 28 C.F.R. Part 36;
- (4) Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, (EEOC) regulations. "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act." 29 C.F.R. Part 1630; and
- (5) No grant may be used to support a procurement that uses an exclusionary or discriminatory specification 49 USC 5323 (h).

1.73. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

The Act applies to construction contracts and, in very limited circumstances, non-construction projects that employ "laborers or mechanics on a public work."

(1) **Overtime requirements** - No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) **Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages** - In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) **Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages** - The County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) **Subcontracts** - The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.