

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) No. 857
for
ARBITRAGE REBATE SERVICES**

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD:

January 27, 2014 at 1:00 PM (local time)
111 NW 1st Street, 10th Floor, CITT Conf. Rm., Miami, Florida

ISSUED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:

Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division
for
Finance Department

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PROPOSALS ARE DUE AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD NO LATER THAN:

February 13, 2014 at 2:00 PM (local time)
at
CLERK OF THE BOARD
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street, 17th Floor, Suite 202
Miami, Florida 33128-1983

The Clerk of the Board business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Clerk of the Board is closed on holidays observed by the County.

All proposals received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board prior to the proposal submittal deadline shall be accepted as timely submitted. The circumstances surrounding all proposals received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board after the proposal submittal deadline will be evaluated by the procuring department in consultation with the County Attorney's Office to determine whether the proposal will be accepted as timely. Proposals will be opened promptly at the time and date specified. The responsibility for submitting a proposal on or before the stated time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the Proposer. The County will in no way be responsible for delays caused by mail delivery or caused by any other occurrence. All expenses involved with the preparation and submission of proposals to the County, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne by the Proposer(s).

The submittal of a proposal by a Proposer will be considered by the County as constituting an offer by the Proposer to perform the required services at the stated prices. A Proposer may submit a modified proposal to replace all or any portion of a previously submitted proposal up until the proposal due date. The County will only consider the latest version of the proposal.

Requests for additional information or inquiries must be made in writing and received by the County's contact person for this Solicitation. The County will issue responses to inquiries and any changes to this Solicitation it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the proposal due date. Proposers who obtain copies of this Solicitation from sources other than the County's Internal Services Department website at www.miamidadegov/dpm or the Vendor Assistance Unit risk the possibility of not receiving addenda and are solely responsible for those risks.

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Introduction

Miami-Dade County, hereafter referred to as the County, as represented by the Miami-Dade County Finance Department (Finance Department), is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants to provide arbitrage rebate calculations and related services for existing and future bond issues that are subject to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and applicable Treasury regulations.

The County anticipates awarding a contract for a three year period, with two, two-year options to renew, at the County's sole discretion.

Subcontractors/Sub-consultants are not allowed to be utilized under any contract as a result of this Solicitation.

The anticipated schedule for this Solicitation is as follows:

Solicitation issued:	January 17, 2014
Pre-Proposal Conference:	See front cover for date, time and place. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory. If you need a sign language interpreter or materials in accessible format for this event, please call the ADA Coordinator at (305) 375-2013 or email hjwrig@miamidade.gov at least five days in advance.
Deadline for receipt of questions:	February 7, 2014
Proposal due date:	See front cover for date, time and place.
Evaluation process:	March-April 2014
Projected award date:	July 2014

1.2 Definitions

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

1. The word "Contractor" to mean the Proposer that receives any award of a contract from the County as a result of this Solicitation, also to be known as "the prime Contractor".
2. The word "County" to mean Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
3. The word "Proposer" to mean the person, firm, entity or organization, as stated on Form A-1, submitting a response to this Solicitation.
4. The words "Scope of Services" to mean Section 2.0 of this Solicitation, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
5. The word "Solicitation" to mean this Request for Proposals (RFP) document, and all associated addenda and attachments.
6. The word "Subcontractor" to mean any person, firm, entity or organization, other than the employees of the Contractor, who contracts with the Contractor to furnish labor, or labor and materials, in connection with the Services to the County, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf of the Contractor. Refer to Section 2.0, Scope of Services, as the use of Subcontractors or sub-consultants are not permitted.
7. The words "Work", "Services", "Program", or "Project" to mean all matters and things that will be required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the Scope of Services and the terms and conditions of this Solicitation.

1.3 General Proposal Information

The County may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reject any and all or parts of any or all responses; accept parts of any and all responses; further negotiate project scope and fees; postpone or cancel at any time this Solicitation process; or waive any irregularities in this Solicitation or in the responses received as a result of this process. A proposal shall be the Proposer's firm commitment to provide the goods and services solicited in the manner requested in the Solicitation and described in the proposal. In the event that a Proposer wishes to take an exception to any of the terms of this Solicitation, the Proposer shall clearly indicate the exception in its proposal. No exception shall be taken where the Solicitation specifically states that exceptions may not be taken. Further, no exception shall be allowed that, in the County's sole discretion, constitutes a material deviation from the requirements of the Solicitation. Proposals taking such exceptions may, in the County's sole

discretion, be deemed nonresponsive. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any respondent regarding respondent's responsibility after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

Proposals shall be irrevocable until contract award unless the proposal is withdrawn. A proposal may be withdrawn in writing only, addressed to the County contact person for this Solicitation, prior to the proposal due date or upon the expiration of 180 calendar days after the opening of proposals.

Proposers are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of proposals will be available for public inspection after opening of proposals, in compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, popularly known as the "Public Record Law". The Proposer shall not submit any information in response to this Solicitation which the Proposer 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 Proposer. In the event that the Proposer submits information to the County in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally, and clearly identifies that information in the proposal as protected or confidential, the County may, in its sole discretion, either (a) communicate with the Proposer in writing in an effort to obtain the Proposer'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 Proposer a competitive advantage over other proposers. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a proposal non-responsive.

Any Proposer who, at the time of proposal submission, is involved in an ongoing bankruptcy as a debtor, or in a reorganization, liquidation, or dissolution proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver has been appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Proposer under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law, may be found non-responsible. To request a copy of any ordinance, resolution and/or administrative order cited in this Solicitation, the Proposer must contact the Clerk of the Board at (305) 375-5126.

1.4 Cone of Silence

Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(t) of the Miami-Dade County Code, as amended, a "Cone of Silence" is imposed upon each RFP or RFQ after advertisement and terminates at the time a written recommendation is issued. The Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding RFPs or RFQs between, among others:

- potential Proposers, service providers, lobbyists or consultants **and** the County's professional staff including, but not limited to, the County Mayor and the County Mayor's staff, County Commissioners or their respective staffs;
- the County Commissioners or their respective staffs **and** the County's professional staff including, but not limited to, the County Mayor and the County Mayor's staff; or
- potential Proposers, service providers, lobbyists or consultants, any member of the County's professional staff, the Mayor, County Commissioners or their respective staffs **and** any member of the respective selection committee.

The provisions do not apply to, among other communications:

- oral communications with the staff of the Vendor Assistance Unit, the responsible Procurement Agent or Contracting Officer, provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation document;
- oral communications at pre-proposal conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations during any duly noticed public meeting, public presentations made to the Board of County Commissioners during any duly noticed public meeting; or
- communications in writing at any time with any county employees, official or member of the Board of County Commissioners unless specifically prohibited by the applicable RFP or RFQ documents.

When the Cone of Silence is in effect, all potential vendors, service providers, bidders, lobbyists and consultants shall file a copy of any written correspondence concerning the particular RFP or RFQ with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. The County shall respond in writing (if County deems a response necessary) and file a copy with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. Written communications may be in the form of e-mail, with a copy to the Clerk of the Board at clerkbcc@miamidade.gov.

All requirements of the Cone of Silence policies are applicable to this Solicitation and must be adhered to. Any and all written communications regarding the Solicitation are to be submitted only to the Procurement Contracting Officer with a copy to the Clerk of the Board. Proposers are hereby notified that direct communication written or otherwise, to Selection Committee members or the Selection Committee as a whole are expressly prohibited. Any oral communications with Selection Committee members other than as provided in Section 2-11.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code are prohibited. The Cone of Silence shall not apply to oral communications at pre-proposal conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations during any duly noticed public meeting, public presentations made to the Board of County Commissioners during any duly noticed public meeting or communications in writing at any time with any county employee, official or member of the Board of County Commissioners unless specifically prohibited by the applicable RFP, RFQ or bid documents. The Proposer shall file a copy of any written communication with the Clerk of the Board. The Clerk of the Board shall make copies available to any person upon request.

1.5 Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) of Section 287.133, 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 proposal for a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and, may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

1.6 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.
- b) 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.

1.7 Collusion

In accordance with Section 2-8.1.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a proposal for any contract, such proposals shall be presumed to be collusive. The foregoing presumption may be rebutted by the presentation of evidence as to the extent of ownership, control and management of such related parties in preparation and submittal of such proposals. Related parties shall mean Proposer or the principals thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another Proposer for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one Proposer have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another Proposer for the same contract. Furthermore, any prior understanding, agreement, or connection between two or more corporations, firms, or persons submitting a proposal for the same services shall also be presumed to be collusive. Proposals found to be collusive shall be rejected. Proposers who have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-

responsible, and may be suspended or debarred, and any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Background

The County, as represented by the Finance Department, is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to provide arbitrage rebate calculations and related services for existing and future bond issues that are subject to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and applicable Treasury regulations. Since August 1986, the County, including its Enterprise Operations, has issued over 100 municipal bond transactions currently subject to the arbitrage rebate regulations. On average, the County issues six bond transactions annually subject to said regulations.

Since October 1991, rebate calculations have been performed on all the County's outstanding bonds. The selected Proposer will not be required to re-do prior calculations, unless an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code occurs, and the arbitrage recalculations are either required or beneficial to the County.

All bond proceeds realized from advance refunded issues are held by an escrow agent. Proceeds for bond issues not of a refunding nature are held either by a trustee or by the County acting as its own trustee, in the County's pooled cash accounts. In the County's Direct Debt Segment, there are over 50 issues contained in the pooled cash account. Separate project accounts are maintained in the accounting system to track all bond proceeds by bond issue. The County can determine the cash position availability of a particular project, but cannot determine a particular investment attributed to particular bond proceeds. The County will provide to the selected Proposer the appropriate monthly schedules illustrating its bond proceeds and related activities.

The County currently contracts with SunGard Treasury Systems to provide on-line market pricing of securities purchased by the County for investment purposes. The entire portfolio is priced to market on a monthly basis. The system being used is SunGard's Avantguard - APS 2, an accounting software program that tracks the County's investment portfolio. The County uses this information to create a schedule reflecting the interest and interest rate earned on its investments (the "Earned Interest Yield Schedule"). The distribution of this interest is posted in the County's General Ledger system through a distribution program contained in the General Ledger system.

2.2 Minimum Qualification Requirement

The minimum qualification requirement for this Solicitation is the Proposer must be listed in the **Bond Buyer Municipal Marketplace Director Spring 2013, "Red Book"**, as an Arbitrage Services Provider as of the proposal due date. Respondents who do not meet the minimum qualification requirement or who fail to provide supporting documentation will be found nonresponsive and will not be considered for award.

Note: It is clearly understood and confirmed with The Bond Buyer's Municipal Marketplace's Red Book Editorial Department, that only firms are eligible for inclusion in the Red Book under this caption and not the individuals. Therefore, the fact that an individual has been listed in the Red Book does not in and of itself qualify a firm which employs that individual as having Red Book status.

2.3 Preferred Qualifications

The selected Proposer should possess the following qualifications:

- a) Have been in business as an arbitrage services provider for at least two (2) years prior to the proposal due date;
- b) Have performed arbitrage compliance services within the previous three (3) years;
- c) Have the ability to provide arbitrage services for major clients and perform service similar in size to this Solicitation as an arbitrage service provider;
- d) Have available resources and ability to adapt and adjust to tax regulatory changes; and
- e) Be knowledgeable in complex arbitrage calculations.

2.4 **Requirements and Services to be Performed**

A. **Start-Up File**

The County will provide to the selected Proposer a "Start-Up File" containing the original and/or copies of documents and related information, if applicable, of each respective bond issue. These documents include:

- a) Official Statement
- b) Arbitrage Certificate/Tax Compliance Certificate
- c) IRS Form 8038-T
- d) Escrow Deposit Agreement
- e) Verification report/Auditor's opinion
- f) Trustee bank statements
- g) Accounting reports
- h) IRS Form 8038-G
- i) The most recent Arbitrage Report
- j) Per bond per series debt service schedule
- k) Earned Interest Yield Schedule

The selected Proposer shall be responsible for the reproduction of any documents contained in the "Start-Up File" and any other County document utilized in the performance of its services, as necessary. The "Start-Up File" shall be retained in good form for the period of the Contract, and shall be returned to the County, within thirty days of contract termination.

B. **Tasks and Deliverables**

The selected Proposer shall provide arbitrage calculation services as follows:

- 1) Review all documents pertaining to applicable County tax exempt debt issues and the applicability of Federal tax laws and tax compliance requirements. The selected Proposer shall advise the County, as applicable, when arbitrage rebate calculations are not necessary.
- 2) Perform annual arbitrage rebate calculations for each tax-exempt bond issue based on the County's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) for accounting purposes.
- 3) Issue five-year rebate calculations and final rebate analysis ready for submission to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), based on the anniversary of the bonds. A roll forward for the IRS computation date for each applicable bond issue will be necessary for bond issue anniversary dates not conforming to the County's fiscal year.
- 4) On an annual basis, calculate the rebate liability amount, if any, for each bond issue, identifying the methodology and assumptions used and issue a report of certification on each applicable bond issue establishing its compliance with applicable arbitrage regulations.
- 5) Issue to the County's Finance Director a corresponding fiscal year executive summary of the annual certifications performed, identifying methodology employed, major assumption and conclusions, and compliance with applicable regulations. This summary shall be submitted no later than three (3) months after the end of each fiscal year.
- 6) Update and maintain all records related to arbitrage services. Make recommendations to the keeping; and make recommendations for improvements to current County procedures and controls, as appropriate.
- 7) Use the "Earned Interest Yield Schedule" to conduct an analysis and allocate interest earnings accordingly.

- 8) Assist the County in the preparation for any inquiry or audits by the IRS that may occur due to arbitrage calculations.
- 9) Provide training for County departments relating to arbitrage compliance.
- 10) Be available for formal presentations to the County’s Manager’s Finance Committee (“MFC”), the Board of County Commissioners and/or any sub-committee, as necessary.
- 11) Be available to discuss and make recommendations to the County on all arbitrage related services.
- 12) Provide financial analyses and arbitrage related services as directed by the Board of County Commissioners, and the County’s Finance Director.

3.0 RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Submittal Requirements

In response to this Solicitation, Proposer should **return the entire completed Proposal Submission Package** (see attached). Proposers should carefully follow the format and instructions outlined therein. All documents and information must be fully completed and signed as required.

The proposal shall be written in sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation of the proposed services. However, overly elaborate responses are not requested or desired.

4.0 EVALUATION PROCESS

4.1 Review of Proposals for Responsiveness

Each proposal will be reviewed to determine if the proposal is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in this Solicitation. A responsive proposal is one which follows the requirements of this Solicitation, includes all documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in this Solicitation, is of timely submission, and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by an Evaluation/Selection Committee, on criteria listed below. The Evaluation/Selection Committee will be comprised of appropriate County personnel and members of the community, as deemed necessary, with the appropriate experience and/or knowledge, striving to ensure that the Evaluation/Selection Committee is balanced with regard to both ethnicity and gender. The criteria are itemized with their respective weights for a maximum total of one hundred (100) points per Evaluation/Selection Committee member.

<u>Technical Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Proposer’s relevant experience, qualifications, and past Performance	35
2. Relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel that will be assigned to this project.	20
3. Proposer’s approach to providing the services requested in this Solicitation	25
<u>Price Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
4. Proposer’s proposed price	20

4.3 Oral Presentations

Upon completion of the technical criteria evaluation indicated above, rating and ranking, the Evaluation/Selection Committee may choose to conduct an oral presentation with the Proposer(s) which the Evaluation/Selection Committee deems to warrant further consideration based on, among other considerations, scores in clusters and/or maintaining competition. (See **Form A-2** regarding registering speakers in the proposal for oral presentations.) Upon completion of the oral presentation(s), the Evaluation/Selection Committee will re-evaluate, re-rate and re-rank the proposals remaining in consideration based upon the written documents combined with the oral presentation.

4.4 Selection Factor

This Solicitation includes a selection factor for Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) as follows. A SBE/Micro Business Enterprise is entitled to receive an additional ten percent (10%) of the total technical evaluation points on the technical portion of such Proposer's proposal. An SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by Small Business Development for the type of goods and/or services the Proposer provides in accordance with the applicable Commodity Code(s) for this Solicitation. For certification information contact Small Business Development at (305) 375-2378 or access <http://new.miamidade.gov/business/business-development.asp>. The SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by proposal submission deadline, at contract award, and for the duration of the contract to remain eligible for the preference. Firms that graduate from the SBE program during the contract may remain on the contract.

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

This Solicitation includes a preference for Miami-Dade County Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in accordance with Section 2-8.5.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. A VBE is entitled to receive an additional five percent (5%) of the total technical evaluation points on the technical portion of such Proposer's proposal. If a Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) measure is being applied to this Solicitation, a VBE which also qualifies for the SBE measure shall not receive the veteran's preference provided in this section and shall be limited to the applicable SBE preference.

4.6 Price Evaluation

After the evaluation of the technical proposal, in light of the oral presentation(s) if necessary, the County will evaluate the price proposals of those Proposers remaining in consideration.

The price proposal will be evaluated subjectively in combination with the technical proposal, including an evaluation of how well it matches Proposer's understanding of the County's needs described in this Solicitation, the Proposer's assumptions, and the value of the proposed services. The pricing evaluation is used as part of the evaluation process to determine the highest ranked Proposer. The County reserves the right to negotiate the final terms, conditions and pricing of the contract as may be in the best interest of the County.

4.7 Local Preference

The evaluation of competitive solicitations is subject to Section 2-8.5 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which, except where contrary to federal or state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses (see **Form A-4**). If, following the completion of final rankings by the Evaluation/Selection Committee, a non-local Proposer is the highest ranked responsive and responsible Proposer, and the ranking of a responsive and responsible local Proposer is within 5% of the ranking obtained by said non-local Proposer, then the Evaluation/Selection Committee will recommend that a contract be negotiated with said local Proposer.

4.8 Negotiations

The County may award a contract on the basis of initial offers received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the Proposer's best terms from a monetary and technical standpoint.

The Evaluation/Selection Committee will evaluate, score and rank proposals, and submit the results of their evaluation to the County Mayor or designee with their recommendation. The County Mayor or designee will

determine with which Proposer(s) the County shall negotiate, if any, taking into consideration the Local Preference Section above. The County Mayor or designee, at their sole discretion, may direct negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer, negotiations with multiple Proposers, and/or may request best and final offers. In any event the County engages in negotiations with a single or multiple Proposers and/or requests best and final offers, the discussions may include price and conditions attendant to price.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the County and said Proposer(s) cannot reach agreement on a contract, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations and may, at the County Mayor's or designee's discretion, begin negotiations with the next highest ranked Proposer(s). This process may continue until a contract acceptable to the County has been executed or all proposals are rejected. No Proposer shall have any rights against the County arising from such negotiations or termination thereof.

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations shall complete a Collusion Affidavit, in accordance with Sections 2-8.1.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code. (If a Proposer fails to submit the required Collusion Affidavit, said Proposer shall be ineligible for award.)

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations may be required to provide to the County:

- a) Its most recent certified business financial statements as of a date not earlier than the end of the Proposer's preceding official tax accounting period, together with a statement in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative, stating that the present financial condition is materially the same as that shown on the balance sheet and income statement submitted, or with an explanation for a material change in the financial condition. A copy of the most recent business income tax return will be accepted if certified financial statements are unavailable.

4.9 Contract Award

Any contract, resulting from this Solicitation, will be submitted to the County Mayor or designee for approval. All Proposers will be notified in writing when the County Mayor or designee makes an award recommendation. The Contract award, if any, shall be made to the Proposer whose proposal shall be deemed by the County to be in the best interest of the County. Notwithstanding the rights of protest listed below, the County's decision of whether to make the award and to which Proposer shall be final.

4.10 Rights of Protest

A recommendation for contract award or rejection of all proposals may be protested by a Proposer 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.

5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The anticipated form of agreement is attached. The terms and conditions summarized below are of special note and can be found in their entirety in the agreement:

a) Vendor Registration

Prior to being recommended for award, the Proposer shall complete a Miami-Dade County Vendor Registration Package. Effective June 1, 2008, the new Vendor Registration Package, including a Uniform Affidavit Packet (Affidavit form), must be completed. The Vendor Registration Package, including all affidavits can be obtained by downloading from the website at http://www.miamidade.gov/DPM/vendor_registration.asp or from the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL. The recommended Proposer shall affirm that all information submitted with its Vendor Registration Package is current, complete and accurate, at the time they submitted a response to the Solicitation, by completing an Affirmation of Vendor Affidavit form.

b) Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division, prior to the commencement of any work under any agreement, Certificates of Insurance which indicate insurance coverage has been obtained that meets the stated requirements.

c) Inspector General Reviews

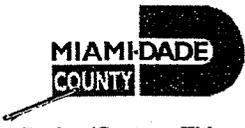
According to Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as amended by Ordinance No. 99-63, Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General which may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts, throughout the duration of said contracts, except as otherwise indicated. The cost of the audit, if applicable, shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the total contract amount and the cost shall be included in any proposed price. The audit cost will be deducted by the County from progress payments to the Contractor, if applicable.

d) User Access Program

Pursuant to Section 2-8.10 of the Miami-Dade County Code, any agreement issued as a result of this Solicitation is subject to a user access fee under the County User Access Program (UAP) in the amount of two percent (2%). All sales resulting from this Solicitation and the utilization of the County contract price and the terms and conditions identified therein, are subject to the two percent (2%) UAP.

6.0 ATTACHMENTS

Form of Agreement
Proposal Submission Package



Small Business Development Division Project Worksheet

Project/Contract Title: ARBITRAGE REBATE SERVICES **Received Date:** 01/24/2013
Project/Contract No: RFP 857 **Funding Source:** USER. DEPT. REVENUES
Department: FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Estimated Cost of Project/Bid: \$500,000.00 **Resubmittal Date(s):**
Description of Project/Bid: To establish a contract soliciting proposals from qualified consultants to provide arbitrage rebate calculations and related services for existing and future bond issues that are subject to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and applicable Treasury regulations.

Contract Measures Recommendation			
<u>Measure</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Goal Percent</u>	
Selection Factor	SBE		

Reasons for Recommendation
<p>SELECTION FACTOR</p> <p>This project meets the criteria set forth in I.O. # 3-41.</p> <p>The seventeen (17) SBE firms certified in the required Commodity Codes were polled; three (3) responded as not able to satisfy the project requirements.</p> <p>Commodity Code: 91849-Finance/Economics Consulting</p>

Small Business Contract Measure Recommendation				
<u>Subtrade</u>	<u>Cat.</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>	<u>% of Items to Base Bid</u>	<u>Availability</u>
Total				

Living Wages: YES NO

Responsible Wages: YES NO

Responsible Wages and Benefits applies to all construction projects over \$100,000 that do not utilize federal fund. For federally funded projects, unless prohibited by federal or state law or disallowed by a governmental funding source, the HIGHER wage between Davis Bacon and Responsible Wages and Benefits shall apply.

REVIEW RECOMMENDATION			
Tier 1 Set Aside _____	Tier 2 Set Aside _____		
Set Aside _____	Level 1 _____	Level 2 _____	Level 3 _____
Trade Set Aside (MCC) _____	Goal _____	Bid Preference _____	
No Measure _____	Deferred _____	Selection Factor _____	
CWP _____	SBD Director		Date _____