

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) No. 859
FOR
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES
(GENERAL SEGMENT)**

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD:

_____, 2014 at __:00 AM (local time)
111 NW 1st Street, 13th Floor, 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:

_____, 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.miamidade.gov/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, hereinafter referred to as the County, as represented by the Miami-Dade County Finance Department, is soliciting responses from financial advisors, to provide financial advisory services for general obligation, special obligation, public health trust/general obligation, public health trust/sales tax, transit and sunshine state debt transactions and services. These transactions will include issuance of bonds, notes, certificates or other financing instruments, and exclude swaps or derivative products, and on-going advisory services ("Financial Advisory Services") for the County's General Segment. The County has retained a swap advisor to provide financial advisory services for all swap and derivative products.

The County has separated all of its Financial Advisory Services into three "Segments": 1) Water & Sewer; 2) General Segment; and 3) Enterprise Segment. The County is issuing a separate Request for Qualifications for each Segment. **This RFQ is for the General Segment of the County.** The General Segment includes all financial advisory services for the County, other than financial advisory services for its peripheral agencies, its Water & Sewer Segment (Water & Sewer Department) and Enterprise Segment (Aviation, Seaport and Public Works and Waste Management Departments).

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

The anticipated schedule for this Solicitation is as follows:

Solicitation issued:

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@miamidadegov at least five days in advance.

Deadline for receipt of questions:

Proposal due date:

See front cover for date, time and place.

Evaluation process:

Projected award date:

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 words "Joint Venture" to mean an association of two or more persons, partnerships, corporations or other business entities under a contractual agreement to conduct a specific business enterprise for a specified period with both sharing profits and losses (see Section 2.1 for Joint Venture limitations).
4. The words "Mayor's Finance Committee" to mean a committee comprised of representatives from (i) Seaport; (ii) Water & Sewer; (iii) Transit; (iv) Budget; (v) Aviation; (vi) Public Works and Waste Management; and members from the public and private sectors. This Committee has the responsibility to assign the underwriting firms to a particular negotiated transaction pursuant to the Underwriter's Ordinance (Ord. No. 99-73, as amended).
5. The word "Proposer" to mean the person, firm, entity or organization, as stated on Form A-1, submitting a response to this Solicitation.
6. The words "Qualified Financial Advisor" shall mean firms that provide solely financial advisory services to governmental entities and do not underwrite governmental obligations, including bonds.
7. The words "Scope of Services" to mean Section 2.0 of this Solicitation, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.

8. The words "Small Business Enterprise" to mean a business entity certified by Small Business Development, providing goods or services, which has an actual place of business in Miami-Dade County and whose three year gross revenues does not exceed \$5 million, subject to the provisions of Ordinance No. 05-29.
9. The word "Solicitation" to mean this Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document, and all associated addenda and attachments.
10. 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.
11. 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-responsive. 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/Introduction

The County, as represented by the Finance Department, is soliciting responses from financial advisors, to provide financial advisory services for revenue debt transactions and services for general obligation, special obligation, public health trust/general obligation, public health trust/sales tax, transit and sunshine state debt transactions and services. These transactions will include issuance of bonds, notes, certificates or other financing instruments, and exclude swaps or derivative products, and on-going advisory services ("Financial Advisory Services") for the County's General Segment. The County has retained a swap advisor to provide financial advisory services for all swap and derivative products.

The County has separated all of its Financial Advisory Services into three "Segments": 1) Water & Sewer Segment (RFQ858); 2) General Segment (RFQ859); and 3) Enterprise Segment (RFQ860). The County is issuing a separate Request for Qualifications for each Segment. **This RFQ is for the General Segment of the County.** The General Segment includes all financial advisory services for the County, other than financial advisory services for its peripheral agencies, its Water & Sewer Segment (Water & Sewer Department) and Enterprise Segment (Aviation, Seaport, Public Works and Waste Management Departments).

The selected Proposer should have an established reputation in the investment community for experience, expertise and reliability in municipal finance, generally and for the Financial Advisory Services, specifically.

Proposing on one Segment does not preclude the Proposer from proposing on any of the other two Segments. However, the Proposer must submit a separate response for each Financial Advisory Services Solicitation (pursuant to the requirements therein) they wish to respond to. Only one proposal from each proposer, either as an individual proposer, or as a Joint Venture proposer, shall be considered for each Segment. A proposer who submits a proposal for a Segment as an individual proposer and a proposal as a Joint Venture proposer, will only be considered as under the Joint Venture proposal.

Notwithstanding the above, a proposer will only be selected for one of the Segments. The Evaluation/Selection Committee (see Section 4) will recommend a proposer for each of the Solicitations in the following order:

- 1) Water & Sewer Segment: RFQ858
- 2) General Segment: RFQ859
- 3) Enterprise Segment: RFQ860

Once a proposer, individually or as a Joint Venture proposer, is recommended for award as a result of this Solicitation, that proposer is ineligible to be recommended for award for any of the other two Financial Advisory Services Solicitations (see, paragraph above regarding the order of precedence for recommendation for award). Following are the limitations to proposing as a Joint Venture Proposer:

- 1) Joint Ventures will be considered as one entity by the County during the evaluation of the proposal in response to this Solicitation. The qualifications and experience of the individual firms will be "blended" in arriving at an evaluation score for the Joint Venture proposer under the specific criteria.
- 2) Although not required, non-Small Business Enterprise firms are encouraged to joint venture with Small Business Enterprise firms. However, as stated above, only one proposal from the Joint venture proposer will be considered.
- 3) Joint Ventures must be pre-approved by Small Business Development and meet the criteria for the purposes of receiving an SBE Selection Factor pursuant to Section 4.4.

2.2 Limitations

The following two items are limitations under this Solicitation:

- 1) Subcontractors/Sub-consultants are **not** allowed to be utilized under any contract as a result of this Solicitation;
- 2) Underwriters are not allowed to be utilized under any contract as a result of this Solicitation.
- 3) A proposer that has been selected to serve as financial advisor to the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust **may not** be selected as Financial Advisor to the General Segment.

2.3 Minimum Qualification Requirements

The minimum qualification requirements for this Solicitation are

- A. The Proposer must be listed in the **Bond Buyer Municipal Marketplace Directory Spring 2013, "Red Book"** as Financial Advisors as of the proposal due date of this Solicitation. In the case of a joint venture proposal, at least one of the firms shall meet this requirement.
- B. The Proposer must have been in business performing financial advisory type services for at least two (2) years prior to the proposal due date of this Solicitation. With respect to joint venture proposals, at least one of the firms shall meet this requirement, with the remaining firms each having a minimum of one year experience as of the proposal due date.

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 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. The Proposer should send in as proof that they are listed in the Red Book, a copy of the page in the Red Book.

2.4 Services to be Provided

A. Issuance of Bonds

The selected Respondent shall:

- 1) Advise the County and provide a written recommendation on the means of conducting the sale of bonds (i.e. competitive bidding, negotiation, or some other process);
- 2) For both negotiated and competitively bid bond issues:
 - a) On a pro-active basis, bring refunding or other new financing ideas to the attention of the Finance Director;
 - b) Assist the County in preparing the notice of sale (NOS);
 - c) On the day of the sale, advise the County as to the best bid received based upon the verification of bids and recommend an award which, in the Financial Advisors judgment, is in the best interest of the County;
 - d) Assist in determining the optimal timing for the issue "to go to the market"; and
 - e) Participate in the "pricing call" and advise the County as to the reasonableness of the components of the underwriters spread;
- 3) Provide specific recommendations on each bond issue regarding the following:
 - a) The aggregate principal amount of bonds to be issued;
 - b) The timing of the offering in order to provide funds to meet the County's capital needs;
 - c) The definitive structure of the bond issue – maturity range, serial and/or term bonds, capital appreciation bonds, etc.; and
 - d) Redemption Provisions;
 - e) Prepare number runs in advance of resolution submittal to committee and Board of County Commission regular meeting;
- 4) Prepare pre-pricing analyses in advance of pricing and prepare final report after pricing;
- 5) Provide a certificate at closing which will confirm that the County received a market price on the transaction at the time of pricing;
- 6) Prepare a timetable for each bond issue and assist the County in coordinating all meetings and conference calls;
- 7) Provide advice and assistance to the County and to bond counsel in the preparation of the necessary bond authorizing ordinance or ordinances and other proceedings;
- 8) Assist with validation of the bonds through preparation of financial tables and exhibits and the presentation of testimony when necessary;
- 9) Provide advice and assistance to the County and disclosure counsel as to preparation and composition of the preliminary and final official statements, so as to make the most favorable full and accurate disclosure to the rating agencies and investing public;
- 10) Provide a recommendation on the need for municipal bond insurance and request, receive and evaluate quotes, when applicable, for municipal bond insurance, and make recommendations to the County as to which quote should be accepted;
- 11) Provide a recommendation on whether to cash fund or use a surety reserve policy to fund the reserve requirement and request, receive and evaluate quotes, when applicable, for reserve fund surety, and make recommendations to the County as to which quote should be accepted;
- 12) If applicable, solicit bids for escrow securities in refunding transactions;
- 13) If applicable, solicit bids for investment contracts for debt service reserve funds;

- 14) Request, receive and evaluate bids for the printing of the preliminary and final official statement, and make recommendations to the County as to which bid should be accepted;
- 15) Request, receive and evaluate bids for paying agent/registrars services, and make recommendations to the County as to which bid should be accepted;
- 16) Provide advice and assistance to County staff in the preparation and presentations to the rating agencies, to include bond issues documentation, for the purpose of obtaining the best possible rating of the bonds;
- 17) Assist in the preparation and review of all necessary closing documents;
- 18) Attend all document sessions (i.e. meetings with the finance review team), County Mayor's Finance Committee meetings, Board of County Commissioners Committee meetings, Board of County Commissioners meetings, pre-closings and closings, when deemed necessary; and
- 19) Review debt service schedules and annual report to bondholders.

B. Other Services – (Non- Bond Related)

The selected Respondent shall:

- 1) Coordinate periodic visits between the County, representatives of the rating agencies and major institutional investors;
- 2) Provide periodic reports of municipal market conditions both within the State of Florida and nationwide;
- 3) In the area of short-term financing, provide the County with advice, guidance, evaluation, pricing and assistance in bond anticipation notes, bank loans, commercial paper, and any other financial instrument as necessary;
- 4) Create and maintain a personal computer database on the General segment debt portfolio. The database shall be periodically updated and shall be made available to the County's Finance Director. Information shall be stored offsite for recovery purposes in case of an emergency;
- 5) Conduct an annual review of the General Segment's debt structure and prepare, in conjunction with the County's Finance Department, an annual report for the rating agencies of Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's Corporation and FITCH. (The goal in this regard is to maintain the respective bond ratings assigned and to achieve an upgrading from the rating agencies where, in the professional judgment of the Financial Advisors, such upgrading is attainable.);
- 6) Be available to the County to discuss and make recommendations on all financial matters as they relate to incurring County Departments' debt and be available for formal presentations to the mayor's Finance Committee (MFC) and the Board as necessary;
- 7) Review unsolicited proposals for financial transactions received by the County from underwriting firms and, on a timely basis, make recommendations as to their merits to the Finance Director and the MFC, as necessary;
- 8) Assist each General Segment Department in the development of a Five-Year Financing Plan, as necessary, and
- 9) Provide, on an as-needed basis, financial analyses or any applicable services as directed by the Board, the County Mayor and the County's Finance Director.

- 10) At least once a year, review the outstanding debt portfolio for each General Segment Department and submit recommendations that could result in reducing the Department's borrowing costs; and
- 11) Develop required financial analyses for the issuance of debt for each department and provide reports.

2.5 Reporting Requirements

The selected Proposer shall provide an update of its legal and financial status once a year due on October 1st, commencing in October 2015.

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. Refer to Section 2.1 for additional information on submittal.

The proposal shall be written in sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation of the proposed services. However, unnecessary and overly elaborate and voluminous 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 by an Evaluation/Selection Committee which will evaluate and rank proposals 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, as a financial advisor, rankings, products, samples, and past performance	30
2. Relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel, that will be assigned to this project;	25
3. Proposer's approach to rating agency presentations and experience of assigned staff who will conceive and develop the rating agency presentations, reviews and communiqués for the Segment.	15
4. Proposer's technical and in-house capability to provide technical support, computer modeling, financial analysis, econometric projections, price modeling, and similar services	15

Price CriteriaPoints

5. Proposer's proposed price

15

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. In his sole discretion, the County Mayor or designee may direct negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer, negotiations with multiple Proposers, or may request best and final offers.

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

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(This is the form of agreement the County anticipates awarding to the selected Proposer.)

Financial Advisory Services
GENERAL SEGMENT

Contract No. RFQ859

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

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Contractor has offered to provide financial advisory services, on a non-exclusive basis, that shall conform to the Scope of Services (Appendix A); Miami-Dade County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 859 and all associated addenda and attachments, incorporated herein by reference; and the requirements of this Agreement; and,

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

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

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

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

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

- a) The words "Contract" or "Agreement" to mean collectively these terms and conditions, the Scope of Services (Appendix A), all other appendices and attachments hereto, all amendments issued hereto, RFQ No. 859 and all associated addenda, and the Contractor's Proposal.
- b) The words "Contract Date" to mean the date on which this Agreement is effective.
- c) The words "Contract Manager" to mean Miami-Dade County's Director, Internal Services Department, or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Contract.
- d) The word "Contractor" to mean _____ and its permitted successors and assigns.
- e) The word "Days" to mean Calendar Days.
- f) The word "Deliverables" to mean all documentation and any items of any nature submitted by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager for review and approval pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- g) The words "directed", "required", "permitted", "ordered", "designated", "selected", "prescribed" or words of like import to mean respectively, the direction, requirement, permission, order, designation, selection or prescription of the County's Project Manager; and similarly the words "approved", "acceptable", "satisfactory", "equal", "necessary", or words of like import to mean respectively, approved by, or acceptable or satisfactory to, equal or necessary in the opinion of the County's Project Manager.
- h) The words "Extra Work" or "Additional Work" to mean additions or deletions or modifications to the amount, type or value of the Work and Services as required in this Contract, as directed and/or approved by the County.
- i) The words "Project Manager" to mean the County Mayor or the duly authorized representative designated to manage the Project.
- j) The words "Scope of Services" to mean the document appended hereto as Appendix A, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
- k) The word "subcontractor" or "subconsultant" to mean any person, entity, firm or corporation, other than the employees of the Contractor, who furnishes labor and/or materials, in connection with the Work, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf and/or under the direction of the Contractor and whether or not in privity of Contract with the Contractor.
- l) The words "Work", "Services" "Program", or "Project" to mean all matters and things required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.

ARTICLE 2. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

If there is a conflict between or among the provisions of this Agreement, the order of precedence is as follows: 1) these terms and conditions, 2) Appendices to these terms and conditions (Scope of Services and Price Schedule), 3) the Miami-Dade County's RFQ No. 859 and any associated addenda and attachments thereof, and 4) the Contractor's Proposal.

ARTICLE 3. RULES OF INTERPRETATION

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

ARTICLE 4. NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

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

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

ARTICLE 5. CONTRACT TERM

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

ARTICLE 6. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

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

(1) to the County

- a) to the Project Manager:

Miami-Dade County
Finance Department
Attention: Director, Division of Bond Administration
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 2550
Miami, FL 33128-1974
Phone: (305) 375-5046
Fax: (305) 375-5659
E-mail:

and,

- b) to the Contract Manager:

Miami-Dade County
Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Division
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1375
Miami, FL 33128-1974

Attention: Assistant Director
Phone: (305) 375-5548
Fax: (305) 375-2316
E-mail:

(2) To the Contractor

Attention:
Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:

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

ARTICLE 7. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES/AMOUNT OBLIGATED

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

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

With respect to travel costs and travel-related expenses, the Contractor agrees to adhere to Section 112.061 of the Florida Statutes as they pertain to out-of-pocket expenses, including employee lodging, transportation, per diem, and all miscellaneous cost and fees. The County shall not be liable for any such expenses that have not been approved in advance, in writing, by the County.

ARTICLE 8. PRICING

Prices shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the Contract, including any option or extension periods; however, the Contractor may offer incentive discounts to the County at any time during the Contract term, including any renewal or extension thereof.

ARTICLE 9. METHOD AND TIMES OF PAYMENT

The Contractor agrees that under the provisions of this Agreement, as reimbursement for those actual, reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the Contractor, which are directly attributable or properly allocable to the Services, the Contractor may bill the County periodically, but not more than once per month, upon invoices certified by the Contractor pursuant to Appendix B – Price Schedule. All invoices shall be taken from the books of account kept by the

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

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

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

Miami-Dade County
Finance Department
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 2550
Miami, FL 33128-1974
Attention: Division of Bond Administration

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

ARTICLE 10. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 11. MANNER OF PERFORMANCE

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

ARTICLE 12. EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTRACTOR

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

ARTICLE 13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent or servant of the County. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision and control. The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees and agents of the County.

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

ARTICLE 14. AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY'S PROJECT MANAGER

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

the County Mayor participated therein, or by any prior decision of others, which prior decision shall be deemed subject to review, or by any termination or cancellation of the Agreement. All such disputes shall be submitted in writing by the Contractor to the County Mayor for a decision, together with all evidence and other pertinent information in regard to such questions, in order that a fair and impartial decision may be made. Whenever the County Mayor is entitled to exercise discretion or judgement or to make a determination or form an opinion pursuant to the provisions of this Article, such action shall be fair and impartial when exercised or taken. The County Mayor, as appropriate, shall render a decision in writing and deliver a copy of the same to the Contractor. Except as such remedies may be limited or waived elsewhere in the Agreement, Contractor reserves the right to pursue any remedies available under law after exhausting the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 15. MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

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

ARTICLE 16. QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY ASSURANCE RECORD KEEPING

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

ARTICLE 17. AUDITS

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

Pursuant to Section 2-481 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Contractor will grant access to the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds. The Contractor agrees to

maintain an accounting system that provides accounting records that are supported with adequate documentation, and adequate procedures for determining the allowability and allocability of costs.

ARTICLE 18. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

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

ARTICLE 19. CONSENT OF THE COUNTY REQUIRED FOR ASSIGNMENT

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

ARTICLE 20. SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 22. SEVERABILITY

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

ARTICLE 23. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF WORK

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

Contractor shall, upon receipt of such notice, unless otherwise directed by the County:

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

ARTICLE 24. EVENT OF DEFAULT

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

subsection b below;

- vii. the Contractor has failed in the representation of any warranties stated herein.

- b) When, in the opinion of the County, reasonable grounds for uncertainty exist with respect to the Contractor's ability to perform the Services or any portion thereof, the County may request that the Contractor, within the timeframe set forth in the County's request, provide adequate assurances to the County, in writing, of the Contractor's ability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Until the County receives such assurances, the County may request an adjustment to the compensation received by the Contractor for portions of the Services which the Contractor has not performed. In the event that the Contractor fails to provide to the County the requested assurances within the prescribed timeframe, the County may:
 - i. treat such failure as a repudiation of this Agreement; and
 - ii. resort to any remedy for breach provided herein or at law, including but not limited to, taking over the performance of the Services or any part thereof either by itself or through others.

- c) In the event the County shall terminate this Agreement for default, the County or its designated representatives may immediately take possession of all applicable equipment, materials, products, documentation, reports and data.

ARTICLE 25. NOTICE OF DEFAULT - OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

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

ARTICLE 26. REMEDIES IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT

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

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

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

ARTICLE 27. PATENT AND COPYRIGHT INDEMNIFICATION

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

ARTICLE 28. CONFIDENTIALITY

- a) All Developed Works and other materials, data, transactions of all forms, financial information, documentation, inventions, designs and methods obtained from the County in connection with the Services performed under this Agreement, made or developed by the Contractor or its subcontractors in the course of the performance of such Services, or the results of such Services, or which the County holds the proprietary rights, constitute Confidential Information and may not, without the prior written consent of the County, be used by the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers for any purpose other than for the benefit of the County, unless required by law. In addition to the foregoing, all County employee information and County financial information shall be considered Confidential Information and shall be subject to all the requirements stated herein. Neither the Contractor nor its employees, agents, subcontractors or suppliers may sell, transfer, publish, disclose, display, license or otherwise make available to others any part of such Confidential Information without the

prior written consent of the County. Additionally, the Contractor expressly agrees to be bound by and to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, and their officers and employees from the breach of any federal, state or local law in regard to the privacy of individuals.

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

ARTICLE 29. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 30. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

b) Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

Miami-Dade County Inspector General Review

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 33. LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 34. NONDISCRIMINATION

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

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

ARTICLE 35. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Contractor represents that:

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

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

ARTICLE 36. PRESS RELEASE OR OTHER PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

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

ARTICLE 37. BANKRUPTCY

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

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PACKAGE
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 859
Financial Advisory Services (General Segment)

In response to the Solicitation, Proposer shall RETURN THIS ENTIRE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PACKAGE as follows:

1. Form A-1, Cover Page of Proposal

Complete and sign (by Proposer or representative of the Proposer who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the Proposer) as required.

2. Proposer Information

Complete following the requirements therein.

Note: The Proposer Information document is available in Word and is hereby included in the Solicitation attachments.

3. Affidavits/Acknowledgements

Complete and sign the following forms:

- Form A-2, Lobbyist Registration for Oral Presentations
- Form A-3, Acknowledgement of Addenda
- Form A-4, Local Business Preference
- Form A-5, Fair Subcontracting Policies
- Form A-6, Subcontractor/Supplier Listing

4. Form B-1, Price Proposal Schedule

Complete following the requirements therein.

Submit in hardcopy format an original, complete Proposal Submission Package, seven (7) copies of the complete package, and an electronic copy (CD or Flash Drive), by the Proposal Due Date (see front cover of Solicitation) in a sealed envelope/container addressed as follows:

Proposer's Name Proposer's Address Proposer's Telephone Number	Clerk of the Board Stephen P. Clark Center 111 NW 1st Street, 17th Floor, Suite 202 Miami, FL 33128-1983
RFQ No.: 859 RFQ Title: Financial Advisory Services – General Segment Proposal Due Date:	

PROPOSER'S NAME (Name of firm, entity or organization):		
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:		
NAME AND TITLE OF PROPOSER'S CONTACT PERSON:		
Name: _____		Title: _____
MAILING ADDRESS:		
Street Address: _____		
City, State, Zip: _____		
TELEPHONE: (____) _____	FAX: (____) _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
PROPOSER'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain): _____		
IF CORPORATION:		
Date Incorporated/Organized: _____ State Incorporated/Organized: _____		
States registered in as foreign corporation: _____		
PROPOSER'S SERVICE OR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN WHAT THIS SOLICITATION REQUESTS FOR:		
LIST NAMES OF PROPOSER'S SUBCONTRACTORS OR SUBCONSULTANTS FOR THIS PROJECT:		
LOCAL CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE:		
<p>A Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise is a firm that is a) a local business pursuant to Section 2-8.5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and b) prior to proposal submittal is certified by the State of Florida Department of Management Services as a service-disabled veteran business enterprise pursuant to Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes. At the time of proposal submission, the Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise must affirm in writing its compliance with the certification requirements of Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes and submit said affirmation and a copy of the actual certification along with the proposal submission.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place a checkmark here only if affirming Proposer is a certified Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise. A copy of the required certification must be submitted with the proposal.</p>		
CRIMINAL CONVICTION DISCLOSURE:		
<p>Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 94-34, any individual who has been convicted of a felony during the past ten years and any corporation, partnership, joint venture or other legal entity having an officer, director, or executive who has been convicted of a felony during the past ten years shall disclose this information prior to entering into a contract with or receiving funding from the County.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place a checkmark here only if Proposer has such conviction to disclose.</p>		
Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List:		
<p>By executing this proposal through a duly authorized representative, the proposer certifies that the proposer is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, as those terms are used and defined in sections 287.135 and 215.473 of the Florida Statutes. In the event that the proposer is unable to provide such certification but still seeks to be considered for award of this solicitation, the proposer shall execute the proposal through a duly authorized representative and shall also initial this space: _____. In such event, the proposer shall furnish together with its proposal a duly executed written explanation of the facts supporting any exception to the requirement for certification that it claims under Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes. The proposer agrees to cooperate fully with the County in any investigation undertaken by the County to determine whether the claimed exception would be applicable. The County shall have the right to terminate any contract resulting from this solicitation for default if the proposer is found to have submitted a false certification or to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies for Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.</p>		

PROPOSER'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this proposal is submitted in response to this solicitation.

THE EXECUTION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE UNEQUIVOCAL OFFER OF PROPOSER TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF ITS PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO SIGN THIS SOLICITATION WHERE INDICATED BELOW BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE. THE COUNTY MAY, HOWEVER, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES AN EXECUTED DOCUMENT WHICH UNEQUIVOCALLY BINDS THE PROPOSER TO THE TERMS OF ITS OFFER.

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

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Minimum Qualification Requirements

1. Provide documentation that demonstrates Proposer's ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. Proposers who do not meet the minimum qualification requirements or who fail to provide supporting documentation may be deemed non-responsive. The minimum qualification requirements for this Solicitation are:
 - a. The Proposer must be listed in the **Bond Buyer Municipal Marketplace Directory Spring 2013, "Red Book"** as Financial Advisers as of the Response Due Date for this RFQ; in case of a Joint Venture Respondent, at least one of the firms **shall** be listed in the Red Book as Financial Advisors as of the proposal due date of this solicitation; and
 - b. The Respondent must have been in business performing financial advisory type services for at least two (2) years prior to the Response Due Date for this RFQ. With respect to Joint Venture Respondents, at least one of the firms **shall** have been in business for at least two (2) years, with the remaining firms each having a minimum of one (1) year experience, as of the proposal due date of this solicitation.

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 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. The Proposer should send in as proof that they are listed in the Red Book, a copy of the page in the Red Book.

Proposer's Experience and Past Performance

2. Describe the Proposer's past performance and experience in the capacity as a financial advisor.
3. State the number of years that the Proposer has been in existence, the current number of employees, and the primary markets served.
4. Provide a detailed description of five (5) comparable contracts (similar in scope of services to those requested herein) for the top five major General Segment governmental clients, which the Proposer has either ongoing or completed within the past two (2) years in the capacity as a financial advisor. The description should identify for each project:
 - (i) client,
 - (ii) client contact person, phone number and email address
 - (iii) description of work,
 - (iv) total dollar value of the contract,
 - (vi) dates covering the term of the contract,
 - (vii) statement of whether Proposer was the prime contractor or subcontractor. Include the Proposer's role and any value added. Value added shall include various types of municipal bond issuances, complex structures, and innovative financings that the Proposer brought to the client.
 - (viii) the outcome of the projects.

Where possible, list and describe those projects performed for government clients or similar size private entities (excluding any work performed for the County).

5. Describe a sample of the various types of municipal debt issuances for which the Proposer has served as financial advisor over the past two (2) years, excluding issues from the County's peripheral agencies and

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any of the Departments covered by the Water & Sewer Segment and the Enterprise Segment Solicitations.

6. Describe Proposer's experience in internet bidding and the Proposer's means of evaluating these bids, the internet bidders and the service provider.
7. Describe innovative products and items the Proposer has submitted to governmental clients.
8. List all contracts which the Proposer has performed for Miami-Dade County. The County will review all contracts the Proposer has performed for the County in accordance with Section 2-8.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Code, which requires that "a Bidder's or Proposer's past performance on County Contracts be considered in the selection of Consultants and Contractors for future County Contracts." As such the Proposer must list and describe all work performed for Miami-Dade County and include for each project: (i) name of the County Department which administers or administered the contract, (ii) description of work, (iii) total dollar value of the contract, (iv) dates covering the term of the contract, (v) County contact person and phone number, (vi) statement of whether Proposer was the prime contractor or subcontractor, and (vii) the results of the project.
9. Describe the Respondent's experience with the Rating Agencies and describe the Respondent's specific policies, plans, procedures or techniques used in providing rating agency presentations, reviews and communiqués.
10. Information concerning any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three years.

Key Personnel and Subcontractors Performing Services

11. Provide an organization chart for bond related and non-bond related work, showing all key personnel, including their titles, to be assigned to the County for this project. This chart must clearly identify the Proposer's employees, and shall include the key personnel areas of responsibility. All key personnel includes all partners, managers, seniors and other professional staff that will perform work and/or services in this project.
12. Describe the experience, qualifications and other vital information, including relevant experience on previous similar projects, of all key personnel, who will be assigned to the County for this project. This information shall include the functions to be performed by the key individuals.
13. Provide resumes, if available with job descriptions and other detailed qualification information on all key personnel who will be assigned to the County for this project.

Note: After proposal submission, but prior to the award of any contract issued as a result of this Solicitation, the Proposer has a continuing obligation to advise the County of any changes, intended or otherwise, to the key personnel identified in its proposal.

Proposed Approach to Providing the Services

14. Describe Proposer's specific project plan and procedures to be used in providing the services in the Scope of Services (see Section 2.0). Describe how Proposer has applied the proposed project approach in comparable contracts.

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15. Describe Proposer's ability to perform the services described in the Scope of Services (see Section 2.0), and describe Proposer's specific policies, plans, procedures or techniques to be used in providing the services requested. The Proposer shall describe its approach to project organization and management, responsibilities of Proposer's management and staff personnel that will perform work in this Solicitation.
16. The Proposer shall describe its approach to rating agency presentation, review and communiqués creation, organization and management and the responsibilities of the Proposer's management and staff personnel that will perform work in this project.
17. Describe Proposer's in-house computer and technical capabilities to include technical support, computer modeling, financial analysis, econometric projections, and pricing modeling.
18. Identify if Proposer has taken any exception to the terms of this Solicitation. If so, indicate what alternative is being offered and the cost implications of the exception(s).

Form A-2

AFFIDAVIT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
LOBBYIST REGISTRATION FOR ORAL PRESENTATION

(1) Project Title: _____ Project No.: _____
(2) Department: _____
(3) Proposer's Name: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Business Telephone: (____) _____

(4) List All Members of the Presentation Team Who Will Be Participating in the Oral Presentation:

Table with 4 columns: NAME, TITLE, EMPLOYED BY, TEL. NO. and multiple rows for listing team members.

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)

The individuals named above are Registered and the Registration Fee is not required for the Oral Presentation ONLY.

Any person who appears as a representative for an individual or firm for an oral presentation before a County certification, evaluation, selection, technical review or similar committee must be listed on an affidavit provided by the County. The affidavit shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board at the time the response is submitted. The individual or firm must submit a revised affidavit for additional team members added after submittal of the proposal with the Clerk of the Board prior to the oral presentation. Any person not listed on the affidavit or revised affidavit may not participate in the oral presentation, unless he or she is registered with the Clerk's office and has paid all applicable fees.

Other than for the oral presentation, Proposers who wish to address the county commission, county board or county committee concerning any actions, decisions or recommendations of County personnel regarding this solicitation in accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County MUST register with the Clerk of the Board and pay all applicable fees.

I do solemnly swear that all the foregoing facts are true and correct and I have read or am familiar with the provisions of Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County as amended.

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____ Title: _____
STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____,
by _____, a _____, who is personally known
(Individual, Officer, Partner or Agent) (Sole Proprietor, Corporation or Partnership)
to me or who has produced _____ as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

(Signature of person taking acknowledgement)
(Name of Acknowledger typed, printed or stamped)
(Title or Rank) (Serial Number, if any)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

Instructions: Complete Part I or Part II, whichever is applicable.

PART I: Listed below are the dates of issue for each Addendum received in connection with this solicitation.

Addendum #1, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #2, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #3, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #4, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #5, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #6, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #7, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #8, Dated _____, 201__

Addendum #9, Dated _____, 201__

PART II:

_____ No Addendum was received in connection with this solicitation.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Firm Name: _____

Form A-4

LOCAL BUSINESS 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. A local business, for the purposes of receiving the aforementioned preference above, shall be defined as a Proposer which meets all of the following.

- 1. Proposer has a valid Local Business Tax Receipt (formerly know as an Occupational License), issued by Miami-Dade County at least one year prior to proposal submission, that is appropriate for the goods, services or construction to be purchased.

Proposer shall attach a copy of said Miami-Dade County Local Business Tax Receipt hereto. (Note: Current and past year receipts, or occupational licenses, as may be applicable, may need to be submitted as proof that it was issued at least one year prior to the proposal due date.)

- 2. Proposer has a physical business address located within the limits of Miami-Dade County from which the Proposer operates or performs business. (Post Office Boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address.)

Proposer shall state its Miami-Dade County (or Broward County if applicable, see note below) physical business address _____

- 3. Proposer contributes to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include but not be limited to the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase in the County’s tax base. To satisfy this requirement, the Proposer shall affirm in writing its compliance with any of the following objective criteria as of the proposal submission date:

Check box, if applicable:

- a) Proposer has at least ten (10) permanent full time employees, or part time employees equivalent to 10 FTE (“full-time equivalent” employees working 40 hours per week) that live in Miami-Dade County, or at least 25% of its employees that live in Miami-Dade County.
- b) Proposer contributes to the County’s tax base by paying either real property taxes or tangible personal property taxes to Miami-Dade County.
- c) Proposer contributes to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County by some other verifiable and measurable contribution by _____

Proposer shall check the box if applicable and, if checking item “c”, shall provide a written statement, above, defining how Proposer meets that criteria.

By signing below, Proposer affirms that it meets the above criteria to qualify for Local Preference and has submitted the requested documents.

Note: At this time, there is an interlocal agreement in effect between Miami-Dade and Broward Counties until September 30, 2013. Therefore, a Proposer which meets the requirements of (1), (2) and (3) above for Broward County shall be considered a local business for the purposes outlined herein.

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the foregoing facts are true and correct.

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO (or affirmed) before me on _____,
(Date)

by _____ He/She is personally known to me or has
(Affiant)
presented _____ as identification.
(Type of Identification)

(Signature of Notary) (Serial Number)

(Print or Stamp Name of Notary) (Expiration Date)

Notary Public _____
(State)

Notary Seal

FAIR SUBCONTRACTING POLICIES
(Section 2-8.8 of the Miami-Dade County Code)

FAIR SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

In compliance with Section 2-8.8 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the Proposer submits the following detailed statement of its policies and procedures for awarding subcontracts:

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Firm Name: _____

**FORM A-6
SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER LISTING
(Miami-Dade County Code Sections 2-8.1, 2-8.8 and 10-34)**

Name of Proposer _____ FEIN _____

In accordance with Sections 2-8.1, 2-8.8 and 10.34 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this form must be submitted as a condition of award by all Proposers on County contracts for purchase of supplies, materials or services, including professional services which involve expenditures of \$100,000 or more, and all Proposers on County or Public Health Trust construction contracts which involve expenditures of \$100,000 or more. The Proposers who is awarded this contract 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. The Proposers should enter the word "NONE" under the appropriate heading of this form if no subcontractors or suppliers will be used on the contract and sign the form below.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 11-90, an entity contracting with the County shall report the race, gender and ethnic origin of the owners and employees of all first tier subcontractors/suppliers. In the event that the recommended Proposer demonstrates to the County prior to award that the race, gender, and ethnic information is not reasonably available at that time, the Proposer shall be obligated to exercise diligent efforts to obtain that information and 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. (Please duplicate this form if additional space is needed.)

Business Name and Address of First Tier Subcontractor/ Subconsultant	Principal Owner	Scope of Work to be Performed by Subcontractor/ Subconsultant	Principal Owner		Employee(s)													
			(Enter the number of male and female owners by race/ethnicity)		(Enter the number of male and female employees and the number of employees by race/ethnicity)													
			Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American/ Native Alaskan	Other							
			M	White	M	White												
			F	Black														
				Hispanic														
				Asian/Pacific Islander														
				Native American/ Native Alaskan														
				Other														

Business Name and Address of First Tier Direct Supplier	Principal Owner	Supplies/Materials/ Services to be Provided by Supplier	Principal Owner		Employee(s)													
			(Enter the number of male and female owners by race/ethnicity)		(Enter the number of male and female employees and the number of employees by race/ethnicity)													
			Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American/ Native Alaskan	Other							
			M	White	M	White												
			F	Black														
				Hispanic														
				Asian/Pacific Islander														
				Native American/ Native Alaskan														
				Other														

Mark here if race, gender and ethnicity information is not available and will be provided at a later date. This data may be submitted to contracting department or online to the Small Business Development of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources at <http://www.miamidade.gov/business/business-development-contracts.asp>. As a condition of final payment, Proposer shall provide subcontractor information on the Subcontractor Payment Report Sub 200 form which can be found at <http://www.miamidade.gov/business/library/forms/subcontractors-payment.pdf>.

I certify that the representations contained in this Subcontractor/Supplier listing are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

Signature of Proposer _____ Print Name _____ Print Title _____ Date _____

Form B-1**Price Proposal Schedule****INSTRUCTIONS:**

The Proposer's price shall be submitted on this Form B-1 "Price Proposal Schedule", and in the manner stated herein. **There is no exception allowed to this requirement.** Proposer is requested to fill in the applicable blanks on this form and to make no other marks.

Proposers who do not submit pricing for Section A.1, Proposed Price per Bond, in accordance with this Form B-1, or who qualify or place ANY conditions on price will not receive evaluation points for the Price portion.

A. BOND RELATED WORK**1. Proposed Price per Bond**

The Proposer shall state its price for providing all bond related services as stated in Section 2.4(A) of this Solicitation. The Proposer shall submit pricing stated as fixed rates which shall include all expenses to be paid per bond work under any contract issued as a result of this Solicitation. Compensation shall be paid for work attributed to a bond issue, on a per bond rate basis. Notwithstanding the per bond rate stated below, there shall be a minimum charge per bond issue and a maximum charge per bond issue.

Table 1:

Per \$1,000 Per Bond Issue For Bond Related Work	
Up to \$150 million	\$ _____ per \$1,000
Between 150 million and \$225 million	\$ _____ per \$1,000
Over \$225 million	\$ _____ per \$1,000

Table 2:

Minimum Charge per Bond Issue	\$ _____
Maximum charge per Bond Issue	\$ _____

Notes:

1. If the applicable charge based on the per \$1,000 per bond issue for bond related work rate listed above in Table 1, is less than the minimum charge per bond issue listed in Table 2, then the minimum charge per bond issue listed in Table 2 shall be applied.
2. If the applicable charge based on the per \$1,000 per bond issue for bond related work" rate listed in Table 1, is more than the maximum charge per bond issue, listed in Table 2, then the maximum charge per bond issue listed in Table 2 shall be applied.
3. Above rates/charges include normal administrative fees, such as telephone, mailing, faxes, duplicating charges, overnight mail, parking, and out of pocket expenses, except travel expenses incurred in connection with a bond issue. Such travel expenses **shall be limited to \$10,000 per bond issue**, unless otherwise approved, in writing and in advance, by the Finance Director for extraordinary circumstances. Refer to Section 5.0, Article 7, regarding adherence to CH.112.061 of the Florida Statutes for travel expenses.
4. For price evaluation purposes and price points, a total price shall be calculated by applying the rates/charges listed above into the bond transactions listed in the following section.

2. Price Calculations for Bond Related Work

Based on the rates/charges above in Section A1 above, Proposer shall calculate per bond price taking into consideration, maximum and minimum charge per bond transactions as indicated below. Rates must be entered and calculated as follows in Table 3:

Table 3

Price Calculations for Bond Related Work						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Per Bond Issue Rates Per \$1,000	Bond Issue Amount	Extension	Minimum Charge Per Bond	Maximum Charge Per Bond	Price (See Instructions below)
1	Up to \$150M: \$ _____	\$15,000,000	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	Up to \$150M: \$ _____	\$75,000,000	\$ _____ -	\$ _____	\$ _____ -	\$ _____
3	a) Up to \$150M \$ _____ b) Next \$75M \$ _____	\$175,000,000	\$ _____ -	\$ _____	\$ _____ -	\$ _____
4	a) Up to \$150M \$ _____ b) Next \$75M \$ _____ c) Over \$225M \$ _____	\$250,000,000	\$ _____ -	\$ _____	\$ _____ -	\$ _____
5	a) Up to \$150M \$ _____ b) Next \$75M \$ _____ c) Over \$225M \$ _____	\$450,000,000	\$ _____ -	\$ _____	\$ _____ -	\$ _____
TOTAL PRICE					\$ _____	

Instructions:

The instructions for completing Table 3 are as follows:

- Column A: Insert the applicable "Per \$1,000 Per Bond Issue" charge from Section A(1).
- Column B: The sample bond issue amount is provided.
- Column C: Calculate the extension by multiplying the applicable "Per \$1,000 Per Bond Issue" rate, by the bond issue amount, divided by \$1,000 (Column A times Column B divided by \$1,000)..
- Column D: Insert the same Minimum charge from Section A(1) for all bond issues.
- Column E: Insert the same Maximum Charge from Section A(1) for all bond issues.
- Column F: Price shall be the Extension or the Minimum/Maximum Charge as follows:
 - a) If Column C is less than Column D, then Column D shall be the Price in Column F.
 - b) If Column C is greater than Column D, but less than Column E, then Column C shall be the Price in Column F.
 - c) If Column C is greater than Column E, then Column E shall be the Price in Column F.

B. NON BOND RELATED WORK

Proposer should list, in the tables below, not-to-exceed hourly rates for the various staff levels proposed to complete the required tasks and deliverables as stated in Section 2.5 of this Solicitation. Compensation for non-bond related work listed in Section 2.4(B) shall be paid as needed, on an hourly basis.

Table 4:

Proposed Hourly Rates For Non-Bond Related Work			
Staff Position	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

Notes:

1. The hourly rates shall remain firm and fixed for the initial three year term of the Contract, including any extensions. The rates for the option to renew years will be negotiated.
2. The proposed hourly rates include all costs, including all out-of-pocket expenses, such as per diem, and miscellaneous costs and fees, which shall be incorporated in this price schedule, as they will not be reimbursed separately by the County.
3. Notwithstanding the rates above, compensation to the selected Proposer shall be based on the projects assigned. The selected Proposer shall not exceed the maximum hourly rates when calculating the not-to-exceed cost statement required for each Work Order.
4. The positions identified in the table above, shall be the same as the key positions identified in the Proposer's proposal. The County expects that the key personnel, in those positions, will be performing the services, as needed, under any Work Order.
5. Proposer shall use the rates listed in Section A(1) to calculate the "Bond Issue Amount" and "Price".
6. The County reserves the right to correct and re-calculate any errors found in the above transactions. Rates/Charge stated in Section A(1) shall prevail.
7. The above Bond Issues are for evaluation purposes only. The actual amount paid by the County shall be based on the actual bonds issued as a result of any work issued under this Solicitation.
8. Section B of the Price Form will not be used for price scoring purposes.
9. For Section B only, additional positions may be attached on a separate sheet.

MARKET RESEARCH

Contract No.: RFQ858; RFQ589; RFQ560	Recommendation:
Title: Financial Consulting Services Water & Sewer, General, and Enterprise Segments	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise OTR- All 3 years
Procurement Contracting Manager: Lydia Osborne	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive Contract
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicit Competition
	<input type="checkbox"/> Access Contract
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Background:

Miami-Dade County, as represented by the Internal Services (ISD) and Finance Departments, is soliciting proposals from interested parties to provide financial consulting services for general and special obligation debt transactions and services related to the issuance of bonds, notes, certificates or other financing instruments, and excludes swaps or derivative products, and on-going advisory services for the County's Water & Sewer, General, and Enterprise Segments. The County has already retained a swap advisor to provide financial advisory services for all swap and derivative products.

Research Conducted:

Market research was conducted by the Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department to identify other government entities with contracts for similar services. This resulted in finding the following three entities:

- Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Orange County, FL
- Orlando, FL

Upon review of each contract, the scopes of work are similar to what the County is seeking, however, the RFP minimum requirements vary in years of experience, specifically, municipal experience. There no mention of being a "Red Book" financial advisor as a minimum requirement.

	Fort Lauderdale, FL		Orange County, FL		Orlando, FL	
Expiration	5/2/2014 + 1 OTR		9/30/2014 + 1 OTR		8/31/16 + 2 OTRs	
RFP Min Req.	10 yrs exp overall; 5 yrs as advisor; 1 municipal client totaling over \$500m par for the last year and a min of \$250m par over 5 yrs		N/A		Issued \$1b in bonds	
Scope of Services	Managing bond issues; developing financial plan and strategies on working with other agencies; bid services; debt issuance strategies					
Costs						
Hourly Rate	\$150 blended		\$185 blended		\$185 blended	
Retainer	\$18,000		N/A		\$27,750	
Transactions	Cost per \$1,000		Cost per \$1,000		Est. Debt	
	First \$50m	\$0.90	First \$25m	\$1.00	First \$10m	\$1.00
	\$50m - \$75m	\$0.60	\$25m - \$50m	\$0.90	\$10m - \$20m	\$0.85
	\$75m - \$100m	\$0.60	\$50m - \$100m	\$0.75	\$20m - \$40m	\$0.75
	\$100m+	\$0.45	\$100m - \$200m	\$0.50	\$40m+	\$0.60
			\$200m+	\$0.35	Minimum Fee	\$20,000.00
					Maximum Fee	\$75,000.00
					New Debt	
					First \$10m	\$1.20
					\$10m - \$20m	\$1.15
					\$20m - \$40m	\$0.90
					\$40m+	\$0.75
					Minimum Fee	\$25,000.00
					Maximum Fee	\$125,000.00

Recommendation:

The current contract, RFQ90-2(2), is set to expire on December 2, 2014. There is an on-going need for services. The Finance Department is requesting that the County competitively solicit on their behalf for these services. Upon review, ISD was also able to determine that the local market for financial consulting services is sufficient to attract a competitive response for this solicitation.

Procurement Contracting Manager: _____ Date: _____

Manager: _____ Date: _____