

FY 2011-12 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND EDUCATION SERVICES COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2011

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Miami-Dade County, hereinafter referred to as the County, as represented by the Miami-Dade County Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) is soliciting proposals from non-profit 501 (c)(3) organizations, for the provision of environmental enhancement and education services for Miami-Dade County residents. The County anticipates awarding an annual contract not to exceed twelve months with the Contract Period starting April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

1.1 Definitions

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

1. The word "Contractor" to mean the Proposer that receives any award of a contract from the County as a result of this Solicitation, also to be known as "the prime Contractor."
2. The word "County" to mean Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
3. The word "Proposer" to mean the person, firm, entity, or organization submitting a response to this Solicitation.
4. The word "Department" to mean the Office of Grants Coordination.
5. The words "Ecosystem Management" to mean an integrated flexible approach to management of Florida's biological and physical environments conducted through the use of tools such as planning, land acquisition, environmental education, regulation, economic incentives, and pollution prevention designed to maintain, protect, and improve the state's natural, managed, and human ecosystems.
6. The word "Employee" to mean any person paid by the Contractor to furnish part-time or full-time labor hours in connection with the services to the County, whether directly or indirectly on behalf of the Contractor.
7. The words "Environmental Education" to mean the increase of public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues; providing the public with the skills needed to make informed decisions and take responsible actions; enhancing critical-thinking, problem-solving, and effective decision-making skills, teaching individuals to weigh various sides of an environmental issue to make informed and responsible decisions. It does not advocate a particular viewpoint or course of action.
8. The words "Environmental Justice" to mean the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, programs, and policies. Fair treatment means that no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the environmental consequences resulting from the operation of industrial, municipal, and commercial enterprises and from the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies.
9. The words "Pollution Prevention" to mean the reduction or elimination of pollutants through source reduction, increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources; or the protection of natural resources by conservation. Pollution prevention measures reduce the amount of pollutants released into the environment prior to recycling,