# ISSUING DEPARTMENT INPUT DOCUMENT CONTRACT/PROJECT MEASURE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

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Requisition No./Project No.: RQID2100044/ RFP-01824	TERM OF CONTRACT 5 YEAR(S) WITH 0 YEAR(S) OTR		
Requisition / Project Title: Pet Licensing and Tags Service	es		
	viders for Pet Licensing and Tags Services on behalf of the tag distribution, enhanced software, purchasing options, lost nd reminders		
Issuing Department: ISD/SPD Contact P	Person: Marie Williams Phone: 305-375-3248		
Estimate Cost: \$6M  Funding S	GENERAL FEDERAL OTHER Gource: General		
ANALYSIS			
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Contractor:			
Small Business Enterprise:			
Contract Value:			
Comments:			
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RECOMMENDATIONS			
Set-Aside Subco	ontractor Goal Bid Preference Selection Factor		
SBE			
Basis of Recommendation:			
Signed: Marie Williams	Date sent to SBD: 03/31/21		
<u> </u>	Date returned to SPD:		

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Pet Licensing and Tags Services

**SOLICITATION NO.: RFP-01824** 

#### 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 Animal Services Department (ASD), is soliciting proposals from qualified service providers for Pet Licensing and Tags Services. In order to meet its current operational needs, ASD aims to modernize its pet licensing program to include licensing, pet tag distribution, enhanced software, online purchasing options, lost pet services, monitoring, customer support, and renewal and warning reminder issuance.

The County anticipates awarding a contract for a five (5) year period.

#### 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.

Should you need an ADA accommodation to participate in Pre-Proposal Conference (i.e., materials in alternate format, sign language interpreter, etc.), please contact the Internal Services Department's ADA Office five days prior to scheduled conference to initiate your request. The ADA Office may be reached by phone at (305) 375-3566 or via email at: <a href="mailto:Skarlex.Alorda@miamidade.gov">Skarlex.Alorda@miamidade.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:Heidi.Johnson-Wright@miamidade.gov">Heidi.Johnson-Wright@miamidade.gov</a>. TTY users

may reach the ADA Office by calling the Florida Relay Service at 711.

Deadline for Receipt of Questions: TBD

Proposal Due Date: See front cover for date and time.

Evaluation Process: TBD Projected Award Date: TBD

#### 1.2 Definitions

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

- 1. The word "Contractor" to mean the Proposer that receives any award of a contract from the County as a result of this Solicitation, also to be known as "the prime Contractor".
- 2. The word "County" to mean Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- 3. The word "**Proposal**" to mean the properly signed and completed written good faith commitment by the Proposer submission in response to this Solicitation by a Proposer for the Services, and as amended or modified through negotiations.
- 4. The word "**Proposer**" to mean the person, firm, entity or organization, as stated on the Submittal Form, submitting a proposal to this Solicitation.
- 5. The words "Scope of Services" to mean Section 2.0 of this Solicitation, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
- 6. The word "Solicitation" to mean this Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document, and all associated addenda and attachments.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 <u>General Proposal Information</u>

The County may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reject any and all or parts of any or all proposals; accept parts of any and all proposals; 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 proposals received as a result of this process. 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 Proposer regarding Proposer's responsibility after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

The Proposer's proposal will be considered a good faith commitment by the Proposer to negotiate a contract with the County, in substantially similar terms to the proposal offered and, if successful in the process set forth in this Solicitation and subject to its conditions, to enter into a contract substantially in the terms herein. Proposer proposal 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 and time, or upon the expiration of 180 calendar days after the opening of proposals.

As further detailed in the Submittal Form, 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."

Any Proposer who, at the time of proposal submission, is involved in an ongoing bankruptcy as a debtor, or in a reorganization, liquidation, or dissolution proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver has been appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Proposer under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law, may be found non-responsible.

To request a copy of any code section, resolution and/or administrative/implementing order cited in this Solicitation, contact the Clerk of the Board at (305) 375-5126, Monday- Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### 1.4 Aspirational Policy Regarding Diversity

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-1106-15, Miami-Dade County vendors are encouraged to utilize a diverse workforce that is reflective of the racial, gender and ethnic diversity of Miami-Dade County and employ locally-based small firms and employees from the communities where work is being performed in their performance of work for the County. This policy shall not be a condition of contracting with the County, nor will it be a factor in the evaluation of solicitations unless permitted by law.

#### 1.5 Cone of Silence

Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(t) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, 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 <u>prohibits</u> <u>any communication</u> 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 Competitive Selection Committee.

The provisions do not apply to, among other communications:

- oral communications with the staff of the Vendor Outreach and Support Services Section, the responsible Procurement Contracting Officer (designated as the County's contact on the face of the Solicitation), provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained in the Solicitation document;
- oral communications at pre-proposal conferences and oral presentations before Competitive Selection Committees during any duly noticed public meeting, public presentations made to the Board of County Commissioners during any duly noticed public meeting:
- recorded contract negotiations and contract negotiation strategy sessions; 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 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 is 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. 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.

#### 1.6 <u>Communication with Competitive Selection Committee Members</u>

Proposers are hereby notified that direct communication regarding this Solicitation, written or otherwise, with Competitive Selection Committee as a whole, **are expressly prohibited**. Any oral communications with Competitive Selection Committee members other than as provided in Section 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County are prohibited.

#### 1.7 <u>Pre-Proposal Conference</u>

It is highly recommended that Proposers attend the Pre-Proposal Conference to become familiar with any conditions which may, in any manner affect the services to be provided. No additional allowances will be made because of lack of knowledge of these conditions. The Pre-Proposal Conference has been scheduled as follows:

<u>Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on TBD, 2021 at TBD. (Eastern Standard Time) via Zoom Webinar.</u> To join the Zoom Webinar, please visit <a href="https://miamidade.zoom.us/">https://miamidade.zoom.us/</a> and join Webinar ID: TBD

Members of the public are not required to enter their name to join the webinar if they do not wish to do so. Members may identify themselves as "Public Attendee."

Members of the public will be permitted to pose questions at the end of the Pre-Proposal Conference. In order to do so, attendees must use the "Raise Your Hand" functionality in Zoom by clicking on the three dots located in the lower right corner of the Zoom window and then select "Raise Your Hand."

Room will open at TBD a.m./p.m. to admit participants.

- Host: Procurement Officer Marie Williams
- Zoom Host Username: marie.williams@miamidade.gov
- ADA Contact: <a href="https://zoom.us/accessibility">https://zoom.us/accessibility</a> and Marie Williams: <a href="mailto:marie.williams@miamidade.gov">marie.williams@miamidade.gov</a>

Link to Download Zoom: https://zoom.us/download

Proposers shall arrive promptly as the meeting will start on time. Proposers are requested to have a copy of the Solicitation handy during the Pre-Proposal Conference. The 'Cone of Silence' does not apply to this meeting, allowing for any questions to be addressed with representatives from Miami-Dade County. This is a public meeting and multiple members of individual community councils may be present. The County is not responsible for any costs incurred by potential Proposers to attend the Pre-Proposal Conference.

#### 1.8 Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) of Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a 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 of the Florida Statutes for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

#### 1.9 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.

#### 1.10 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, the principals, corporate officers, and managers of the Proposer; or the spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, siblings, children or stepchildren of a Proposer or the principals, corporate officers and managers 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 in another Proposer for the same contract. 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.

#### 1.11 <u>Contract Measures</u> [TO BE DETERMINED]

This Solicitation includes contract measures for Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) pursuant to Sections 2-8.1.1.1.1 and 2.1.1.1.2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County as follows:

#### Set-aside:

This Solicitation is set-aside for SBE's.

#### Subcontractor Goal:

\_\_\_\_\_% SBE subcontractor goal is applicable. The purpose of a subcontractor goal is to have portions of the work under the contract performed by available subcontractors that are certified SBEs for contract values totaling not less than the percentage of the contract value set out in this Solicitation. Subcontractor goals may be applied to a contract when estimates made prior to Solicitation advertisement identify the quality; quantity and type of opportunities in the contract and SBEs are available to afford effective competition in providing a percentage of these identified services. Proposers shall submit an executed Certificate of Assurance Affidavit at the time of proposal acknowledging the project SBE Measure. After proposals are opened, and prior to a recommendation for award, the Small Business Development Division (SBD) will send a notice to the Proposers directing them to complete the Utilization Plan via the County's web-based, Business Management Workforce System (BMWS), identifying the certified subcontractors to be utilized to meet the subcontractor goal. The Utilization Plan shall specify the scope of work and commodity code the SBE will perform. The Certificate of Assurance Affidavit and the completed Utilization Plan, submitted via BMWS listing the subcontractors, shall constitute an agreement by the Proposer that the specified work and the percentage of work will be performed by the SBE subcontractor.

The participating SBE firm(s) or joint venture(s) must have a valid Miami-Dade County SBE certification by the Proposal due date and time, as well as meet all other requirements. Additional information regarding Miami-Dade County's Small Business Enterprise Program, including new amendments to the Program, is available on the Small Business Development Division's website <a href="http://www.miamidade.gov/smallbusiness/">http://www.miamidade.gov/smallbusiness/</a>

### 2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### 2.1 Background

The Animal Services Department distributes approximately 300,000 tags per year between over 200 partnering clinics, as well as the license tags sold locally at the main shelter, and the Homestead Clinic. Licenses are currently not sold via phone or the web. In order to meet its current operational needs, ASD aims to modernize its pet licensing program to include licensing, pet tag distribution, enhanced software, purchasing options, lost pet services, monitoring, customer support, and renewal and warning reminder issuance.

#### 2.2 Scope of Work

Proposer shall furnish all equipment, labor, materials, supplies, licensing, and other components necessary to provide Pet Licensing and Tags Services that will meet the requirements of Miami-Dade County. Services shall be provided via the Proposer's website, and not performed on County property.

#### 2.2.1 Software

A. The Proposer shall provide a pet license record database that is accessible via any web-enabled device. Each pet license record must include the following data fields:

- License Tag Number

License Type

- License Date Issued

- Owner Name

- Owner Address

- Owner Phone

- Owner Alternate Phone

Owner Email

Pet Species

Pet Name

- Pet Breed

Pet Color 1

- Pet Color 2

Pet Color 3

Pet Sex

Pet Is Fixed (Y/N)

Pet Age

Vet Clinic Name

- Clinic Rabies Tag ID (if applicable)

Vaccination Date

- Rabies Vaccine Expiration Date

- B. Software must provide for recording of license and rabies vaccine sales by vendor (e.g., vet clinic), by type, by date, and by pet owner.
- C. Software must be accessible by all vendors for the purposes of data entry, petlicense sales, reporting, and record searching.
- D. Software must allow for online purchase of new and renewed pet licenses and accommodate ASD's need for rabies vaccination records to be verified before license tags are shipped.
- E. Software must provide information about pet licensing in Miami-Dade County.
- F. Ensure data integrity
  - 1) Remain in compliance with the published Payment Card Industry Security Standards in effect and at all times.
  - 2) Provide sufficient back-up to allow for the recovery of the licensing database in the event of a major systems failure.
  - 3) Information obtained from rabies vaccination certificates is exempt from public disclosure under Florida Statute 828.30(5). Proposer shall not sell, transfer or release any personal data to any third party.
  - 4) License tag/rabies information for all Miami-Dade County pet licenses remains the property of ASD.

#### 2.2.2 License Sales

- A. Beyond the ability to sell licenses online, the Proposer must allow for the sale of pet licenses via phone.
- B. Pet license renewal forms must be received by the Proposer's vendor via mail, entered into the database, and checks processed.
- C. Manage tag inventory for all sales locations (partnering veterinary clinics and ASD satellite sites.

#### 2.2.3 Data Management and Reports

- A. The Proposer must make every effort to keep pet license data updated and accurate inclusive of change of addresses and pet ownership status.
- B. The license and rabies records received from vet clinics must be uploaded to the database and done so with minimal creation of duplicate records.
- C. Reports must be accessible by Miami-Dade County in order to track, reconcile and report on tag sales from each

- veterinary clinic location.
- D. The Proposer must provide monthly financial remittance reports for the County and each of its vendors within 15 days of the end of each monthly reporting period.

#### 2.2.4 Pet Tags

- A. The Proposer must provide quality pet tags.
- B. All pet tags must be delivered via mail to the pet owners of new and renewed pets in a timely manner following purchase.

#### 2.2.5 Lost Pet Service

A. Proposer must provide telephone customer service and web support for licensees who lose their pets and for citizens that find pets to assist in the safe and cost-effective return of lost animals, and to reduce the number of lost animal intakes at ASD shelter(s). This service should be provided on a 24/7 basis, ideally via phone and online.

#### 2.2.6 Customer Service/Training

- A. The Proposer must be available to provide sales and licensing-related customer service via phone and email. Customer service hours extended into the evening hours on business days is preferred.
- B. Customer service support via phone and email for customers, county administrator(s), and vet clinic administrators is required.
- C. Training is required for license program administrators and vet clinic administrators. In- person training is desired.

#### 2.2.7 Reminders/Warnings

- A. In accordance with Florida Statute 828.30, the Proposer must send license renewal reminders to licensees no less than 30 days prior to the expiration of each license period. Reminders can be sent via mail or email. Where possible, the use of email and automated phone call to reduce cost associated with mail is desired.
- B. The Proposer must be able to send warning letters and citations if deemed necessary.
- C. The Proposer must be able to produce a list of non-compliant pet owners whose pet licenses have expired for potential follow-up by the County.

#### 2.2.8 Additional Services

While the County has stated the specific service or an estimated number of items within this solicitation, there may be additional services/items that must be purchased by the County during the term of this contract. It is hereby agreed and understood that services/items may be procured on this contract as deemed necessary by the County.

#### 3.0 RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 Submittal Requirements

In response to this Solicitation, Proposer should **complete and return the entire Proposal Submission Package**. Proposers should carefully follow the format and instructions outlined therein. All documents and information must be fully completed and signed as required and submitted in the manner described.

The proposal shall be written in sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation of the proposed services. However, overly elaborate proposals 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 a Competitive Selection Committee which will evaluate and rank proposals on criteria listed below. The Competitive 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 Competitive Selection Committee is balanced with regard to both ethnicity and gender. The criteria are itemized with their respective weights for a maximum total of <a href="mailto:one-hundred">one hundred</a> (100) points per Competitive Selection Committee member.

-	<u>Fechnical Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Proposer's relevant experience, qualifications, and past performance	40
2.	Relevant experience and qualifications of key personnel, including key personnel of subcontractors, that will be assigned to this project, and experience and qualifications of subcontractors	10
3.	Proposer's approach to providing the services requested in this Solicitation	30
į	Price Criteria	<u>Points</u>
4.	Proposer's proposed price	20

Any Proposer, whether a joint venture or otherwise, may proffer the experience or qualifications of its corporate parent, sister, or subsidiary ("an affiliated company"). However, given the unique nature of individual corporate relationships, Proposers seeking to rely on the experience or qualifications of an affiliated company are advised that the Competitive Selection Committee shall have the discretion to determine what weight, if any, it wishes to give such proffered experience or qualification on a case-by-case basis. Competitive Selection Committee may base such decision on the particulars of the relationship between the Proposer and the affiliated company, as evidenced by the information and documentation provided in the Proposer Information Section, during Oral Presentations, or otherwise presented at the request of the Competitive Selection Committee.

#### 4.3 Oral Presentations

Upon evaluation of the criteria indicated above (Technical and Price), rating and ranking, the Competitive Selection Committee may choose to conduct an oral presentation with the Proposer(s) which the Competitive Selection Committee deems to warrant further consideration based on, among other considerations, scores in clusters and/or maintaining competition. (See Affidavit – "Lobbyist Registration for Oral Presentation" regarding registering speakers in the proposal for oral presentations.) Upon completion of the oral presentation(s), the Competitive 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 <u>Selection Factor</u> [TO BE DETERMINED]

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 Division 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 Division at (305) 375-2378 or http://www.miamidade.gov/smallbusiness/

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 term may remain on the contract.

A Selection Factor is not applicable to this Solicitation.

#### OR

(If no points are assigned to evaluation criteria, include the following in addition to above paragraph):

Whenever there are two best ranked proposals that are substantially equal and only one of the two so ranked proposals is submitted by a Proposer entitled to a selection factor, the selection factor shall be the deciding factor for award.

#### 4.5 Local Certified Veteran Business Enterprise Preference

This Solicitation includes a preference for Miami-Dade County Local Certified Veteran Business Enterprises in accordance with Section 2-8.5.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. "Local Certified Veteran Business Enterprise" or "VBE" 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 or bid submittal is certified by the State of Florida Department of Management Services as a veteran business enterprise pursuant to Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes. A VBE that submits a proposal in response to this solicitation is entitled to receive an additional five percent of the evaluation points scored on the technical portion of such vendor'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. At the time of proposal submission, the firm must affirm in writing its compliance with the certification requirements of Section 295.187 of the Florida Statutes and submit this affirmation and a copy of the actual certification along with the Submittal Form.

#### 4.6 Price Evaluation

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 Code of Miami-Dade County, which, except where contrary to federal or state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses. If, following the completion of final rankings by the Competitive Selection Committee a non-local Proposer is the highest ranked responsive and responsible local 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 highest ranked local Proposer shall have the opportunity to proceed to negotiations and the Competitive Selection Committee will recommend that a contract be negotiated with said local Proposer.

#### 4.8 <u>Negotiations</u>

The Competitive Selection Committee will evaluate, score and rank proposals, and submit the results of the evaluation to the County Mayor or designee with its recommendation. The County Mayor or designee will determine with which Proposer(s) the County shall negotiate, if any, taking into consideration the Local Preference Section above. The County Mayor or designee, at their sole discretion, may direct negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer, negotiations with multiple Proposers, and/or may request better offers. In any event the County engages in negotiations with a single or multiple Proposers and/or requests better offers, the discussions may include price and conditions attendant to price.

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

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations shall complete a Collusion Affidavit, in accordance with Section 2-8.1.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. (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.
- b) 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.
- c) Disclosure of any lawsuits which include allegations of discrimination in the last ten years prior to date of solicitation, the disposition of such lawsuits, or statement that there are NO such lawsuits, in accord with Resolution No. R-828-19.

#### 4.9 Contract Award

Any proposed contract, resulting from this Solicitation, will be submitted to the County Mayor or designee. All Proposers will be notified in writing of the decision of the County Mayor or designee with respect to contract award. 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 Code of Miami-Dade County, as amended, and as established in Implementing Order No. 3-21.

#### **5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The County's 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. For online vendor registration, visit the Vendor Portal: <a href="http://www.miamidade.gov/procurement/vendor-registration.asp">http://www.miamidade.gov/procurement/vendor-registration.asp</a>.

#### b) Insurance Requirements [TO BE DETERMINED]

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, Internal Services Department, Strategic Procurement 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

In accordance with Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Office of the Inspector General 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 Code of Miami-Dade County, 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**

#### 6.1 Proposer Submission Package:

Attachment 1 – Proposer Information

Attachment 2 – Price Schedule

Attachment 3 – Draft Form of Agreement and Exhibits

## Exhibits: TBD 6.2

# 6.3

Web Forms:
Proposal Submittal Form
Subcontracting Form
Affidavit of Miami-Dade County Lobbyist Registration for Oral Presentation
Contractor Due Diligence Affidavit

