

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

FOR

Community Development Block Grant

Architectural Services

CDBG-MIT

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
RFQ25-008 - CDBG-MIT ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
FOR THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY'S
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION PROJECT**

The City of New Port Richey is requesting sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide architectural services to include: design, preparation of bid specifications, administration of bid process, construction inspection maintaining for compliance with the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Project, and review of applications for payment when portions of work have been completed, and related activities for the City's CDBG-MIT project.

The City of New Port Richey, Florida has received a grant in the amount of \$572,005 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will provide \$397,495 in matching funds for a total budget of \$969,500 for the purpose of hardening Fire Station #1. The hardening will include replacing a roof, replacing bay doors, exterior doors and windows, replacing the generator and other improvements. The grant is administered by the Florida Department of Commerce.

Each submission shall contain one (1) original and four (4) copies and must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope with the firm's name and address along with "RFQ25-008 - CDBG-MIT ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES". Proposals must be received by 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2025 in the City Clerk's Office, Second Floor, City Hall, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652. Proposals received after the scheduled proposal submittal deadline will be returned unopened. The proposals will then be evaluated by a review committee at a time convenient to the City.

The City of New Port Richey reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposal process and to award the contract(s) in the best interest of the City.

The RFQ document may be downloaded from the City's website at cityofnewportrichey.org. Persons desiring more information regarding this project may contact Lisa Algieri, Sr. Planner at (727)-853-1050 or via electronic mail at algierel@cityofnewportrichey.org or Chris Fitch (727)-853-1028 or via electronic mail at fitchc@cityofnewportrichey.org.

THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY SUPPORTS "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT, FAIR HOUSING AND PROVIDING HANDICAP ACCESS."

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY
Judy Meyers, MMC
City Clerk

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PART I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Intent

The City of New Port Richey, Florida has received a grant in the amount of \$572,005 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will provide \$397,495 in matching funds for a total budget of \$969,500 for the purpose of hardening Fire Station #1. The hardening will include replacing a roof, replacing bay doors, exterior doors and windows, replacing the generator, EIFS & brick repair, and remodeling of bathroom. The grant is administered by the Florida Department of Commerce. The City of New Port Richey is requesting sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide architectural services to include: design, preparation of bid specifications, administration of bid process, construction inspection and review of applications for payment when portions of work have been completed.

1.2 Consultant Services

As noted above, the architectural services will include any necessary design, preparation of bid specifications, administration of bid process, construction inspection, monitoring for compliance with the requirements of the CDBG project, and review of applications for payment when portions of work have been completed and related activities. Additionally, procurement and contracting for architectural service will follow CDBG Regulations. Certain Federal and State requirements (such as Equal Employment Opportunity provisions) and labor standards; rate of wages will apply to this project.

1.3 About Fire Station #1

Fire Station #1, located at 6333 Madison Street, was built in 1964 with an addition and renovations occurring in 1993. Approximately 7,200 square feet, the bay can hold three trucks and the station houses five personnel per shift. The 85kw natural gas generator is 22 years old. Fire Station #1 is a critical facility during storms and natural disasters housing first responders pre and post storms.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED

2.1 Submittals

Proposals must be clear, concise, and specific. To facilitate effective evaluation by the City, proposals shall be limited to a total of 30 pages, sectional dividers and front and back covers will not be counted toward total.

2.2 Company Information

The Consultant Architect shall provide the following information about their firm and any proposed subconsultants:

- Name of firm and parent company, if any.
- Nature of firm's principal business.
- Name, address, email address and telephone number of persons to receive notification and to reply to City inquiries.

2.3 Architectural Experience

The proposal should include a description of the proposer's engineering experience.

2.4 Staff Experience

The Consultant Engineer shall provide, rather than a standard resume, only relevant experience and qualifications of each technical person who will be involved on the project, including:

- Educational background, academic degrees, professional association.
- Current job title, responsibilities, and type of work performed.
- Experience on projects similar to that requested in this RFQ.

2.5 Consultant Capability

The Consultant Architect shall provide evidence of their firm's capability to apply and commit staff and equipment successfully to the project and to complete the required services in a timely manner. Sufficient data must be provided on the firm's current and planned workload to demonstrate this capability.

2.6 Insurance and Indemnification

Should the Consultant Architect be invited to negotiate a contract for the work identified in this RFQ, it shall have the capability of maintaining insurance and indemnification as follows to cover any claims incurred or arising as a result of the work:

1. Professional Liability Insurance (not less than \$1,000,000 limit).
2. Automobile Liability Insurance (not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit)
3. Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by Florida Statute for Work performed and Employers Liability Coverage with a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000, if applicable.
4. The Consultant Architect shall at all times indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of New Port Richey, the State of Florida, and their respective officers, agents, servants and employees on account of any and all claims, damages, losses, litigation, expenses, counsel fees and compensation arising out of injury (including death) sustain by or alleged to have been sustained by the servants, employees, or agents of the City of New Port Richey or the State of Florida, or of the Consultant, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, from injuries (including death) sustained by or alleged to have been sustained by the public or by any other person or property, real or personal (including property of the City) to the extent caused by the negligent, willful or wanton acts or omissions of the Consultant, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or any of them while engaged in the performance of the work.

PART III EVALUATION

3.1 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals for architectural services will be evaluated by a Selection Review Committee. The following criteria will be used in the evaluation process.

1. Successful Architectural Experience, 30 points.
2. Qualifications of the Project Manager, including a description of Engineering Experience, 25 points.
3. Familiarity or ability to become familiar with the project, 25 points.
4. Project approach, 15 points.
5. Ability to stay within the confines of the budget, 5 points.

3.2 Format

Proposals shall be formatted in the following manner:

Cover Letter and Table of Contents

Section 1: Company Information

- Provide Company Information

Section 2: Experience and past Performance

- Successful Architectural Experience (30 points)

Section 3: Staff Experience

- Qualifications of the Project Manager, including a description of Architectural Experience (25 points)

Section 4: Company Capability

- Familiarity or Ability to become familiar with the Project (25 points)
- Project Approach (15 points)

Section 5: Financial and Legal Information

- Provide statement regarding Bankruptcy and Litigation

Section 6: Insurance, Indemnification, and Public Entity Crimes

- Provide statement regarding agreement to carry insurance coverage as specified in this RFQ.
- Provide a statement that the firm or individual has not been convicted of a public entity crime and that firm or individual agrees to sign a certification to this effect prior to contracting.

Section 7: Ability to stay within the confines of the budget (5 points)

- Provide a statement that the firm will be able to stay within the confines of the project budget.

3.3 Special Considerations

All submittals shall be complete in all material respects and failure to provide a complete submittal may result in rejection of the response.

3.4 Statement of Public Entity Crimes

The City will not accept bids from any person or affiliate that has been placed on the convicted vendor list. In addition, any contract document described by Section 287.058, Florida Statutes, shall contain a statement informing persons of the provisions of paragraph (2)(a) of Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, which reads as follows:

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

Fair Housing/handicap Access/Equal Opportunity Employer

PART IV

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 APPENDIX II TO PART 200—CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies

in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effectuated and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141–3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141–3144, and 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition,

contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part

by Loans or Grants from the United States’). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public

work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701–3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties,

assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government

Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q) and the Federal Water

Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251–1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive

Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See § 200.323.

(K) See § 200.216.

(L) See § 200.322.

§ 200.323 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

§ 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements.

(a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

(b) For purposes of this section: (1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

§ 200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment.

(a) Recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

(1) Procure or obtain;

(2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
(3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law

115–232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled

by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

(b) In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115–232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

(c) See Public Law 115–232, section 889 for additional information.

(d) See also § 200.471.

§ 200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

(a) The non-federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce;

and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

Section 3

All Section 3 covered contracts and subcontracts must include the following clause:

- I. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 USC.1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance, or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to the greatest extent feasible be directed to low and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- II. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.
- III. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 Clause and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- IV. The contractor agrees to include this Section 3 Clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 75, and agrees to take appropriate actions, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 Clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 75.
- V. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled

(1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 75 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 75.

- VI. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

- VII. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 USC 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).
 - i. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and Section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with Section 7(b). c.

- b. Section 3 Benchmarks and Reporting
 - i. Benchmarks. Contracts with CDBG awards over \$200,000 trigger Section 3 Benchmark requirements. When triggered, best efforts must be made to extend Section 3 opportunities to verified Section 3 workers and business concerns to meet these minimum numeric goals:
 - 1. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total hours on a Section 3 project must be worked by Section 3 workers; and
 - 2. Five percent (5%) of the total hours on a Section 3 project must be worked by Targeted Section 3 workers.
 - ii. Reporting. If the subrecipient's reporting indicates that the subrecipient has not met the Section 3 benchmarks described in 24 CFR § 75.23, pursuant to 24 CFR § 75.25(b), the subrecipient must report in a form

prescribed by HUD on the qualitative nature of its activities and those its contractors and subcontractors pursued.

- iii. Recipient will comply with any Section 3 Project Implementation Plan documents provided by HUD or the State of Hawaii which may be amended from time to time for HUD reporting purposes.

4.2 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion- Primary Covered Transaction

The Bidder certifies or acknowledges that the firm, or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, and/or position involving the administration of federal funds:

1. must be registered with www.SAM.gov with a status of "Active" and have no Active Exclusions cited;
2. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, as defined in 49 CFR s29.110(a), by any federal department or agency;
3. have not within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against it for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
4. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a federal, state, or local governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
5. have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government public transactions terminated for cause or default.

4.3 Florida E-Verify

E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system can be found at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>.

In accordance with section 448.095, F.S., the State of Florida expressly requires the following:

- (1) Every public agency and its contractors and subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A

public agency or a contractor or subcontractor thereof may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system.

- (2) An employer shall verify each new employee's employment eligibility within three (3) business days after the first day that the new employee begins working for pay as required under 8 C.F.R. 274a. Beginning July 1, 2023, a private employer with 25 or more employees shall use the E-Verify system to verify a new employee's employment eligibility.

The Respondent certifies that it shall perform a debarment verification on any subcontractor, sub-consultant, material supplier or vendor, that it proposes to contract with to perform any work under this Bid, and shall not enter into any transaction with any sub-Contractor, material supplier, or vendor who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this project by any federal agency unless authorized by City of New Port Richey.

Handwritten Signature of Authorized Principal(s)

NAME (print) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

NAME OF FIRM: _____

DATE: _____