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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 24-DPR-RFP-632

FOR: ON-CALL COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES

ELECTRONIC SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY ARLINGTON COUNTY VIA VENDOR REGISTRY UNTIL 1:00 P.M. ON THE 30TH DAY OF MAY, 2024. VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER ON <u>VENDOR</u> <u>REGISTRY</u> IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. NO RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME.

> NON-MANDATORY PREPROPOSAL CONFERENCE ON MAY 9, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M. Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 282 574 453 824 Passcode: Fjyhxe Dial-in by phone +1 347-973-6905, 516902934# United States, New York City <u>Find a local number</u> Phone conference ID: 516 902 934#

The Preproposal Conference is to allow potential Offerors an opportunity to obtain clarification of the solicitation's specifications and requirements. ATTENDANCE IS OPTIONAL. The county will record the minutes of the preproposal conference and incorporate them into the solicitation documents through an Addendum. Interested Bidders are encouraged to attend. **Proposals will not be publicly opened.**

NOTICE: ANY OFFEROR ORGANIZED AS A STOCK OR NONSTOCK CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, BUSINESS TRUST OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, OR REGISTERED AS A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, MUST BE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA BEFORE CONTRACT AWARD (REFER TO AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS SECTION OF THE SOLICITATION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION).

Arlington County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and waive any informalities as defined in the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution.

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I. INTRODUCTION TO EVALUATION PROCESS

Arlington County, Virginia, is soliciting proposals from Offerors with experience and abilities in the areas identified in this solicitation. Each proposal must contain evidence of the Offeror's qualifications in the specified areas and other disciplines directly related to the proposed work. Offerors might also be required to submit profiles and resumes of the staff to be assigned to the project, references, examples of similar work performed, and other information that will clearly demonstrate the Offeror's relevant expertise, as specified in the solicitation.

A County Selection Advisory Committee ("SAC") will review and evaluate all written proposals based on the criteria identified in this solicitation. Subsequent evaluations, such as to select firms for negotiation, may include but are not limited to, a review of more detailed proposals and/or oral presentations. Any such subsequent evaluations will be based on the same criteria.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject the proposals, waive any informalities or irregularities in them, and contract as the county's best interests require to obtain the services_described in this RFP. Selection of an Offeror's proposal does not mean that all aspects of the proposal are acceptable to the County. The County reserves the right to negotiate terms and conditions with the selected Offeror before executing a contract.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Note that this solicitation contains qualification requirements that are mandatory for all Offerors. Refer to the Proposal Submittal Elements section of this document for details.

II. INFORMATION FOR OFFERORS

1. <u>SOLICITATION SCHEDULE</u>

RFP No. 24-DPR-RFP-632 - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

RFP ISSUANCE PREPROPOSAL CONFERENCE QUESTION DEADLINE **PROPOSALS DUE** APRIL 30, 2024 MAY 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. MAY 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. **MAY 30, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.**

2. QUESTIONS AND ADDENDA

OFFERORS MUST BE REGISTERED IN VENDOR REGISTRY TO SUBMIT A QUESTION FOR THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP).

All communications relating to this solicitation must be submitted online using Vendor Registry. For a question to be considered, the question must be entered in the Question Section of **RFP No. 24-DPR-RFP-632**. Prior to the award of a contract resulting from this solicitation, Offerors are prohibited from contacting any County staff other than those assigned to the Office of the Purchasing Agent.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ORIGINAL SOLICITATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 16, 2024, AT 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME TO BE CONSIDERED. ALL QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY THE QUESTION DEADLINE WILL BE RESPONDED TO WITHIN VENDOR REGISTRY AND POSTED FOR ALL OFFERORS. THE SYSTEM WILL NOT ACCEPT ANDY QUESTIONS AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME.

If any questions or responses require revisions to this solicitation, such revisions will be made by formal Addendum only. Offerors are cautioned not to rely on any written, electronic, or oral representations made by any County representative or other person, including the County's technical contact, that appear to change any portion of the solicitation unless the change is ratified by a written Addendum to this solicitation issued by the Office of the Purchasing Agent.

3. OFFERORS' RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE

Before submitting a proposal, each Offeror must make all investigations necessary to ascertain all conditions and requirements affecting the full performance of the contract and to verify any representations made by the County upon which the Offeror will rely. No pleas of ignorance of such conditions and requirements will relieve the successful Offeror from its obligation to comply in every detail with all provisions and requirements of the contract or will be accepted as a basis for any claim for any monetary consideration on the part of the successful Offeror.

4. INTEREST IN MORE THAN ONE PROPOSAL AND COLLUSION

Reasonable grounds for believing that an Offeror is interested in more than one proposal for a solicitation, including both as an Offeror and as a subcontractor for another Offeror, or that collusion exists between two or more Offerors, will result in rejection of all affected proposals. However, an individual or entity acting only as a subcontractor may be included as a subcontractor on two or more different Offerors' proposals. Offerors rejected under the above provision will also be disqualified if they respond to a re-solicitation for the same work.

5. <u>COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u>

This solicitation is a competitive negotiation for professional services, as defined in the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution. The content of the proposals and the identity of the offerors are not public

record until a Notice of Decision to Award has been issued. The opening of proposals is therefore not public.

6. NOTICE OF DECISION TO AWARD

When the County has made a decision to award a contract(s), the County will post a Award Notice or Intent to Award to <u>Vendor Registry</u>.

7. TRADE SECRETS OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Trade secrets or proprietary information that an Offeror submits in connection with a procurement transaction may be exempted from public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("VFOIA"). However, the Offeror must invoke VFOIA protection clearly and in writing on the Proposal Form for County review. The Proposal Form must include at least the following: (1) the data or other materials sought to be protected and (2) specific reasons why the material is confidential or proprietary. It is the Offeror's sole responsibility to defend such exemptions if challenged in a court of competent jurisdiction.

8. <u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</u>

If requested by the County, an Offeror must submit its most recent independent certified public accountant's audit of its finances, including the management letter and other ancillary audit components. If the audited financial statement is not available, the Offeror must submit a written statement explaining the statement's absence and provide other documents (e.g., tax returns) that enable the County to assess the Offeror's financial condition. Failure to submit a financial statement upon request will be grounds for immediate disqualification. If the financial statement is not for the identical organization submitting the offer, the Offeror must submit a written explanation of the relationship and financial responsibility of the organization whose financial statement is provided (e.g., parent-subsidiary).

The County will return the financial statement at the conclusion of the award process only upon receipt of a written request signed by an officer of the organization or the same person who signed the original Proposal Form. The County considers a non-public financial statement submitted pursuant to this paragraph to be proprietary information that is not subject to disclosure under VFOIA.

9. DEBARMENT STATUS

The Offeror must indicate on the Proposal Form whether it or any of its principals is currently debarred, enjoined, or suspended from submitting proposals to the County or to any other state or political subdivision and whether the Offeror is an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred, enjoined or suspended from submitting proposals to the County or to any other state or political subdivision. An affirmative response may be considered grounds for rejection of the proposal.

10. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT</u>

The Offeror must provide a statement regarding any potential conflict of interest, with the notarized signature of a principal of the Offeror, on the form provided in this solicitation.

11. EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE AND REFERENCES

If an Offeror is unable to meet the experience and/or reference requirements of this solicitation, the Offeror may submit a resume indicating the qualifying experience and references for previous work by the proposed project manager. The Project Manager's resume must include a description of the previous project(s) and contact information for the previous employer(s), the project owner(s) and a verifying reference, if different.

Arlington County may request additional information and will determine whether the project manager's experience is an acceptable substitute for all or part of the experience and/or reference requirements of the solicitation.

If a contract is awarded based on documents and information submitted pursuant to this section, the Offeror may not change the named project manager for the duration of the contract unless the County approves a substitute project manager with equivalent qualifications.

12. <u>REPLACEMENT OR AUGMENTATION OF KEY PERSONNEL OR SUBCONTRACTORS</u>

The key personnel and subcontractors in an Offeror's proposal are considered essential to the Offeror's qualifications and may not be replaced or substituted, nor may additional personnel or subcontractors be added, after qualification of the Offeror's proposal unless the County approves the changes in advance in writing.

13. <u>REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS</u>

A person, corporation, partnership, or other entity engaging in the practice of architecture, professional engineering, land surveying, certified landscape architecture, or any combination thereof shall not offer to provide or provide such services to the County unless (1) it is registered with the Commonwealth of Virginia State Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects ("Board") in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Sections 54.1-411 (business entities) or 13.1-549 (professional corporations) or (2) it is exempt from registration because of its status as a sole proprietorship, as defined in the statute. By submitting a signed proposal, an Offeror certifies that it has the required registration or is exempt from the requirement. The County may also require an Offeror to provide proof of registration or exemption. For further information on the registration requirement, contact the Board at the Virginia Department of Commerce, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, telephone number (804) 367-8500.

14. <u>AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS</u>

Any Offeror organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership must be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia, or as otherwise required by law. The proper and full legal name of the entity and the identification number issued to the Offeror by the Virginia State Corporation Commission must be included on the Proposal Form. Any Offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth must include in its proposal a statement describing why the Offeror is not required to be so authorized. The County may require an Offeror to provide documentation that 1) clearly identifies the complete name and legal form of the entity and 2) establishes that the entity is authorized by the State Corporation Commission to transact business in the Commonwealth of A offeror to provide such documentation will be grounds for rejection of the proposal or cancellation of any award. For further information, refer to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Corporation Commission website at: www.scc.virginia.gov. The County reserves the right to waive this requirement at any time for any reason.

15. EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The attached draft Contract Terms and Conditions contain a number of mandatory terms, which are marked with an asterisk. Those terms are not negotiable. If an Offeror objects to a mandatory term, the County will consider the proposal non-responsive.

16. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Each Offeror must be able to demonstrate proof of the specific coverage requirements and limits applicable to this solicitation. If the Offeror is not able to do so, it may propose alternate insurance coverage in its exceptions to the County's Terms and Conditions.

17. ARLINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSES

The successful Offeror must comply with the provisions of Chapter 11 ("Licenses") of the Arlington County Code, if applicable. For information on the provisions of that Chapter and its applicability to this solicitation, contact the Arlington County Business License Division, Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, Virginia, 22201, tel. (703) 228-3060, or e-mail mailto: business@arlingtonva.us.

18. <u>ESTIMATED QUANTITIES/NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF CONTRACTOR</u>

The contract that will result from this solicitation will not obligate the County to purchase a specific quantity of items or services during the Contract Term. Any quantities that are included in the contract documents are the present expectations of the County for the period of the contract, and the County is under no obligation to buy that, or any, amount as a result of having provided this estimate or of having had any normal or otherwise measurable requirement in the past. The County may require more goods and/or services than the estimated annual amount, and any such additional quantities will not give rise to any claim for compensation other than at the unit prices and/or rates specified in the contract.

The items or services covered by this contract may be or become available under other County contract(s), and the County may determine that it is in its best interest to procure the items or services through such other contract(s). The County does not guarantee that the selected contractor will be the exclusive provider of the goods or services covered by the resulting contract.

19. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

If awarded, the Offeror may be required to accept an agreement and sign electronically through the County's e-signature solution, DocuSign.

III. INTRODUCTION TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 24-DPR-RFP-632

PURPOSE OF SOLICITATION

The intent of this solicitation and resulting agreement is to obtain the services of a qualified contractor(s) to provide comprehensive planning and conceptual design services for park master planning, park needs assessment, geospatial analysis, planning studies, and other services as determined by Arlington County staff on an as-needed basis for one (1) initial year with an option for up to three (3) additional one-year renewal periods.

The resultant contract(s) will be used mainly by the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreations (DPR); however, the contract(s) may be used by any other County departments that need the services.

This is a task order contract, and the total project fee for any individual task order (including any modifications) shall not exceed \$2,500,000. In any one year, the sum of all tasks shall not exceed \$10,000,000. The County reserves the right to issue separate solicitation(s) for project(s) determined to be in the County's best interest, regardless of the dollar value.

The County intends to award a minimum of two (2) contract(s) to multiple Offerors. As the need arises for comprehensive planning and design services, the County will select from among the approved firms to perform the services, consistent with the task order assignment procedures outlined in this RFP. The awarded Contractors selected will be assigned to specific projects on a rotating basis; however, at its sole discretion, the County reserves the right to select Contractors out of the rotation when deemed to be in the County's best interest.

BACKGROUND

Arlington County is in Northern Virginia, directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. Geographically, it is the smallest self-governing county in the United States, occupying slightly less than 26 square miles. Arlington's population reached 237,300 people in 2023, with 53% of Arlington's population living in urban planning corridors, which are four times denser than the non-corridor areas. Arlington is known for its urban villages and transit-oriented development and maintains a wide variety of stable neighborhoods, high-quality schools, and parks.

Arlington has over 938 acres of county-owned public spaces and facilities, including parks, urban forestry and natural resources, community centers, trails, nature centers, swimming pools, athletic fields and courts, playgrounds, cultural facilities and public art, dog parks and runs, and more. In addition to the county-owned parks, the Arlington public space system consists of schools, regionally and federally owned land accessible to the public, as well as over 40 acres of privately owned public spaces, that are privately owned and maintained that the public has the right to use and enjoy. These spaces are often created as part of developers' contributions to realizing an overall vision for public amenities in the area in return for increased density.

The County is known for its innovative approach to planning and developing unique parks, facilities, and plans. <u>Arlington's Comprehensive Plan</u> consists of 12 elements that guide coordinated development and set high standards of public services and facilities in the County. Two of the Comprehensive Plan elements, the <u>Public Spaces Master Plan</u> (PSMP) and the <u>Forestry and Natural Resources Plan</u> (FNRP), managed by DPR, provide a policy framework for the planning and development of public spaces and the conservation and expansion of urban forestry and natural resources. The PSMP adopted by the County Board in 2019 includes over 200 specific recommendations organized around 6 Strategic

Directions focused on equitable access to public spaces, improvement of the trail network, resource stewardship, fiscal sustainability and partnership, programs and operations, and maintenance. As recommended in the PSMP, this plan will be reviewed and updated on a 5-year cycle, with the first review anticipated to be initiated in 2024. The FNRP was adopted by the County Board in 2023, introducing a holistic, ecology-focused perspective to urban forestry and natural resource management challenges, recognizing the interconnections between all elements of Arlington's environment, whether on public or private property.

Arlington envisions its public spaces as a network of publicly and privately owned public spaces that connect the County's established neighborhoods and growing corridors to natural areas, protect valuable natural resources, provide opportunities for structured and casual recreation, and ensure access to the Potomac River, Four Mile Run, and their tributaries (PSMP, Public Space Vision).

In addition to the Comprehensive Plan elements, the County develops park master plans for new parks or when renovation of an existing park requires major rearrangement of park amenities. The PSMP identifies several highly important parks to the park system that will be master planned over the next decade. <u>The County's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)</u>, adopted every two years, is a 10-year plan for building, maintaining, upgrading, or replacing County facilities and infrastructure. The <u>adopted FY 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Plan</u> identifies funding for several park master plans, design and construction, maintenance capital projects, feasibility studies, and diverse projects and initiatives under the Natural Resiliency and Emerging Uses Programs.

Another important County goal is embedding an equity lens in all projects, plans, and policies. In September 2019, the County Board adopted an <u>Equity Resolution</u> and developed a <u>Race and Ethnicity</u> <u>Dashboard</u> that provides an important resource base and a transparent means of comparing key demographic variables of Arlington's population by race and ethnicity. The Framework for Racial Equity Action Plan also includes a vision: *An equitable Arlington is one where all are valued, educated, healthy, and safe regardless of race.*

Community participation is a vital aspect of Arlington's civic life. In 2018, Arlington developed a <u>6 Step</u> <u>Public Engagement Guide for Capital Projects</u> to advance public engagement practice across the County government. The County Board and County Manager appoint <u>numerous</u> advisory commissions, committees, and boards with various authorities to advise them on different issues. Advisory groups most relevant to this solicitation are the Park and Recreation Commission, Sports Commission, Forestry and Natural Resources Commission, Public Spaces Master Plan-Implementation Advisory Committee, Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group, and Planning Commission.

INTRODUCTION TO ARLINGTON COUNTY

DPR is one of the largest departments in the County, providing services to residents and visitors. DPR is a nationally accredited park and recreation agency as conferred by the National Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies. CAPRA-accredited since 2006, DPR provides a full range of park and recreation services through a combination of programs, services, and facilities provided by the County and a growing list of partners. According to the Trust for Public Land (TPL), 99% of Arlington residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park. The Trust for <u>Public Land's ParkScore® Index</u> ranked Arlington County 5th on its list of the top 100 ParkScore Cities (2023), recognizing park access, amenities, investment, equity, and acreage.

IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The work under this Contract must include but is not limited to, various comprehensive planning services for master planning, needs assessments, planning studies, concept design development, geospatial analysis, public outreach, and surveys, or as determined by Arlington County. Task orders may include coordination with internal departments of Arlington County Government and involve presentations and meetings with the County Board and leadership, commissions, committees, community groups, the general public, and other stakeholders. The work performed under this Contract may consist of multiple separate projects. The following identifies the general nature and scope of the work.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for any Work performed under this Contract by its consultants, associates, or subcontractors.

A. GENERAL TASK REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall conform to the following requirements during all phases of work:

- 1. All proposals for individual tasks must meet or exceed the requirements contained herein.
- 2. Upon email notification from the County, the Contractor's Project Manager shall be available to attend on-site and/or in-person meetings within 24 hours' notice.
- 3. Develop database and maps using ArcGIS or other appropriate software for geospatial analysis and mapping, the most current version of AutoCAD as directed by County staff and be able to convert files to the ArcGIS or AutoCAD version used by the County. The Contractor must submit the deliverables (including documents and images/graphics, such as photographs, maps, designs, and diagrams) in suitable electronic and native file formats (including Word, PDF, Power-point, InDesign, Photoshop, JPEG, Illustrator, ArcGIS, SketchUp, AutoCAD, etc.) according to County specifications (including the naming of layers, geo-referencing, etc.). All files shall conform to the current DPR standards.
- 4. Files may be submitted on a flash drive, via e-mail (if the Project Officer allows), a SharePoint site provided by DPR, or a DPR-approved third-party share file. Electronic copies of the raw data shall be provided for projects as directed by the Project Officer.
- 5. Work on a project will not be considered complete until all approvals have been secured, all staff comments have been incorporated into the plans and drawings, and all related concerns have been addressed.
- 6. Maintain current and up-to-date knowledge of evolving and changing federal, state, and local regulations applicable to its work, and its submittals shall reflect all regulatory requirements applicable to its work, which are in effect at the time of any submittals made under this contract.
- 7. All project correspondence, review documents, reports, etc., prepared by the Contractor shall be distributed to the County's Project Officer in the format and number of copies as directed by the County's Project Officer.
- 8. The Contractor may be required to work and collaborate with a public art designer (artist) as may be designated by Arlington County to design and/or construct artworks for specific projects.
- 9. Meetings between the Contractor or the County's Project Officer may be ad hoc or follow a regular schedule as necessary. Status meetings will be held as needed on a day, time, and frequency determined by the County Project Officer. The Contractor will record minutes of all meetings (including interviews and public meetings) unless the County's Project Officer determines that meeting summaries are acceptable and will provide the minutes (or summaries) electronically to the County's Project Officer.
- 10. The Contractor will maintain the detailed project schedule and update it as determined by the County Project Officer, including tasks, assignments, and timing changes. The schedule will include all Contractor, subcontractor, and County staff associated with project tasks and must

include a planned, actual, and forecasted schedule over the course of the project.

11. The Contractor will report on the project's status in a form approved by the County's Project Officer. This form includes a minimum number of tasks completed, percentages of completion by phase and/or tasks, tasks planned, open issues, status, recommended actions, change orders, and a comparison of actual expenditures to planned expenditures forecasting at regular intervals as defined by the County's Project Officer.

B. PRIMARY SERVICES

The County may assign the types of services listed below, but not all-inclusive. Work requested may consist of one or multiple tasks in the following areas. The tasks listed under each sub-area represent the types of tasks most likely to be requested, but other tasks may be requested as needed.

- General Comprehensive Planning & Analysis: Perform various comprehensive planning analyses and assessments to support the goals of the Public Spaces Master Plan and the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan. Conduct public space, natural resources, trail needs assessments, existing condition analysis, policy analysis, benchmarking, and best practices research. Conduct planning studies and analysis, including field surveys, site planning, capacity studies, feasibility studies, ecosystem restoration and climate resilience studies, natural resource valuation analysis, land use and zoning studies, and analysis. Perform level of service analysis and park equity analysis and develop recommendations (for reference, please review the PSMP, Level of Service Appendix). Analyze project compliance with applicable standards, policies, and ordinances; develop plans and recommendations. Develop implementation plans and cost estimates.
- 2. Park Master Planning and Conceptual Design: conduct site visits and analysis, inventory, and park need assessment. Perform schematic design studies to support master planning and develop scenarios, guiding principles, conceptual designs, and alternatives. Provide design guidelines for best practices in sustainable urban public space and outdoor recreation infrastructure design, including Biophilic principles to reflect policies developed in the PSMP and FNRP. Develop Park master plans and associated conceptual design and design guidelines. Develop design and construction cost estimates based on the final master plans. The designs shall be developed in response to the project scope of work as determined by the Project Officer and community input. The designs shall comply with DPR standards and guidelines, applicable County Ordinances and Codes, and other regulations.
- 3. Geospatial Analysis and Mapping: Conduct geospatial analysis and generate maps, including story maps and other interactive, web-based maps. An example of geospatial analysis includes the access-based level of service analysis, park connectivity and access analysis, trail (both paved and natural surface) connectivity assessments, and the identification of urban ecological corridors. Please reference the <u>PSMP</u>, Level of Service Appendix, and the <u>FNRP</u>, Strategic Direction 3: Biodiversity. Geospatial analysis, data, and mapping shall comply with applicable County standards and guidelines.
- 4. Public outreach and surveys: develop, design, and execute public outreach and engagement approach in coordination with the Project Officer. Facilitate workshops and other meetings. Develop presentations, meeting materials, and other exhibits. Present to internal and external stakeholders, County leadership, staff, commissions, and community groups, and attend public meetings. Develop and conduct surveys, including community needs assessment surveys with a return rate that accurately represents a sampling of the community population (statistically valid surveys) to identify community needs and issues related to public spaces, facilities,

recreation, and programming.

5. Other related planning services: The Contractor may be asked to perform various other planning tasks, including but not limited to the following: evaluate (re)development scenarios and their resulting impacts on the capacity of the existing or planned public spaces and community facilities. Analyze and provide recommendations for sustainability, transportation, parking, environmental, and health impact assessments and other impacts related to public spaces and facilities. Evaluate and develop recommendations for public/private partnership opportunities for the development of public spaces and facilities.

C. SUPPORTING SERVICES

The County may assign the types of work under Supporting Services for any of the Primary Services are described below. These work descriptions are intended to be examples and not an all-inclusive listing. Work assignments may include Supporting Services tasks with Primary Services tasks.

- 1. Surveying As part of the master planning services provided to the County, the Project Officer may require the Contractor to conduct a topographical survey, including all existing utilities at the project site. Requirements and limits shall be clearly identified and described in the Contractor's proposal for each project.
- 2. Engineering Design services may include, but are not limited to, supporting improvements related to existing parks, trails, and outdoor recreational facilities, such as layouts, utilities, grading, planting plans, etc.
- 3. Arboricultural Services may include but are not limited to surveying and assessing trees as part of park master planning and design.
- 4. Light and Noise—As part of the master planning services provided to the County, the Project Officer may require the Contractor to conduct a light and/or noise study for the immediate and surrounding area subject to the planning work. These studies may evaluate existing light and/or noise conditions and create models and recommendations for the post-development condition.
- 5. Cost Estimation The Contractor may be asked to perform third-party cost estimation services for project implementation.

D. Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC)

The Contractor will be responsible for QA/QC, which is the combination of quality assurance, the process or set of processes used to measure and assure the quality of a product, and quality control, ensuring products and services meet the County's expectations.

E. TASK ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES

When a task is required, the Contractor shall follow the procedures below:

- 1. For each new task, the County will notify the Contractor via email with a scope of work, including a written description of the work and deliverables. Upon request from the County, a meeting may be scheduled with the Contractor to discuss project requirements. Within ten (10) business days, the Contractor shall submit via email to the County Project Officer a not-to-exceed cost and technical approach task proposal to perform the work based upon the Contractor's fixed hourly rates as outlined in the contract. Preparation of all proposals shall be at no cost to the County. At a minimum, the proposal shall include the following elements:
 - a. Proposed a lump sum price (broken out by sub-tasks if any are included) and the total number of hours required for each staff category to complete the scope of work for the

project.

- b. A narrative describing the work needed for each task, including identifying obstacles and proposed solutions.
- c. Estimated start and completion dates.
- d. Proposed delivery date for each of the tasks.
- 2. The County will review the Contractor's task proposal for acceptance and may elect to negotiate the scope, fee, and schedule to meet the County's needs. If the County and the Contractor cannot agree on the negotiated scope, fee, and/or schedule, the County reserves the right to issue a separate solicitation for the task.

If the County accepts the proposal, it will issue a task order directing the Contractor to perform the work and a purchase order to encumber funds for the project. The Contractor cannot perform any work for any project until the Project Officer has approved the proposal, and the Contractor has received an approved County purchase order covering the individual project.

V. <u>PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS</u>

1. <u>GENERAL</u>

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL WITH A FULLY COMPLETED PROPOSAL FORM <u>USING THE PROPOSAL</u> <u>FORM PROVIDED IN THIS SOLICITATION</u> MAY BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE PROPOSAL. THE PROPOSAL FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE OFFEROR.

The Offeror's proposal must address the Proposal Submittal Elements below, in the order listed, and must not exceed the stated page limitations. The proposal must be single-spaced, and the type size must not be less than 10-point. Proposals and all documents related to this solicitation become the property of the County upon receipt.

2. <u>PROPOSAL SUBMISSION</u>

The submitted Proposal Form must be signed and fully executed. The Proposal Form must be submitted electronically via Vendor Registry no later than the date and time specified in this solicitation. The Vendor Registry system will not accept responses after the close date and time. The County will not accept emailed or faxed proposals.

The Offeror name on the electronic proposal submittal shall be the same as the Contractor/Vendor name as the registration in Vendor Registry for the upload to be considered a valid response. ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION IS ALLOWED, NO PROPOSAL SUBMITTED OTHER THAN A VENDOR REGISTRY ELECTRONIC UPLOAD WILL BE ACCEPTED. Arlington County is not responsible for late submissions, missed Addendums, or questions not submitted before the end date and time.

Timely submission is solely the responsibility of the Offeror. The Vendor Registry System will not accept applications after the publicly posted date and time. A proposal may be rejected if the Proposal Form is not signed in the designated space by a person authorized to legally bind the Offeror.

Proposals and all documents uploaded/submitted to Arlington County by an Offeror become the property of the County upon receipt. The County may reject any proposal that modifies or supplements the solicitation requirements.

3. OFFEROR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IN DOCUMENTS

Each Offeror is responsible for having determined the accuracy and/or completeness of the solicitation documents, including electronic documents, upon which it relied in making its proposal and has an affirmative obligation to notify the Arlington County Purchasing Agent immediately upon discovery of an apparent inaccuracy or error in or omission from the solicitation documents.

If the successful Offeror is aware of such an error or omission and has not notified the County Purchasing Agent, the Offeror must perform any work described in such incomplete or missing documents at no additional cost to the County.

4. <u>PROPOSAL STANDARDS</u>

Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation should be accurate and grammatically correct and should not contain spelling errors.

5. <u>EXPENSES INCURRED IN PREPARING PROPOSAL</u>

The County accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by any Offeror in the preparation or presentation of a proposal or related in any way to an offer.

6. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA AND WEIGHTS

The County will evaluate proposals that meet the above-stated requirements using the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Project Approach & Understanding of Scope	35
Offeror's Qualification and Experience	40
Experience of the Project Team	
TOTAL	100

7. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL ELEMENTS

The County may not evaluate proposals that do not contain all requested content. Each of the proposal elements should be provided in the order listed below.

A. EXECUTED FORMS

- 1. <u>Proposal Form</u>: original as detailed above.
- 2. <u>Conflict of Interest Statement:</u> included in the RFP document.
- 3. <u>Addendum Acknowledgment Form(s)</u>: provided with any RFP addendum(s).

B. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are mandatory. If the County concludes after its initial review of a submitted proposal that the Mandatory Requirements are not met, the proposal will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated further.

- 1. The Offeror may not take exceptions to mandatory provisions of the draft Contract Terms and Conditions that are attached to this solicitation. Mandatory provisions are marked with an asterisk. *Compliance with this mandatory requirement will be verified against the Offeror's exceptions, if any, to the County's draft Terms and Conditions.*
- 2. The Offeror shall have the following personnel and provide proof of their credentials with their submission:
 - A licensed Landscape Architect currently registered to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - VA licensed Professional Engineer (PE)

C. <u>PROJECT APPROACH AND UNDERSTANDING OF SCOPE (35 Points)</u> << Page Limit: 1 page per item>>

Offerors shall demonstrate that they have the resources, ability, and capability to provide services as described herein. At a minimum, Offerors shall include the following information:

- a) Provide a narrative describing your understanding of the County's intent for this RFP, including at a minimum:
 - i) Detailed overview of how your firm intends to deliver the required services.
 - ii) A workflow diagram or description of the steps that would be taken.
 - iii) Additional tasks or requirements not reflected in the Scope of Services that the Offeror deems essential for successfully completing a typical comprehensive park planning and needs assessment project.
- b) Provide a narrative on any innovative approaches you envision using for projects.

- c) Describe the Offeror's project management procedures and communication protocols, including the Offeror's capability to deliver timely responses.
- d) Describe the Offeror's experience and approach to community engagement and provide examples of successfully led engagements with the public that focus on an equity lens (both in person and virtually).
- e) Describe the Offeror's experience and approach to comprehensive park master planning, analysis, and conceptual design development.
- f) Describe the Offeror's experience in conducting public space needs assessments, including level of service analysis.
- g) Describe the Offeror's experience in conducting statistically valid surveys.
- h) Describe the Offeror's customer service approach and communication strategy.
- i) Describe your Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures.
- j) A detailed quality assurance and control plan stating and identifying appropriate staff who will review and sign off on tasks.

D. <u>OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (40 Points)</u> << Page Limit: 1 page (text), 1 graphic page per project>>

The Offeror must have extensive experience in comprehensive park planning and analysis, park master planning and conceptual design, geospatial analysis and mapping, implementing equitable public engagement strategies, and knowledge of innovative planning and design trends and best practices. The Offeror must have verifiable experience and knowledge of local, state, and federal policies, plans, standards, and regulations.

The Offeror shall describe its qualifications and experience to perform the work described in this Request for Proposal by demonstrating representative projects using the following format.

- a) Provide a minimum of five relevant, comprehensive park planning projects that were conducted within the last ten years from the issuance date of this RFP. Referenced projects shall demonstrate the Contractor's applicable skills and experience to perform the work described above successfully and as required under the scope of solicitation. The listing of completed projects shall include the following:
 - i) Describe the scope of the project and elaborate on the type of services the firm provided (i.e., Comprehensive Park Planning, Park Needs Assessment, Park Master Planning, Conceptual Design Services, Community Engagement, etc.). If other firms were involved, describe their roles.
 - ii) Note which categories from sub-sections ii through vii below, if any, each project is being submitted to satisfy.
 - iii) Provide execution time (contract/actual); cost (estimated/actual) and an explanation for any variances.
 - iv) Describe any challenges encountered during project duration and describe how your firm overcame such challenges.
 - v) Describe the public engagement strategies employed to obtain community buy-in and support for a specific project.
 - vi) Provide each client's contact information, including name, organization, telephone number, email address, and copies of any awards or commendations received for the referenced projects.
 - vii) Provide links to and/or graphic work samples such as illustrative renderings and/or

photographs of the completed work.

- b) Of the five projects described above, at least one project shall demonstrate the Offeror's prior experience in comprehensive park planning and needs assessment.
- c) Of the five total projects described above, at least one shall demonstrate the Offeror's prior experience developing park master plans and conceptual park/public space designs.
- d) Of the five total projects described above, at least one shall demonstrate the Offeror's prior experience conducting statistically valid needs assessment surveys.
- e) Of the five total projects described above, at least one project shall demonstrate the Offeror's prior experience in geospatial analysis and mapping.
- f) Of the five total projects described above, at least one project shall demonstrate the Offeror's prior experience in developing, designing, and executing public outreach and engagement approaches.
- g) Provide contact information for three local jurisdictions for which your firm has provided comprehensive park planning services in the past ten years. At a minimum, provide the following information:
 - i) Name of an individual from that jurisdiction who can provide information regarding the quality of services offered by your firm.
 - ii) Contact person's current email address and phone number.

E. EXPERIENCE OF THE PROJECT TEAM (25 POINTS) << Page Limit: 2 page for the summary and 1 for each staff resume>>

- Provide credentials of the project team, which shall, at a minimum, include the following. Individual team members are allowed to fulfill multiple roles, as shown below. Experience should be documented in each team member's resume.
 - a) At least one member of the Offeror's team shall have at least ten years of experience in comprehensive park/public space planning and analysis.
 - b) At least one Offeror's team member shall have at least five years of experience in parks/public space planning and needs assessment.
 - c) At least one member of the Offeror's team shall have at least five years of experience conducting statistically valid needs assessment surveys.
 - d) At least one member of the Offeror's team shall have a minimum of five years of experience in performing park master planning and conceptual park/public space design.
 - e) At least one member of the Offeror's team shall have a minimum of 5 years of experience in geospatial analysis and mapping.
 - f) At least one member of the Offeror's Team shall have at least ten years of experience conducting public outreach and community engagement.
 - g) At least one member of the Offeror's Team shall have at least five years of experience conducting topographic surveying.
 - h) At least one member of the Offeror's Team shall have at least five years of experience in arboricultural services, including inventorying and assessing trees.

- i) At least one member of the Offeror's team shall be a Landscape Architect currently registered to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a minimum of ten years of experience as a licensed Landscape Architect.
- j) At least one member of the Offeror's team shall be a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) currently registered to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a minimum of ten years of experience as a licensed Professional Engineer.
- k) One member of the Offeror's team shall have a minimum of five years of horticulture experience in planting design and native plant material knowledge in the Mid-Atlantic region. Experience should also include urban horticulture strategies, installation, maintenance, and reforestation.
- 2) Identification of project manager
 - a) The project manager's resume shall provide evidence of experience as a project manager for at least two completed comprehensive park planning projects.
 - b) Indicate which of the projects referenced above were managed by the project manager.
 - c) Provide the name and contact information for the Offeror's project manager, who will be the primary point of contact for the County's project manager.
- 3) Provide names of proposed subcontractors. Include the following information for each proposed subcontractor:
 - a) Areas of expertise.
 - b) One-page resumes for each proposed sub-contractor staff.
 - c) Description of at least two relevant projects completed in the past five years by subcontractor staff assigned to this proposal/contract.
 - d) Clients' contact information for the listed projects, along with copies of any awards or commendations received for the projects.
 - e) List of all subcontractors with appropriate tasks.

VI. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT WILL BE EXECUTED BY THE COUNTY AND THE SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR. BLANKS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. NON-NEGOTIABLE PROVISIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY VIRGINIA LAW OR BY THE ARLINGTON COUNTY PURCHASING RESOLUTION ARE INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK (*). THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL OFFEROR FOR SIGNATURE.



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT SUITE 500, 2100 CLARENDON BOULEVARD ARLINGTON, VA 22201

SAMPLE AGREEMENT NO. 24-DPR-RFP-632

 THIS AGREEMENT is made, on ______, between ______, contractor's address ("Contractor") a ______, name of state _______, type of entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia ("County"). The County and the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter specified, agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The "Contract Documents" consist of:

This Agreement Exhibit A – Scope of Work Exhibit B – Contract Pricing Exhibit C – County Nondisclosure and Data Security Agreement (Contractor and Individual) Exhibit H – Contractor Performance Evaluation Form

Where the terms and provisions of this Agreement vary from the terms and provisions of the other Contract Documents, the terms and provisions of this Agreement will prevail over the other Contract Documents, and the remaining Contract Documents will be complementary to each other. If there are any conflicts, the most stringent terms or provisions will prevail.

The Contract Documents set forth the entire agreement between the County and the Contractor. The County and the Contractor agree that no representative or agent of either party has made any representation or promise with respect to the parties' agreement that is not contained in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents may be referred to below as the "Contract" or the "Agreement".

2. <u>SCOPE OF WORK</u>

The Contractor agrees to perform the services described in the Contract Documents (the "Work"). As detailed in the "Scope of Work" (Exhibit A), the primary purpose of the Work is to provide comprehensive planning and conceptual design services for park master planning, park needs assessment, geospatial analysis, planning studies, and other services as determined by Arlington County staff on an as-needed basis. It will be the Contractor's responsibility, at its sole cost, to provide the specific services set forth in the Contract Documents and sufficient services to fulfill the purposes of the Work. Nothing in the Contract Documents limits the Contractor's responsibility to manage the details and execution of the Work.

3. <u>PROJECT OFFICER</u>

The performance of the Contractor is subject to the review and approval of the County Project Officer, who will be appointed by the Director of the Arlington County department or agency requesting the Work under this Contract.

4. <u>CONTRACT TERM</u>

The Work will commence on ______, 20____ and must be completed no later than ______20 _____ ("Initial Contract Term"), subject to any modifications provided in the Contract Documents. Upon satisfactory performance by the Contractor, the County may, through issuance of a bilateral Notice of Renewal, authorize continuation of the Agreement under the same contract prices for not more than three (3) additional 12-month periods, from ______, 20____ to _____, 20____ (each a "Subsequent Contract Term"). The Initial Contract Term and any Subsequent Contract Term(s) are together the "Contract Term".

5. <u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>

The County will pay the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Payment section below and of Exhibit B for the Contractor's completion of the Work as required by the Contract Documents. The Contractor will complete the Work for the total amount specified in this section ("Contract Amount").

The County will not compensate the Contractor for any goods or services beyond those included in Exhibit A unless those additional goods or services are covered by a fully executed amendment to this Contract. Additional services will be billed at the rates set forth in Exhibit B unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing.

6. <u>CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS</u>

The Contract Amount/unit price(s) will remain firm until ______ ("Price Adjustment Date"). To request a price adjustment, the Contractor or the County must submit a written request to the other party not less than 90 days before the Price Adjustment Date. Only the base rate of the fully burdened hourly rates may be increased, and the overhead rate if the Contractor had new audited overhead rates approved. Adjustments to the Contract Amount/unit price(s) will not exceed the percentage of change in the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index, All Items, Unadjusted, Urban Areas ("CPI-U") for the 12 months of statistics available at the time of the Contract's renewal.

Any Contract Amount/unit price(s) that result from this provision will become effective the day after the Price Adjustment Date and will be binding for 12 months. The new Price Adjustment Date will be 12 months after the price adjustment.

If the Contractor and the County have not agreed on a requested adjustment by 30 days before the Price Adjustment Date, the County may not renew the Contract, whether or not the County has previously elected to renew the Contract's term.

7. <u>STANDARD OF CARE</u>

The County is entering into this Contract in reliance on the Contractor's experience and abilities with respect to performing the services hereunder. In performing the Work, the Contractor will ensure that it and its agents and employees exercise the degree of skill and care that is normally accepted by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar conditions in the same locality ("Customary Standard of Care"). The Contractor will re-perform, without additional compensation, any services not meeting this Customary Standard of Care.

The Contractor will be responsible for the professional quality, completeness, technical accuracy and coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, costs estimates, and other services or materials provided, regardless of whether such drawings and documents are prepared by the Contractor or the Contractor's consultants. The plans, drawings, specifications and other documents that the Contractor prepares must be free from material errors, complete and appropriate for the purposes intended; and the project, if constructed in accordance with such plans, drawings, specifications, and other documents, will be structurally sound and complete and a properly functioning facility suitable for the purposes for which it is intended.

The Contractor is responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by the County, including increased construction costs, when such costs and expenses are the result of any violation of this Standard of Care section. The County's review, approval or acceptance of or payment for any services required under this Contract does not release the Contractor from any liability for breach of this Standard of Care.

8. <u>PAYMENT</u>

The Contractor must submit invoices to the County's Project Officer, who will either approve the invoice or require corrections. The County will pay the Contractor within 45 days after receipt of an invoice for completed work that is reasonable and allocable to the Contract and that has been performed to the satisfaction of the Project Officer. All payments will be made from the County to the Contractor via ACH. The number of the County Purchase Order pursuant to which goods or services have been delivered or performed must appear on all invoices.

The Contractor also must submit to the County's Project Officer its W-9 Form, which will include its Federal Employer Identification Number ("FEIN") or Social Security Number ("SSN"), whichever is applicable, before the County can process payment to the Contractor under the Contract.

9. ADJUSTMENTS FOR CHANGE IN SCOPE

The County may order additions, deletions and other revisions in the Work within the general scope of the project. If the Contractor believes that any change is not within the scope of the project or warrants additional compensation, the Contractor must notify the Project Officer as soon as the County requests the change; and the Contractor must then provide written notice of its position to the Project Officer within ten calendar days. The Contractor's notice must detail and document the basis for the claimed amount of additional compensation. The Contractor will not receive any additional compensation pursuant to this paragraph unless the parties execute a written Contract amendment, and the County issues a purchase order consistent with the amendment.

10. <u>REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES</u>

The County will not reimburse the Contractor for any expenses under this Contract. The amount in Exhibit B includes all costs and expenses of providing the services described in this Contract.

11. REIMBURSABLE TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSES

The County will not reimburse the Contractor for travel-related expenses for employees located within the greater Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Area, as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget. For employees located outside this area, the County will reimburse for preapproved travel-related expenses, documented with receipts, as follows:

<u>Meals</u>: The County will reimburse at the U.S. General Services Administration's ("GSA") per diem rates for the destination, current for the date of travel, with the first and last days of travel counted at 75% of the per diem rate.

<u>Lodging</u>: The County will reimburse for actual lodging costs at a reasonably priced commercial facility in the immediate area of where the Work is performed, up to the GSA's daily rates for the destination, current for the date of travel. Receipts for lodging must be itemized. Only room and tax charges will be reimbursed; no reimbursement will be made for additional expenses, including but not limited to, room service, laundry, telephone and in-room movies. If the Contractor or its employee shares a room with another person who is not connected with the performance of the Work, including a spouse, the County will reimburse for only the cost of a single room.

The applicable GSA per diem rates can be obtained at <u>http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877</u>.

Transportation:

<u>General</u>

Reservations must be made in advance whenever possible to take advantage of all available discounts.

Ground Transportation

Use of public transportation is encouraged. The County will reimburse for the business use of personal or company vehicles, if allowed, at the GSA's mileage rates current at the time of travel. The Contractor's request for reimbursement may not include any personal use of the vehicle.

The County may approve reimbursement for rental of vehicles or use of taxicabs if the Contractor can demonstrate that to be the most economical option. Any reimbursement will cover only those rental charges, insurance and/or fuel fees allocable to work on the Contract and will not cover the purchase of liability insurance and/or collision/comprehensive insurance if the Contractor's or the employee's existing insurance coverage provides such protection.

<u>Air Travel</u>

The County will reimburse for air travel at the lowest available fare, typically economy. Tickets must be purchased at least seven days in advance, unless otherwise approved by the County.

<u>Time limit</u>: The County will not honor requests for travel reimbursement that are submitted more than 60 days after completion of the travel.

<u>Non-reimbursable Expenses:</u> The County will never reimburse for the following expenses:

1. Alcoholic beverages

- 2. Personal phone calls
- 3. Entertainment (e.g. pay TV, movies, night clubs, health clubs, theaters, bowling)
- 4. Personal expenses (e.g. laundry, valet, haircuts)
- 5. Personal travel insurance (e.g. life, medical, or property insurance) for airfare or rental cars
- 6. Auto repairs, maintenance and insurance costs for personal vehicles

12. <u>* PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS</u>

The Contractor is obligated to take one of the two following actions within seven days after receipt of payment by the County for work performed by any subcontractor under this Contract:

- a. Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the County attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract; or
- b. Notify the County and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment, with the reason for nonpayment.

The Contractor is obligated to pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed by the Contractor to the subcontractor that remain unpaid after seven days following receipt by the Contractor of payment from the County for work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract, except for amounts withheld as allowed in subsection b., above. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Contract, interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per month.

The Contractor must include in each of its subcontracts, if any are permitted, a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.

The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to this section may not be construed to be an obligation of the County. A Contract modification may not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement for such interest charge. A cost reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement for such interest charge.

13. <u>* NON-APPROPRIATION</u>

All payments by the County to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia ("Board"). In the event that the Board does not appropriate funds for the goods or services provided under this Contract, the County will terminate the Contract, without termination charge or other liability to the County, on the last day of the fiscal year or when the previous appropriation has been spent, whichever event occurs first.

14. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES/NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF CONTRACTOR

This Contract does not obligate the County to purchase a specific quantity of items or services during the Contract Term. Any quantities that are included in the Contract Documents are the present expectations of the County for the period of the Contract; and the County is under no obligation to buy that or any amount as a result of having provided this estimate or of having had any normal or otherwise measurable requirement in the past. The County may require more goods and/or services than the estimated annual quantities, and any such additional quantities will not give rise to any claim for compensation other than at the unit prices and/or rates in the Contract.

The County does not guarantee that the Contractor will be the exclusive provider of the goods or services covered by this Contract. The items or services covered by this Contract may be or become available under other County contract(s), and the County may determine that it is in its best interest to procure the items or services through those contract(s).

15. <u>* COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENT</u>

County purchases are authorized only if the County issues a Purchase Order in advance of the transaction, indicating that the ordering County agency has sufficient funds available to pay for the purchase. If the Contractor provides goods or services without a signed County Purchase Order, it does so at its own risk and expense. The County will not be liable for payment for any purchases made by its employees that are not authorized by the County Purchasing Agent.

16. <u>REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND SUBCONTRACTORS</u>

The County has the right reasonably to reject staff or subcontractors whom the Contractor assigns to the project. The Contractor must then provide replacement staff or subcontractors satisfactory to the County in a timely manner and at no additional cost to the County. The day-to-day supervision and control of the Contractor's and its subcontractors' employees is the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

The Contractor may not replace key personnel or subcontractors identified in its proposal, including the approved Project Manager, without the County's written approval. The Contractor must submit any request to remove or replace key personnel or subcontractors to the County Project Officer at least 15 calendar days in advance of the proposed action. The request must contain a detailed justification, including identification of the proposed replacement and his or her qualifications.

If the approved Project Manager must be absent for an extended period, the Contractor must provide an interim Project Manager, subject to the County's written approval.

If the approved Project Manager resigns or is terminated by the Contractor, the Contractor will replace the Project Manager with an individual with similar qualifications and experience, subject to the County's written approval.

17. <u>* EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY CONTRACTOR PROHIBITED</u>

During the performance of its work pursuant to this Contract:

- A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability or on any other basis prohibited by state law. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- B. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation will be deemed sufficient for meeting the requirements of this section.
- C. The Contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that it places or causes to be placed that such Contractor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
- D. The Contractor will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment

and mandates that disabled individuals be provided access to publicly and privately provided services and activities.

E. The Contractor must include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order of more than \$10,000.00 relating to this Contract so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

18. <u>* EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS PROHIBITED</u>

In accordance with §2.2-4311.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Contractor must not during the performance of this Contract knowingly employ an unauthorized alien, as that term is defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

19. <u>* DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE TO BE MAINTAINED BY CONTRACTOR</u>

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor must: (i) provide a drug-free workplace for its employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violating such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that the Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of more than \$10,000.00 relating to this Contract so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "workplace" means the site(s) for the performance of the work required by this Contract.

20. <u>* SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY</u>

If the Contractor employs more than five employees, the Contractor shall (i) provide annual training on the Contractor's sexual harassment policy to all supervisors and employees providing services in the Commonwealth, except such supervisors or employees that are required to complete sexual harassment training provided by the Department of Human Resource Management, and (ii) post the Contractor's sexual harassment policy in (a) a conspicuous public place in each building located in the Commonwealth that the Contractor owns or leases for business purposes and (b) the Contractor's employee handbook.

21. <u>SAFETY</u>

The Contractor must ensure that it and its employees and subcontractors comply with all applicable local, state and federal policies, regulations and standards relating to safety and health, including the standards of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program of the Department of Labor and Industry for General Industry and for the Construction Industry and the applicable Federal Environmental Protection Agency and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality standards.

22. <u>TERMINATION</u>

The County may terminate this Contract at any time as follows: (1) for cause, if, as determined by the County, the Contractor is in breach or default or has failed to perform the Work satisfactorily; or (2) for the convenience of the County.

Upon receipt of a notice of termination, the Contractor must not place any further orders or subcontracts for materials, services or facilities; must terminate all vendors and subcontracts, except as are necessary

for the completion of any portion of the Work that the County did not terminate; and must immediately deliver all documents related to the terminated Work to the County.

Any purchases that the Contractor makes after the notice of termination will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor, unless the County has approved the purchases in writing as necessary for completion of any portion of the Work that the County did not terminate.

If any court of competent jurisdiction finds a termination for cause by the County to be improper, then the termination will be deemed a termination for convenience.

A. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING BREACH AND DEFAULT; CURE

 <u>Termination for Unsatisfactory Performance</u>. If the County determines that the Contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily, then the County will give the Contractor written notice of such failure(s) and the opportunity to cure them within 15 days or any other period specified by the County ("Cure Period"). If the Contractor fails to cure within the Cure Period, the County may terminate the Contract for failure to provide satisfactory performance by providing written notice with a termination date. The Contractor must submit any request for termination costs, with all supporting documentation, to the County Project Officer within 30 days after the expiration of the Cure Period. The County may accept or reject the request for termination costs, in whole or in part, and may notify the Contractor of its decision within a reasonable time.

In the event of termination by the County for failure to perform satisfactorily, the Contractor must continue to provide its services as previously scheduled through the termination date, and the County must continue to pay all fees and charges incurred through the termination date.

2. <u>Termination for Breach or Default</u>. If the County terminates the Contract for default or breach of any Contract provision or condition, then the termination will be immediate after notice of termination to the Contractor (unless the County provides for an opportunity to cure), and the Contractor will not be permitted to seek termination costs.

Upon any termination pursuant to this section, the Contractor will be liable to the County for costs that the County must expend to complete the Work, including costs resulting from any related delays and from unsatisfactory or non-compliant work performed by the Contractor or its subcontractors. The County will deduct such costs from any amount due to the Contractor; or if the County does not owe the Contractor, the Contractor must promptly pay the costs within 15 days of a demand by the County. This section does not limit the County's recovery of any other damages to which it is entitled by law.

Except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor must stop work on the date of receipt the notice of the termination.

B. <u>TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY</u>

The County may terminate this Contract in whole or in part whenever the Purchasing Agent determines that termination is in the County's best interest. The County will give the Contractor at least 15 days' notice in writing. The notice must specify the extent to which the Contract is terminated and the effective termination date. The Contractor will be entitled to

termination costs, plus any other reasonable amounts that the parties might negotiate; but no amount will be allowed for anticipatory profits.

Except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor must stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of the termination.

23. <u>INDEMNIFICATION (Note: Virginia law does not permit the County to indemnify others; cross</u> indemnity provisions are not acceptable to the County)

The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees and its subcontractors to save, hold harmless and indemnify the County and all of its elected and appointed officials, officers, current and former employees, agents, departments, agencies, boards and commissions (collectively the "County Indemnitees") from and against any and all claims made by third parties for any and all losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees), charges, liability, demands or exposure resulting from, arising out of or in any way connected with the Contractor's negligent acts, errors, or omissions, including the negligent acts, errors, or omissions of its employees and/or subcontractors, in performance or nonperformance of the Contract. This duty to save, hold harmless and indemnify will survive the termination of this Contract. If the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor must reimburse the County for any and all resulting payments and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The Contractor must pay such expenses upon demand by the County, and failure to do so may result in the County withholding such amounts from any payments to the Contractor under this Contract.

24. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor warrants and guarantees that in providing services under this Contract neither the Contractor nor any subcontractor is infringing on the intellectual property rights (including, but not limited to, copyright, patent, mask and trademark) of third parties.

If the Contractor or any of its employees or subcontractors uses any design, device, work or material that is covered by patent or copyright, it is understood that the Contract Amount includes all royalties, licensing fees, and any other costs arising from such use in connection with the Work under this Contract.

The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees and its subcontractors to save, hold harmless, and indemnify the County Indemnitees, as defined above, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees), charges, liability or exposure for infringement of or on account of any trademark, copyright, patented or unpatented invention, process or article manufactured or used in the performance of this Contract. This duty to save, hold harmless and indemnify will survive the termination of this Contract. If the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor must reimburse the County for any and all resulting payments and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The Contractor must pay such expenses upon demand by the County, and failure to do so may result in the County withholding such amounts from any payments to the Contractor under this Contract.

25. <u>COPYRIGHT</u>

By this Contract, the Contractor irrevocably transfers, assigns, sets over and conveys to the County all rights, title and interest, including the sole exclusive and complete copyright interest, in any and all copyrightable works created pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor will execute any documents that the County requests to formalize such transfer or assignment.

The rights granted to the County by this section are irrevocable and may not be rescinded or modified, including in connection with or as a result of the termination of or a dispute concerning this Contract.

The Contractor may not use subcontractors or third parties to develop or provide input into any copyrightable materials produced pursuant to this Contract without the County's advance written approval and unless the Contractor includes this Copyright provision in any contract or agreement with such subcontractors or third parties related to this Contract.

26. <u>OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT</u>

This Contract does not confer on the Contractor any ownership rights or rights to use or disclose the County's data or inputs.

All work product, in any form, that results from this Contract is the property of the County and must be provided or returned to the County upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract. The Contractor will not use or allow others to use the work product for any purpose other than performance of this Contract without the written consent of the County.

The work product is confidential, and the Contractor may neither release the work product nor share its contents. The Contractor will refer all inquiries regarding the status of any work product to the Project Officer or to his or her designee. At the County's request, the Contractor will deliver all work product, including hard copies of electronic files, to the Project Officer and will destroy all electronic files.

The Contractor must include the provisions of this section as part of any contract or agreement related to this Contract into which it enters with subcontractors or other third parties.

The provisions of this section will survive any termination or cancellation of this Contract.

27. <u>CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</u>

The Contractor and its employees, agents and subcontractors will hold as confidential all County information obtained under this Contract. Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, nonpublic personal information; personal health information (PHI); social security numbers; addresses; dates of birth; other contact information or medical information about a person; and information pertaining to products, operations, systems, customers, prospective customers, techniques, intentions, processes, plans and expertise. The Contractor must take reasonable measures to ensure that all of its employees, agents and subcontractors are informed of and abide by this requirement.

28. DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION

The Contractor will hold County Information, as defined below, in the strictest confidence and will comply with all applicable County security and network resources policies, as well as all local, state and federal laws and regulatory requirements concerning data privacy and security. The Contractor must develop, implement, maintain, continually monitor and use appropriate administrative, technical and physical security measures to control access to and to preserve the confidentiality, privacy, integrity and availability of all electronically maintained or transmitted information received from or created or maintained on behalf of the County. For purposes of this provision, and as more fully described in this Contract and in the County's Non-Disclosure and Data Security Agreement (NDA), "County Information" includes, but is not limited to, electronic information; documents; data; images; financial records; personally identifiable information; personal health information (PHI); personnel, educational, voting, registration, tax and assessment records; information related to public safety; County networked

resources; and County databases, software and security measures that are created, maintained, transmitted or accessed to perform the Work under this Contract.

- (a) <u>County's Non-Disclosure and Data Security Agreement</u>. The Contractor and its Designees (Contractor Designees shall include, but shall not be limited to, all Contractor-controlled agents or subcontractors working on-site at County facilities or otherwise performing any work under this Contract) must sign the NDA (Exhibit C) before performing any work or obtaining or permitting access to County networked resources, application systems or databases. The Contractor will make copies of the signed NDAs available to the County Project Officer upon request.
- (b) <u>Use of Data</u>. The Contractor will ensure against any unauthorized use, distribution or disclosure of or access to County Information and County networked resources by itself or its Designees. Use of County Information other than as specifically outlined in the Contract Documents is strictly prohibited. The Contractor will be solely responsible for any unauthorized use, reuse, distribution, transmission, manipulation, copying, modification, access to or disclosure of County Information and for any non-compliance with this provision by itself or by its Designees.
- (c) <u>Data Protection</u>. The Contractor will protect the County's Information according to standards established by federal law and Commonwealth of Virginia statutes including but not limited to the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, Chapter 38 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia (§ 2.2-3800 and 2.2-3803), Administration of systems including personal information; Internet privacy policy; exceptions, Code of Virginia, § 2.2-3803, and the Virginia Freedom of Information Act § 2.2-3700, et seq., and will adhere to industry best practices including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) SP 800-53 Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations and the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), as applicable, and no less rigorously than it protects its own data and proprietary or confidential information. The Contractor must provide to the County a copy of its data security policy and procedures for securing County Information and a copy of its disaster recovery plan(s). If requested by the County, the Contractor must also provide annually the results of an internal Information Security Risk Assessment provided by an outside firm.
- (d) <u>Security Requirements</u>. The Contractor must maintain the most up-to-date anti-virus programs, industry-accepted firewalls and other protections on its systems and networking equipment. The Contractor certifies that all systems and networking equipment that support, interact with or store County Information meet the above standards and industry best practices for physical, network and system security requirements. Devices (laptops, mobile phones, printers, copiers, fax machines, or similar) that store County Data utilize encryption. The County's Chief Information Security Officer or designee must approve any deviation from these standards. The downloading of County information onto devices, other portable storage media or services such as personal email, Dropbox etc. is prohibited without the written authorization of the County's Chief Information Security Officer or designee.
- (e) <u>Conclusion of Contract</u>. Within 30 days after the termination, cancellation, expiration or other conclusion of the Contract, the Contractor must, at no cost to the County, return all County Information to the County in a format defined by the County Project Officer. The County may request that the Information be destroyed. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring the return

and/or destruction of all Information that is in the possession of its subcontractors or agents. The Contractor must certify completion of this task in writing to the County Project Officer.

- (f) **Notification of Security Incidents**. The Contractor must notify the County Chief Information Officer and County Project Officer within 24 hours of the discovery of any intended or unintended access to or use or disclosure of County Information.
- (g) <u>Subcontractors</u>. If subcontractors are permitted under this Contract, the requirements of this entire section must be incorporated into any agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor. If the subcontractor will have access to County Information, each subcontractor must provide to the Contractor a copy of its data security policy and procedures for securing County Information and a copy of its disaster recovery plan(s).

29. <u>* ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING</u>

This Contract incorporates by reference Article 9 of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, as well as all state and federal laws related to ethics, conflicts of interest or bribery, including the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Code of Virginia § 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Code of Virginia § 18.2-498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended (§ 18.2-438 et seq.). The Contractor certifies that its proposal was made without collusion or fraud; that it has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor; and that it has not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

30. <u>* COUNTY EMPLOYEES</u>

No Arlington County employee may share in any part of this Contract or receive any benefit from the Contract that is not available to the general public.

31. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party will be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by this Contract if such failure is due to a fire, riot, rebellion, natural disaster, war, act of terrorism or act of God that is beyond the control of the party and that makes performance impossible or illegal, unless otherwise specified in the Contract, provided that the affected party gives notice to the other party as soon as practicable after the force majeure event, including reasonable detail and the expected duration of the event's effect on the party.

32. <u>* AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS</u>

The Contractor must, pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-4311.2, be and remain authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia during the entire term of this Contract. Otherwise, the Contract is voidable at the sole option of and with no expense to the County.

33. <u>* RELATION TO COUNTY</u>

The Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither the Contractor nor its employees or subcontractors will be considered employees, servants or agents of the County. The County will not be responsible for any negligence or other wrongdoing by the Contractor or its employees, servants or agents. The County will not withhold payments to the Contractor for any federal or state unemployment

taxes, federal or state income taxes or Social Security tax or for any other benefits. The County will not provide to the Contractor any insurance coverage or other benefits, including workers' compensation.

34. <u>ANTITRUST</u>

The Contractor conveys, sells, assigns and transfers to the County all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action under state or federal antitrust laws that the Contractor may have relating to this Contract.

35. <u>REPORT STANDARDS</u>

The Contractor must submit all written reports required by this Contract for advance review in a format approved by the Project Officer. Reports must be accurate and grammatically correct and should not contain spelling errors. The Contractor will bear the cost of correcting grammatical or spelling errors and inaccurate report data and of other revisions that are required to bring the report(s) into compliance with this section.

36. <u>AUDIT</u>

The Contractor must retain all books, records and other documents related to this Contract for at least five years, or such period of time required by the County's funding partner(s), if any, whichever is greater, after the final payment and must allow the County or its authorized agents to examine the documents during this period and during the Contract Term. The Contractor must provide any requested documents to the County for examination within 15 days of the request, at the Contractor's expense. Should the County's request, reimburse the County for the overcharges and for the reasonable costs of the County's examination, including, but not limited to, the services of external audit firm and attorney's fees; or the County may deduct the overcharges and examination costs from any amount that the County owes to the Contractor. If the Contractor wishes to destroy or dispose of any records related to this Contract (including confidential records to which the County does not have ready access) within five years after the final payment, or such period of time required by the County's funding partner(s), if any, whichever is greater, the Contractor must give the County at least 30 days' notice and must not dispose of the documents if the County objects.

The Purchasing Agent may require the Contractor to demonstrate that it has the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to comply with the Contract and furnish the service, material or goods specified herein in a satisfactory manner at any time during the term of this Contract.

37. <u>ASSIGNMENT</u>

The Contractor may not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of any award or any of its rights, obligations or interests under this Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

38. <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

This Contract may not be modified except by written amendment executed by persons duly authorized to bind the Contractor and the County.

39. <u>* ARLINGTON COUNTY PURCHASING RESOLUTION AND COUNTY POLICIES</u>

Nothing in this Contract waives any provision of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference, or any applicable County policy.

40. <u>* DISPUTE RESOLUTION</u>

All disputes arising under this Agreement or concerning its interpretation, whether involving law or fact and including but not limited to claims for additional work, compensation or time, and all claims for alleged breach of contract must be submitted in writing to the Project Officer as soon as the basis for the claim arises. In accordance with the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, claims denied by the Project Officer may be submitted to the County Manager in writing no later than 60 days after the final payment. The time limit for a final written decision by the County Manager is 30 days. Procedures concerning contractual claims, disputes, administrative appeals and protests are contained in the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution. The Contractor must continue to work as scheduled pending a decision of the Project Officer, County Manager, County Board or a court of law.

41. <u>* APPLICABLE LAW, FORUM, VENUE AND JURISDICTION</u>

This Contract is governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and the jurisdiction, forum and venue for any litigation concerning the Contract or the Work is in the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, and in no other court.

42. ARBITRATION

No claim arising under or related to this Contract may be subject to arbitration.

43. NONEXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDIES

All remedies available to the County under this Contract are cumulative, and no remedy will be exclusive of any other at law or in equity.

44. <u>NO WAIVER</u>

The failure to exercise a right provided for in this Contract will not be a subsequent waiver of the same right or of any other right.

45. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

The sections, paragraphs, clauses, sentences, and phrases of this Contract are severable; and if any section, paragraph, clause, sentence or phrase of this Contract is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the rest of the Contract will remain in effect.

46. <u>* ATTORNEY'S FEES</u>

In the event that the County prevails in any legal action or proceeding brought by the County to enforce any provision of this Contract, the Contractor will pay the County's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

47. <u>SURVIVAL OF TERMS</u>

In addition to any statement that a specific term or paragraph survives the expiration or termination of this Contract, the following sections also survive: INDEMNIFICATION; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION; RELATION TO COUNTY; OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT; AUDIT; COPYRIGHT; DISPUTE RESOLUTION; APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION; ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION.

48. <u>HEADINGS</u>

The section headings in this Contract are inserted only for convenience and do not affect the substance of the Contract or limit the sections' scope.

49. <u>AMBIGUITIES</u>

The parties and their counsel have participated fully in the drafting of this Agreement; and any rule that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party does not apply. The language in this Agreement is to be interpreted as to its plain meaning and not strictly for or against any party.

50. <u>NOTICES</u>

Unless otherwise provided in writing, all written notices and other communications required by this Contract are deemed to have been given when either (a) delivered in person; (b) delivered by an agent, such as a delivery service; or (c) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered and addressed as follows:

TO THE COUNTY:	
	, Project Officer
AND	
Dr. Sharon T. Lewis, LL.M, MPS, VCO, CPPB Purchasing Agent Arlington County, Virginia 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500 Arlington, Virginia 22201 Phone: (703) 228-3294 Email: <u>slewis1@arlingtonva.us</u>	

TO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE (FOR PROJECT CLAIMS):

Mark Schwartz, County Manager Arlington County, Virginia 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 318 Arlington, Virginia 22201

51. ARLINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSES

The Contractor must comply with the provisions of Chapter 11 ("Licenses") of the Arlington County Code, if applicable. For information on the provisions of that Chapter and its applicability to this Contract, the Contractor must contact the Arlington County Business License Division, Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, Virginia, 22201, telephone number (703) 228-3060, or e-mail <u>business@arlingtonva.us</u>.

52. <u>* NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE</u>

Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

53. ACCESSIBILITY OF WEB SITE

If any work performed under this Contract results in the design, development or maintenance of or responsibility for the content or format of any County web sites or for the County's presence on third-party web sites, the Contractor must perform such work in compliance with ADA.

54. ADA COMPLIANCE

The Contractor is solely responsible for its compliance with the ADA and must defend and hold the County harmless from any expense or liability arising from the Contractor's non-compliance. The Contractor also must respond promptly to and cooperate fully with all inquiries from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Contractor's responsibilities related to ADA compliance include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. <u>Access to Programs, Services and Facilities</u>: The Contractor must ensure that its programs, services and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If a particular facility or program is not accessible, the Contractor must provide equivalent services in an accessible alternate location or manner.
- b. <u>Effective Communication</u>: Upon request, the Contractor, must provide appropriate communication aids and services so that qualified persons with disabilities can participate equally in the Contractor's programs, services and activities. Communication aids and services can include, but are not limited to, qualified sign language interpreters, Braille documents and other means of facilitating communications with people who have speech, hearing or vision impairments.
- c. <u>Modifications to Policies and Procedures</u>: The Contractor must modify its policies and procedures as necessary to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy the Contractor's programs, services and activities. For example, individuals' service animals must be allowed in the Contractor's offices or facilities, even if pets are generally prohibited.
- d. <u>No Extra Charges</u>: The Contractor may not charge a person with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing aids or services or of reasonable modifications to policies and procedures.

55. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Before beginning work under the Contract or any extension, the Contractor must provide to the County Purchasing Agent a Certificate of Insurance indicating that the Contractor has in force at a minimum the coverage below. The Contractor must maintain this coverage until the completion of the Contract or as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents. All required insurance coverage must be acquired from insurers that are authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with a rating of "A-" or better and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest edition of the A.M. Best Co. Guides.

a. <u>Workers Compensation</u> - Virginia statutory workers compensation (W/C) coverage, including Virginia benefits and employer's liability with limits of \$500,000/500,000/500,000. The

County will not accept W/C coverage issued by the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund, Towson, MD.

- b. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with \$2,000,000 annual aggregate covering all premises and operations and including personal injury, completed operations, contractual liability, independent contractors, and products liability. The general aggregate limit must apply to this Contract. Evidence of contractual liability coverage must be provided with the certificate.
- c. <u>Business Automobile Liability</u> \$1,000,000 combined single-limit (owned, non-owned and hired).
- d. <u>Professional Liability/Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions</u> The Contractor shall carry Errors and Omissions or Professional Liability insurance, which will pay for damages arising out of errors or omissions in the rendering, or failure to render services or perform Work under the contract, in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- e. <u>Cyber Risk</u> cyber risk and/or technology errors and omissions coverage, for the Contractor and its personnel, with a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence. The policy must cover Arlington County and its Board members, officials, directors, managers, employees, agents and assigns as additional insureds for cyber-related incidents resulting in loss or damage arising out of the Contractor's equipment, products, services, or software under this Contract. If the policy is written on a claims-made basis: (i) the Contractor must maintain the policy for at least four years after the last date that the Contractor provides equipment, products, services, or software under this Contract, services, or software under this Contract or the applicable warranty period, whichever is longer; and (ii) the policy must include a retroactive coverage date before the first date that the Contractor provides any equipment, products, services or software under this Contract.

At a minimum, the insurance must include the following coverages: (a) privacy breach (liability arising from the loss of, unauthorized access to or disclosure of confidential information); (b) network or system breach; (c) denial or loss of service; (d) introduction, implantation or spread of malicious software code, including specifically ransomware coverage; (e) unauthorized access to or use of computer systems with no exclusion or restriction for unencrypted portable devices or media; (f) indirect and consequential damages arising out of a cyber-related event; and (g) first-party losses of the County to cover the costs of forensic and/or technical teams hired to investigate any security incident, attorney's fees, notifying affected individuals, running a centralized call center, two years of credit monitoring services for impacted individuals, and preparing and filing all required notices with governmental authorities, agencies and interested parties.

- f. <u>Additional Insured</u> The County and its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees and agents must be listed as additional insureds on all policies except workers compensation and automotive and professional liability; and the additional insured endorsement must be provided with the certificate.
- g. <u>Cancellation</u> If there is a material change or reduction in or cancellation of any of the above coverages during the Contract Term, the Contractor must notify the Purchasing Agent immediately and must, with no lapse in coverage, obtain replacement coverage that is

consistent with the terms of this Contract. Not having the required insurance throughout the Contract Term is grounds for termination of the Contract.

- h. <u>Claims-Made Coverage</u> Any "claims made" policy must remain in force, or the Contractor must obtain an extended reporting endorsement, until the applicable statute of limitations for any claims has expired.
- i. <u>Contract Identification</u> All insurance certificates must state this Contract's number and title.

The Contractor must disclose to the County the amount of any deductible or self-insurance component of any of the required policies. With the County's approval, the Contractor may satisfy its obligations under this section by self-insurance for all or any part of the insurance required, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate sufficient financial capacity. In order to do so, the Contractor must provide the County with its most recent actuarial report and a copy of its self-insurance resolution.

The County may request additional information to determine if the Contractor has the financial capacity to meet its obligations under a deductible and may require a lower deductible; that funds equal to the deductible be placed in escrow; a certificate of self-insurance; collateral; or another mechanism to guarantee the amount of the deductible and ensure protection for the County.

The County's acceptance or approval of any insurance will not relieve the Contractor from any liability or obligation imposed by the Contract Documents.

The Contractor is responsible for the Work and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances and property used in connection with the Work. The Contractor assumes all risks for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property used or persons employed in connection with the Work and for of all damage or injury to any person or property, wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract or in connection in any way whatsoever with the Work. The Contractor's insurance shall be the primary non-contributory insurance for any work performed under this Contract.

The Contractor is as fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons whom the Contractor employs directly.

56. <u>CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION</u>

Arlington County will perform written evaluations of the Contractor's performance at various intervals throughout the term of this Contract. The evaluations will address, at a minimum, the Contractor's work/performance, quality, cost controls, schedule, timeliness and sub-contractor management. The Project Officer shall be responsible for completing the evaluations and providing a copy to the Contractor and County Procurement Officer.

57. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and all of such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Original signatures transmitted and received via facsimile or other electronic transmission (e.g., PDF or similar format) are true and valid signatures for all purposes hereunder and shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed original counterpart.

WITNESS these signatures:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA	CONTRACTOR
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:
NAME:	NAME:
TITLE:	TITLE:
DATE:	DATE:

EXHIBIT C NONDISCLOSURE AND DATA SECURITY AGREEMENT (CONTRACTOR)

The undersigned, an authorized agent of the Contractor and on behalf of _______ ("Contractor"), hereby agrees that the Contractor will hold County-provided information, documents, data, images, records and the like confidential and secure and protect them against loss, misuse, alteration, destruction or disclosure. This includes, but is not limited to, the information of the County, its employees, contractors, residents, clients, patients, taxpayers and property as well as information that the County shares with the Contractor for testing, support, conversion or other services provided under Arlington County Agreement No. 24-DPR-RFP-632 (the "Project" or "Main Agreement") or that may be accessed through other County-owned or -controlled databases (all of the above collectively referred to as "County Information").

In addition to the DATA SECURITY obligations set in the County Agreement, the Contractor agrees that it will maintain the privacy and security of County Information, control and limit internal access and authorization for access to such Information and not divulge or allow or facilitate access to County Information for any purpose or by anyone unless expressly authorized. This includes, but is not limited to, any County Information that in any manner describes, locates or indexes anything about an individual, including, but not limited to, his/her ("his") Personal Health Information, treatment, disability, services eligibility, services provided, investigations, real or personal property holdings and his education, financial transactions, medical history, ancestry, religion, political ideology, criminal or employment record, social security number, tax status or payments, date of birth, address, phone number or anything that affords a basis for inferring personal characteristics, such as finger and voice prints, photographs, or things done by or to such individual, or the record of his presence, registration, or membership in an organization or activity, or admission to an institution.

Contractor also agrees that it will not directly or indirectly use or facilitate the use or dissemination of County information (whether intentionally or by inadvertence, negligence or omission and whether verbally, electronically, through paper transmission or otherwise) for any purpose other than that directly associated with its work under the Project. The Contractor acknowledges that any unauthorized use, dissemination or disclosure of County Information is prohibited and may also constitute a violation of Virginia or federal laws, subjecting it or its employees to civil and/or criminal penalties.

Contractor agrees that it will not divulge or otherwise facilitate the disclosure, dissemination or access to or by any unauthorized person, for any purpose, of any Information obtained directly, or indirectly, as a result of its work on the Project. The Contractor shall coordinate closely with the County Project Officer to ensure that its authorization to its employees or approved subcontractors is appropriate and tightly controlled and that such person/s also maintain the security and privacy of County Information and the integrity of County-networked resources.

Contractor agrees to take strict security measures to ensure that County Information is kept secure; is properly stored in accordance with industry best practices, and if stored is encrypted; and is otherwise protected from retrieval or access by unauthorized persons or for unauthorized purposes. Any device or media on which County Information is stored, even temporarily, will have strict encryption, security, and access control. Any County Information that is accessible will not leave Contractor's work site or the County's physical facility, if the Contractor is working onsite, without written authorization of the County

Project Officer. If remote access or other media storage is authorized, the Contractor is responsible for the security of such storage device or paper files.

Contractor will ensure that any laptops, PDAs, netbooks, tablets, thumb drives or other media storage devices, as approved by the County and connected to the County network, are secure and free of all computer viruses, and running the latest version of an industry-standard virus protection program. The Contractor will ensure that all user accounts and passwords used by its employees or subcontractors are robust, protected and not shared. The Contractor will not download any County Information except as agreed to by the parties and then only onto a County-approved device. The Contractor understands that downloading onto a personally owned device or service, such as personal e-mail, Dropbox, etc., is prohibited.

Contractor agrees that it will notify the County Project Officer immediately upon discovery or becoming aware or suspicious of any unauthorized disclosure of County Information, security breach, hacking or other breach of this agreement, the County's or Contractor's security policies, or any other breach of Project protocols concerning data security or County Information. The Contractor will fully cooperate with the County to regain possession of any Information and to prevent its further disclosure, use or dissemination. The Contractor also agrees to promptly notify others of a suspected or actual breach if requested.

The Contractor agrees that all duties and obligations enumerated in this Agreement also extend to its employees, agents or subcontractors who are given access to County information. Breach of any of the above conditions by Contractor's employees, agents or subcontractors shall be treated as a breach by the Contractor. The Contractor agrees that it shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that its employees, agents and subcontractors are aware of and abide by the terms and conditions of this agreement and related data security provisions in the Main Agreement.

It is the intent of this *NonDisclosure and Data Security Agreement* to ensure that the Contractor has the highest level of administrative safeguards, information security, disaster recovery and other best practices in place to ensure confidentiality, protection, privacy and security of County information and Countynetworked resources and to ensure compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws or regulatory requirements. Therefore, to the extent that this *NonDisclosure and Data Security Agreement* conflicts with the Main Agreement or with any applicable local, state, or federal law, regulation or provision, the more stringent requirement, law, regulation or provision controls.

At the conclusion of the Project, the Contractor agrees to return all County Information to the County Project Officer. These obligations remain in full force and effect throughout the Project and shall survive any termination of the Main Agreement.

Authorized Signature:

Printed Name and Title: _____

NONDISCLOSURE AND DATA SECURITY AGREEMENT (INDIVIDUAL)

I, the undersigned, agree that I will hold County-provided information, documents, data, images, records and the like confidential and secure and protect it against loss, misuse, alteration, destruction or disclosure. This includes, but is not limited to, the information of the County, its employees, contractors, residents, clients, patients, taxpayers, and property as well as information that the County shares with my employer or prime contractor for testing, support, conversion or the provision of other services under Arlington County Agreement No. 24-DPR-RFP-632 (the "Project" or "Main Agreement") or which may be accessed through County-owned or -controlled databases (all of the above collectively referred to as "County Information" or "Information").

I agree that I will maintain the privacy and security of County Information and will not divulge or allow or facilitate access to County Information for any purpose or by anyone unless expressly authorized to do so by the County Project Officer. This includes, but is not limited to, any County Information that in any manner describes, locates or indexes anything about an individual including, but not limited to, his/her ("his") Personal Health Information, treatment, disability, services eligibility, services provided, investigations, real or personal property holdings, education, financial transactions, medical history, ancestry, religion, political ideology, criminal or employment record, social security number, tax status or payments, date of birth, or that otherwise affords a basis for inferring personal characteristics, such as finger and voice prints, photographs, or things done by or to such individual, or the record of his presence, registration, or membership in an organization or activity, or admission to an institution.

I agree that I will not directly or indirectly use or facilitate the use or dissemination of information (whether intentionally or by inadvertence, negligence or omission and whether verbally, electronically, through paper transmission or otherwise) for any purpose other than that directly authorized and associated with my designated duties on the Project. I understand and agree that any unauthorized use, dissemination or disclosure of County Information is prohibited and may also constitute a violation of Virginia or federal law/s, subjecting me and/or my employer to civil and/or criminal penalties.

I also agree that I will not divulge or otherwise facilitate the disclosure, dissemination or access to or by any unauthorized person for any purpose of the Information obtained directly, or indirectly, as a result of my work on the Project. I agree to view, retrieve or access County Information only to the extent concomitant with my assigned duties on the Project and only in accordance with the County's and my employer's access and security policies or protocols.

I agree that I will take strict security measures to ensure that County Information is kept secure; is properly stored in accordance with industry best practices, and if stored is encrypted; and is otherwise protected from retrieval or access by unauthorized persons or for unauthorized purposes. I will also ensure that any device or media on which County Information is stored, even temporarily, will have strict encryption, security, and access control and that I will not remove, facilitate the removal of or cause any Information to be removed from my employer's worksite or the County's physical facility without written authorization of the County Project Officer. If so authorized, I understand that I am responsible for the security of the electronic equipment or paper files on which the Information is stored and agree to promptly return such Information upon request.

I will not use any devices, laptops, PDAs, netbooks, tablets, thumb drives or other media storage devices ("Device") during my work on the Project without pre-approval. I will ensure that any Device connected

to the County network is free of all computer viruses and running the latest version of an industrystandard virus protection program. I will also ensure that my user account and password, if any, is robust, protected and not shared. I will not download any County Information except as authorized by the County Project Officer and then only onto a County-approved Device. I understand that downloading onto a personally-owned Device or service, such as personal e-mail, Dropbox etc., is prohibited.

I agree that I will notify the County Project Officer immediately upon discovery or becoming aware or suspicious of any unauthorized disclosure of County Information, security breach, hacking or other breach of this agreement, the County's or Contractor's security policies, or any other breach of Project protocols concerning data security or County Information. I will fully cooperate with the County to help regain possession of any County Information and to prevent its further disclosure, use or dissemination.

It is the intent of this *NonDisclosure and Data Security Agreement* to ensure that the highest level of administrative safeguards, information security, and other best practices are in place to ensure confidentiality, protection, privacy and security of County Information and County-networked resources and to ensure compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws or regulatory requirements. Therefore, to the extent that this *Nondisclosure and Data Security Agreement* conflicts with the underlying Main Agreement or any local, state or federal law, regulation or provision, the more stringent requirement, law, regulation or provision controls.

Upon completion or termination of my work on the Project, I agree to return all County Information to the County Project Officer. I understand that this agreement remains in full force and effect throughout my work on the Project and shall survive my reassignment from the Project, termination of the above referenced Project or my departure from my current employer.

igned:
Printed Name:
Date:
Vitnessed:
Contractor's Project Manager:
Printed Name:
Date:

TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK ON THE PROJECT

EXHIBIT D

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM

ARLINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT Contractor Performance Evaluation Form

Contractor Name:		Contract No	.:		
Date:		Project/Con	tract Name:		
Interim Evaluation Final Eva	aluation				
Scope of Work/Services Provideo	d:				
Contract Start Date:/	/ Contract E		– _ Actual Completion	Date://	
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3. Project Schedule

Rate the Contractor's performance with regard to adhering to contract schedules. Did the Contractor meet the contract schedule, or the schedule as revised by approved change orders? If not was the delay attributable to the Contractor?

Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory E	xcellentN/A

4. Subcontractor Management

Rate the Contractor's ability, effort and success in managing and coordinating subcontractors (if no subcontractors rate the Contractor's overall project management). Was the Contractor able to effectively resolve problems?

Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	_ Excellent	N/A
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5. Safety

Rate the Contractor's safety procedures on this Contract/Project? Were there any OHSA violations or serious safety accidents?

_____Unacceptable _____Poor ____Satisfactory ____Excellent _____N/A

6. Environmental Compliance

Did the Contractor comply with local, state, and federal environmental standards in the performance of the Contract? Did the Contractor comply in good faith with local erosion and sedimentation control requirements and/or any Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan?

Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent	N/A
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7. Change Orders

Did the Contractor unreasonably claim change orders or extras? Were the Contractor's prices on change orders and extra work reasonable?

_____ Unacceptable _____ Poor ____ Satisfactory ____ Excellent _____ N/A

8. Paperwork Processing

Rate this Contractor's performance in completing and submitting required project paperwork (i.e. change orders, submittal, drawings, invoices, workforce reports, etc.) Did the Contractor submit the required paperwork promptly and in proper form?

Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent	N/A
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9.	Supervisory	Personnel	

Rate the general performance of this Contractor's supervisory personnel. Did they have the knowledge, management skills and experience to run a project of this size and scope?

	Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent	N/A
10.	Expertise, Knowledge and Ex Rate this Contractor's person		ledicated, experienced a	nd qualified for	the duration of project.
	Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	_ Excellent	N/A
11.	Project/Contract Closeout Rate the Contractor's perfor Drawings, Operation and Ma Project on schedule; was the	aintenance Manua	als, and training. Did the	e Contractor com	
	Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	_ Excellent	N/A
12.	Level of Overall Performance	2			
	Unacceptable	Poor	Satisfactory	_ Excellent	N/A
Base	d on these comments. would	vou recommend	this Contractor for com	oarable work in t	the future?

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Please provide any comments regarding the Contractor's performance or the quality of its work. The Contractor can
also provide any comments or clarification on the evaluation in the box below.

(Project Officer or Contractor, use additional sheets, if Necessary):

No

Yes

Signatures and Certifications:

- 1. The information contained in this evaluation form represents, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate analysis of the Contractor's performance record on this Contract; and,
- 2. The contents on the evaluation form and the ratings were not negotiated with the Contractor or its representative for any reason.

Evaluator's Signature:	Date:
Evaluator's (PjO) Printed Name	Evaluator's Title:
Contractor's signature below acknowledges receipt and the opportun	ity to respond:
Contractor Signature:	Date:
Contractor Printed Name:	Title:

EVALUATION RATINGS DEFINITIONS

Rating	Definition	Notes
Excellent	Performance meets contractual requirements and exceeds many to the County's benefit. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being evaluated was accomplished with few minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor were highly effective.	To justify an Exceptional rating, identify multiple significant events and state how they were of benefit to the County. A singular benefit, however, could be of such magnitude that it alone constitutes an Exceptional rating. Also, there should have been NO significant weaknesses identified.
Satisfactory	Performance meets contractual requirements. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element contains some minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor appear or were satisfactory.	To justify a Satisfactory rating, there should have been only minor problems, or major problems the contractor recovered from without impact to the contract/order. There should have been NO significant weaknesses identified. A fundamental principle of assigning ratings is that contractors will not be evaluated with a rating lower than Satisfactory solely for not performing beyond the requirements of the contract/order.
Poor	Performance does not meet some contractual requirements. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being evaluated reflects a serious problem for which the contractor has not yet identified corrective actions. The contractor's proposed actions appear only marginally effective or were not fully implemented.	To justify poor performance, identify a significant event in each category that the contractor had trouble overcoming and state how it impacted the County. A poor rating should be supported by referencing the management tool that notified the contractor of the contractual deficiency (e.g., management, quality, safety, or environmental deficiency report or letter).

Unacceptable	Performance does not meet most contractual requirements and recovery is not likely in a timely manner. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element contains a serious problem(s) for which the contractor's corrective actions appear or were ineffective.	To justify an Unsatisfactory rating, identify multiple significant events in each category that the contractor had trouble overcoming and state how it impacted the County. A singular problem, however, could be of such serious magnitude that it alone constitutes an unsatisfactory rating. An Unsatisfactory rating should be supported by referencing the management tools used to notify the contractor of the contractual deficiencies (e.g., management, quality, safety, or environmental deficiency reports, or letters).
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A (not applicable) should be used if the ratings are not going to be applied to a particular area for evaluation.	

END

VII. ATTACHMENTS AND FORMS

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 24-DPR-RFP-632

PROPOSAL FORM

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY VIA VENDOR REGISTRY NOT LATER THAN 1:00 P.M., MAY 30, 2024.

FOR PROVIDING ON-CALL COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES PER THE SOLICITATION.

THE FULL <u>LEGAL NAME</u> OF THE ENTITY SUBMITTING THIS PROPOSAL MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE SPACE BELOW. THIS PROPOSAL FORM AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRE A SIGNATURE MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE OFFEROR, OR THE PROPOSAL MAY BE REJECTED:

SUBMITTED BY: (legal name of entity as listed onW-9)					
AUTHORIZED SIGNATU	RE:				
PRINT NAME AND TITLE	:				
ADDRESS:					
CITY/STATE/ZIP:					
TELEPHONE NO.:	E-MAIL ADDRESS:				
THIS ENTITY IS INCORPO	ORATED				
THIS ENTITY IS A:		CORPORATION		LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	
(check the applicable option)	GENE	RAL PARTNERSHIP		UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION	
	LIMITED LI	ABILITY COMPANY		SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP	
IS OFFEROR AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE VES NO NO NONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA?					

Any Offeror exempt from Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) authorization requirement must include a statement with its proposal explaining why it is not required to be so authorized.

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ENTITY'S DUN & BRADSTREET D-U-N-S NUMBER: (if available)

HAS YOUR FIRM OR ANY OF ITS PRINCIPALS BEEN DEBARRED, ENJOINED, OR SUSPENDED FROM SUBMITTING BIDS TO ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, OR ANY OTHER STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS? HAS YOUR FIRM DEFAULTED ON ANY PROJECT IN THE LAST	YES		NO	
THREE YEARS?	YES		NO	
HAS YOUR FIRM HAD ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS, CONTRACTING OR TRADE LICENSE, REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATION REVOKED OR SUSPENDED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS?	YES		NO	
HAS YOUR FIRM AND ITS PRINCIPALS/OWNERS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME RELATING TO ITS CONTRACTING BUSINESS IN THE PAST TEN YEARS?	YES		NO	
HAS YOUR FIRM BEEN FOUND IN VIOLATION OF ANY LAW APPLICABLE TO ITS CONTRACTING BUSINESS (LICENSING LAWS, TAX LAWS, WAGE AND HOUR LAWS, PREVAILING WAGE LAWS, ENVIRONMENTAL) WHERE THE RESULT OF SUCH VIOLATION WAS THE PAYMENT OF A FINE, BACK PAY DAMAGES, OR ANY OTHER PENALTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5000 OR MORE?	YES		NO	
BIDDER STATUS: MINORITY OWNED: D WOMAN OWNED	D: 🛛	N	EITHER:	
THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOW	NG:			
THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS, WHICH INCLUDES ANY ADDENDA, IS THE ELECTRONIC COPY THAT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE VENDOR REGISTRY WEBSITE AT: <u>HTTPS://VRAPP.VENDORREGISTRY.COM/BIDS/VIEW/BIDSLIST?BUYERID=A596C7C4-0123-4202-BF15-3583300EE088</u> .				
POTENTIAL OFFERORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS OF ALL SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS THEY RECEIVE FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING THE COUNTY.				
1. OFFEROR MUST SUBMIT: ONE ELECTRONIC COMPLETE SIGNED PRO FIRST PAGE THIS PROPOSAL FORM.	DPOSAL	THAT ING	CLUDES A	s its

2. INDICATE THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE PERSON WHO CAN RESPOND AUTHORITATIVELY TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROPOSAL.

NAME (PRINTED):	TITLE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	TEL. NO.:

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TRADE SECRETS OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an Offeror in connection with a procurement transaction will not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Pursuant to Section 4-112 of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, however, an Offeror seeking to protect submitted data or materials from disclosure must, before or upon submission of the data or materials, identify the specific data or materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. Please note that designation of an entire bid, proposal, or prequalification application or of line-item prices or the total bid amount is prohibited.

Please mark one:

- □ No, the proposal that I have submitted does <u>not</u> contain any trade secrets and/or proprietary information.
- □ Yes, the proposal that I have submitted <u>does</u> contain trade secrets and/or proprietary information.

If Yes, you must clearly identify below the exact data or materials to be protected <u>and</u> list all applicable page numbers, sections, and paragraphs, of the proposal that contain such data or materials:

State the specific reason(s) why protection is necessary and why the identified information constitutes a trade secret or is proprietary:

If you fail above to identify the data or materials to be protected or to state the reason(s) why protection is necessary, you will not have invoked the protection of Section 4-111 of the Purchasing Resolution. Accordingly, upon the award of a contract, the proposal will be open for public inspection consistent with applicable law.

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<u>CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION</u>: The undersigned certifies that this proposal is not the result of or affected by (1) any act of collusion with another person engaged in the same line of business or commerce (as defined in Virginia Code §§ 59.1-68.6 *et seq.*) or (2) any act of fraud punishable under the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Virginia Code §§ 18.2-498.1 *et seq.*).

CONTACT PERSON AND MAILING ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY OF NOTICES

Provide the name and address of the person who is designated to receive notices and other communications regarding this solicitation. Refer to the "Notices" section in the draft Contract Terms and Conditions for information regarding delivery of notices.

NAME:

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:		 	
(SUPPLIER SITE)			
CONTACT PERSON E-M	AIL:		

OFFEROR'S PRINTED NAME: _____

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

I, whose name is subscribed below, a duly authorized representative and agent of the entity submitting this proposal to Arlington County in response to its Request for Proposal No. 24-DPR-RFP-632, and on behalf of the Offeror certify that:

- 1. Neither the Offeror nor any affiliated entity has, within the past five years, been employed by or represented a deliverer of services that reasonably could be expected to be considered for purchase by the County as a result of this solicitation;
- 2. if the Offeror is awarded a contract under this solicitation and during the term of that contract prepares an invitation to bid or request for proposal for or on behalf of the County, the Offeror must not (i) submit a bid or proposal for that procurement or any portion thereof or (ii) disclose to any potential bidder or offeror information concerning the procurement that is not available to the public.
- 3. The Offeror will not solicit or accept any commissions or fees from vendors who ultimately furnish services to the County as a result of any contract award made as a result of this solicitation.

OFFEROR'S NAME:	
SIGNED BY:	
PRINTED NAME/TITLE:	
DATE:	
NOTARY STATEMENT	
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA/STATE OF)	
CITY/COUNTY OF) to wit:	
personally appeared bef , 20 the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the , known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to subscribed to within the instrument as an agent of the Offeror and a executed the same for the purposes therein contained.	State and County of aforesaid, be the person whose name is acknowledged that he/she has
(Seal)	
Notary registration number: My commission expires:	

PROPOSAL FORM, PAGE 6 OF 6 COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION.

Departr	W-9 Dctober 2018) ment of the Treasury I Revenue Service	Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification Number and Certification		Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.
Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	Name (as shown Business name/c Business name/c Individual/sole single-membe Limited liabilit Note: Check LLC if the LLC another LLC t is disregardec Other (see ins 5 Address (numbe 6 City, state, and Z	on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. isregarded entity name, if different from above e box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check of oxes. proprietor or C Corporation S Corporation Partnership r LLC / company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership he appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. tructions) ► , street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. R	only one of the ☐ Trust/estate p) ► ∴ Do not check er of the LLC is nember LLC that	Imptions (codes apply only to a entities, not individuals; see tions on page 3): ot payee code (if any) otion from FATCA reporting (if any) to accounts maintained outside the U.S.) ress (optional)
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backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a</i> or				
Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter. Employer identification number - - -				
Par	t II Certifie	ation		
Under	r penalties of perju	y, I certify that:		
2. I ar	n not subject to ba	n this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a n ckup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I ha s subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or d	ave not been notified b	y the Internal Revenue

- Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign	Signature of U.S. person ►	
Here	U.S. person ►	Date ►