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Request for Proposals – RFP-22-122821

PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

This procurement is governed by the Virginia Public Procurement Act and the Dinwiddie County Purchasing Policies and Procedures. All terms and conditions of the Act and the Policies and Procedures are hereby adopted and incorporated by references as a part of this notice.

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1. PURPOSE

Request for Proposals Prepared By:

Request for Proposals Number:

Hollie R. Casey
Procurement Officer

RFP-22-122821

Release date: December 28, 2021

Deadline: January 18, 2022 @ 2 p.m.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to solicit sealed proposals from qualified certified public accountants to perform financial and compliance audits of Dinwiddie County.

If you are an individual with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation, please notify Hollie R. Casey at **(804) 469-4500 ext. 2150**, at least three working days prior to the date due.

Proposals, to include addenda or changes to a response, shall not be accepted via Fax machine or by E-mail, orally, or by telephone.

Nothing herein is intended to exclude any qualified responsible vendor, his/her product or service, or in any way restrain, or restrict competition. On the contrary, all responsible qualified vendors are encouraged to submit proposals.

2. BACKGROUND

Dinwiddie County (the “County”) is a rural jurisdiction of 504 square miles located adjacent to Petersburg in south central Virginia with a population of approximately 27,947. The combined County and Dinwiddie County Public Schools (“DCPS”) expenditure budget for FY 2022 was \$112,505,826. The County has approximately 300 employees, and the Schools have approximately 650 employees. Additional information on the Audited Entities, including prior years’ audits and budgets can be found at www.dinwiddieva.us.

The DCPS system consists of one high school, one middle school and five elementary schools with a total enrollment of 4,134 in FY 2021. More information on the Schools can be found at www.dinwiddie.k12.va.us.

The Dinwiddie County Industrial Development Authority is a seven member board appointed by the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors, and it is included in the Dinwiddie County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (“Annual Report”) as a component unit. The Dinwiddie County Water Authority and the Dinwiddie Industrial and Airport Authority are also component units of the County, but produce their own audited financial reports.

The County currently uses BAI Municipal Software on an IBM platform, however implementation of Tyler Munis is scheduled for July 2022. The Schools currently use Keystone Information

Systems, and Social Services uses Thomas Brothers. All systems operate independently, with the Schools and Social Services providing summary information for posting to the General Ledger.

The Deputy County Administrator for Finance and General Services, a CPA with over 30 years of public sector and not-for-profit account experience, is the central overseer and coordinating agent for the County-wide audit of the financial statements. The County Finance Department consists of two accounting specialists for accounts payable and payroll and a procurement officer. The DCPS Finance Department consists of the Director, who has over 20 years of fiscal experience with the Schools; a Finance Officer; an Accounts Payable Specialist; and a Payroll Specialist. The Social Services Department also has a fiscal manager, and the County Treasurer is a CPA in her third term of office.

The Deputy County Administrator, in conjunction with the County Treasurer, the DCPS Director of Finance, and other finance staff will provide all information required for the Auditor to perform their duties. The County will also provide space in the County facilities for Auditors to perform on-site work.

3. STATEMENT OF NEEDS

Dinwiddie County is seeking the services of a qualified certified public accountant to perform financial and compliance audits of Dinwiddie County and its discretely presented component units, including but not limited to the Dinwiddie County Public Schools (including but not limited to the Schools Activity Fund) and the Dinwiddie County Industrial Development Authority (all together, the “Audited Entities”).

3.1. Auditing, Internal Controls and Compliance

The Auditor shall audit all funds of the Audited Entities in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (GAS)* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act, as amended, and Title 2 US Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (“Uniform Guidance”); and the *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns* issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Auditor of Public Accounts (APA). Following the audit, the Auditor shall produce opinions on the financial statements of the Audited Entities, the Audited Entities’ compliance and internal control over financial reporting in accordance with *GAS*, the Audited Entities’ compliance with the Single Audit Act and Uniform Guidance, and the Audited Entities’ compliance with Virginia’s Laws, Regulations, Contracts and Grants. If the Auditor's opinions is not unqualified, the Auditor shall furnish the County, on a timely basis, the reasons for qualifying the opinion, disclaiming an opinion, or rendering an adverse opinion.

In connection with the audit of the financial statements, the Auditor shall consider, test, and report on internal controls of the Audited Entities in accordance with Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the APA’s *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns*. The County reserves the right to request additional internal control test work as deemed necessary.

In connection with the audit of the financial statements, the Auditor shall perform tests and report on compliance in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the APA's *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns*.

3.2. County's Responsibilities

- A. Meetings with County and School Finance Staff: The selected Auditor shall meet with both the County and Schools finance staff before the preliminary work and at the end of the fieldwork. The purpose of these meetings is to address any new financial reporting standards and their impact on the County and to keep the County fully informed on the scope and progress of the audit. During the course of the audit, the auditor shall meet with County and/or School finance staff on an as-needed basis.
- B. Draft Reports: The Auditor shall have drafts of the Auditor's reports, comments on the financial statements and recommendations to management available for review by the appropriate level of management by November 15th of each year. Any findings to be reported shall be available for review by the appropriate level of management by the same date.
- C. Report Preparation and Presentation: The Auditor will be responsible for Annual Report preparation, editing and printing, providing 10 bound copies and an electronic file in .pdf format to the County. The Auditor shall present the Annual Report, the recommendations to management, and the required communications to those charges with governance to the County Board of Supervisors at a public session as required by Section 15.2-2511 of the Code of Virginia – generally on the first Tuesday of each December.
- D. Submission of Reports to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): The County will submit its Annual Report to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States for review in its certificate of achievement program. It is anticipated that the Auditor will provide assistance to the County to meet the requirements of that program.

3.3. Required Reports

Based on the audit work performed, the Auditor shall prepare and submit the following reports:

- A. An opinion on the fair presentation of the basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- B. An opinion on the fair presentation of the other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Auditor shall prepare a disclaimer of opinion related to the statistical section included in the Annual Report.
- C. A report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. The Auditor shall communicate all instances of noncompliance that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the report. The Auditor shall communicate all reportable conditions and material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and its operation in the report.

- D. A report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and internal control over compliance in accordance with the Single Audit Act and Uniform Guidance. The Auditor shall report all instances of noncompliance with the specific requirements for major federal program in the report on compliance and in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Auditor shall communicate all reportable conditions affecting major federal programs in the report. Further, the Auditor shall identify any material weaknesses in the report. Any finding or weaknesses shall be reported immediately to the appropriate level of management.
- E. The Auditor shall prepare the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the primary government and discretely presented component units and the Data Collection Form required by Uniform Guidance by November 30 for submission to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as part of the County's Reporting Package.
- F. A report on the application of agreed-upon procedures relative to the Comparative Report Transmittal Forms. This report shall be submitted to the Auditor of Public Accounts along with the Auditor prepared Comparative Report Transmittal Forms by November 30th of each year.
- G. The Auditor shall make an immediate, written report to the appropriate level of management of all management letter comments of which they become aware.
- H. The Auditor shall make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts, or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware to the: Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County; School Board of Dinwiddie County; County Administrator; County Attorney; Superintendent of Schools; Deputy County Administrator, Finance & General Services, Dinwiddie County; Director of Finance, Dinwiddie County Public Schools; Treasurer of Dinwiddie; and/or Dinwiddie County Industrial Development Authority, as applicable.
- I. Any other reports that may become required reports over the period of this contract, in accordance with Government Auditing Standards; the Single Audit Act and Uniform Guidance; the Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns, and the Uniform Financial Reporting Manual.

3.4. Additional Services

- A. Closed Landfill: Apply certain agreed upon procedures based on the mandates of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to assist the County with respect to demonstrating compliance with the local government financial test as required to meet the financial assurance requirements in accordance with Virginia Code Section 20-70-210 of the Financial Assurance Regulations of Solid Waste Disposal, Transfer and Treatment Facilities, relating to the closure, post-closure care and corrective action costs of owning and operating a municipal solid waste landfill facility. The County is required to file the agreed upon procedures report within 180 days of the County's fiscal year end.

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- B. Comparative Report Transmittal Forms: Apply certain agreed upon procedures based upon the mandates of the APA, as related to the accurate completion and timely submission of the County's Comparative Report by November 30th each year.
- C. Dinwiddie County Circuit Court Clerk: Apply certain agreed upon procedures to the records of the Dinwiddie County Circuit Court in accordance with Chapter 6 of the APA's *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns*.
- D. Dinwiddie County Sheriff: Apply certain agreed upon procedures based upon the mandates of the APA to assist the Sheriff in evaluating compliance with the *Virginia Sheriff's Accounting Manual* and the Code of Virginia Sections 15.2-1609 through 15.2-1625.
- E. Virginia Retirement System: Examine compliance with certain census data submission requirements of the Virginia Retirement System as mandated by Code of Virginia Sections 51.1-136 by October 31st each year.
- F. Evelyn Abrahams Scholarship Fund: Provide tax return services and advise management about appropriate accounting principles and the application as related to this scholarship fund.
- G. Misc. Services: The Auditor shall provide additional auditing and/or consulting services as may be required in accordance with the agreed fee schedule. Such services shall be provided on an as-needed basis and may include but not be limited to spot audits on County departments or divisions, audits on vendors or agencies affiliated with the County or any other related services.

3.5. Invoicing

Progress payments will be accepted as agreed upon by the Contractor and the County. Four separate invoices shall be provided for accurate payment:

- School Activity Funds
- Trust Accounts
- Circuit Court
- All Others

See Section 7.12 Payments, for more details on invoicing and payments.

4. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. General Instructions

- A. In order to be considered for selection, offerors must submit a complete response to this RFP in ONE of the following ways:
- i. Hard Copy Submission:
Submit one (1) hardcopy proposal and one electronic copy via CD-ROM or USB Drive. Please include a redacted copy of the proposal in electronic form if applicable. The proposal shall be bound or contained in a single volume where practical. No 3-ring binders please.

Envelopes shall be marked with the following information:

- Name and Address of Offeror
- Due Date – January 18, 2022 at 2 p.m.
- RFP Number – RFP-22-122821
- RFP Title – Professional Auditing Services

The envelope should be addressed to:

Attn: Hollie Casey
County of Dinwiddie
14010 Boydton Plank Road
P.O. Drawer 70
Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841

If the proposal is not marked with the above information, the offeror takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised which may cause the proposal to be disqualified.

ii. Electronic Submission:

Electronic proposal submissions are now accepted through Vendor Registry. Go to www.dinwiddieva.us/purchasing, click Current Solicitations, click the solicitation and click Submit Bid. You will be asked to login or register with Dinwiddie County in order to submit a proposal. If applicable, please include a redacted copy of the proposal as a separate file.

No other distribution of the proposal shall be made by the offer. Electronic copies of the proposal shall be provided in a single file in PDF format, unless otherwise stated.

- B. All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in the County requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by the County.
- C. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the offeror. Proposals must give the full business address of the Offeror and be signed by him/her with his/her usual signature. Bids by partnerships must furnish the full name of all partners and must be signed in the partnership name by one of the members of the partnership or any authorized representative, followed by the designation of the person signing. Bids by corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the State in which it is incorporated and by the signature and designation of the president, vice president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind it in the matter. The name of each person signing shall also be typed or printed below the signature. A bid by a person who affixes to the signature the word “President”, “Vice President”, “Secretary”, “Agent” or other designation without disclosing the principal, may be held to be the bid of the individual signing. When requested by the County, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing on behalf of the corporation shall be furnished.

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- D. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.
- E. Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number of the corresponding section of the RFP. It is also helpful to cite the paragraph number, and repeat the text of the requirement as it appears in the RFP. If a response covers more than one page, the paragraph number should be repeated at the top of the next page. The proposal should contain a table of contents, which cross-references the RFP requirements. Information which the offeror desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirements of the RFP should be inserted at an appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material. Proposals that are not organized in this manner risk elimination from consideration if the evaluators are unable to find where the RFP requirements are specifically addressed.
- F. As used in this RFP, the terms "must", "shall", "should" and "may" identify the criticality of requirements. "Must" and "shall" identify requirements whose absence will have a major negative impact on the suitability of the proposed solution. Items labeled as "should" or "may" are highly desirable, although their absence will not have a large impact and would be useful, but are not necessary. Depending on the overall response to the RFP, some individual "must" and "shall" items may not be fully satisfied, but it is the intent to satisfy most, if not all, "must" and "shall" requirements. The inability of an Offeror to satisfy a "must" or "shall" requirement does not automatically remove that Offeror from consideration; however, it may seriously affect the overall rating of the Offerors' proposal.
- G. Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation originated and prepared for the County pursuant to the RFP shall belong exclusively to the County and be subject to public inspection in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the offeror must invoke the protections of § 2.2-4342F of the Code of Virginia, in writing, either before or at the time the data or other material is submitted. The written notice must specifically identify the data or materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secret or proprietary information. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices, and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable and may result in rejection of the proposal.
- H. All proposals must be received at the proper location listed in this RFP and by the deadline time (Local Time Prevailing). Any proposals received after the announced time and date for submittal, whether by mail or otherwise, will be rejected. The time of receipt shall be determined solely by the County of Dinwiddie.

The County is not responsible for any delay in delivery by USPS, UPS, FedEx or other delivery services. It is the responsibility of the offeror to see that proposals are received on time and in the proper location.

- I. Oral Presentation: Offerors who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to the County. This provides an opportunity for the offeror to clarify or elaborate on the proposal. This is a fact finding and explanation session only and does not include negotiation. The County will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of the County and may or may not be conducted.
- J. The Offeror shall be fully responsible for all costs incurred in the development and submission of the proposal. It is the responsibility of the offeror to ensure that their proposals reach the appropriate office prior to the closing time on the proposal.
- K. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to the General and Special Terms and Conditions contained herein. Any exceptions shall be stated in the proposal.

4.2. Specific Proposal Instructions

Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that the County may properly evaluate your capabilities to provide the required goods/services. Offerors are required to submit the following items as a complete proposal. Failure by Offeror to provide the information may render the proposal non-responsive.

- A. Return Section 9 of the RFP and all addenda acknowledgments, if any, signed and filled out as required.
- B. Information about the Offeror to include:
 - 1. Independence
 - a. The Offeror shall provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of the Audited Entities as defined by generally accepted auditing standards and the U.S. General Accounting Government Auditing Standards and the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct.
 - b. The Offeror shall also list and describe any professional relationships involving the County, other Audited Entities, or County staff for the past five (5) years and explain why any such relationship does not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.
 - 2. License to Practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia

An affirmative statement shall be included that the Offeror and all assigned key personnel are properly licensed to practice as certified public accountants in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Also, an affirmation that the Offeror meets any and all specific qualification requirements imposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be included.
 - 3. Offeror's Profile, Qualifications and Experience

The proposal should provide:

 - a. The organization and size of the Offeror, and whether it is local, regional, national, or international in operations.

- b. The size of the Offeror's governmental staff.
 - c. The location of the office from where the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed in the engagement on a full-time basis and the number and nature of staff to be employed on a part-time basis.
 - d. Description of the range of activities performed by the Offeror's office such as audits, accounting, tax services, or management services.
 - e. Description of the Offeror's experience with the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program and/or the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.
 - f. Description of any continuing professional education obtained by proposed engagement staff demonstrating conformance with GAO yellow book requirements for governmental engagements.
 - g. The Offeror shall also submit a copy of its most recent external quality control review including a statement if that review included government specific engagements; in addition, the Offeror shall provide information on the results of any Federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits for the past three (3) years. Further, the Offeror shall provide any information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the Offeror in the previous three (3) years with any state regulatory body or professional organization.
4. Partner, Supervisory, and Staff Qualifications and Experience
Identify the principal supervisory and management staff including engagement partners, managers, and other supervisors or specialists, who would be assigned to the engagement. Provide resumes and information on the government auditing experience of each person including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years.
5. Similar Engagements with other Government Entities
This section of the auditor's proposal should list and describe representative clients currently served by the Offeror's office or local office focusing on clients similar in size and complexity with the County. Provide dates of continuous service or contract period, location, names, addresses, and phone numbers of owners. Offerors shall only indicate references they have worked with a minimum of two (2) years.
6. Commitment to Continuity of Quality for Assigned Staff
- a. Identify other engagements, if any, to which the staff identified pursuant to Section 4.d. (Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience) will be or are assigned to during the period of time they would be performing audit services for the County of Dinwiddie.

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- b. Please indicate what level of assurance the Offeror can provide the County that the principal staff assigned to the engagement will continue for the full duration of the engagement or otherwise how the quality of staff assigned to the engagement shall remain constant over the term of the engagement.

C. Specific Audit Approach and Work Plan

The proposal should set forth a work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed, to perform the services required in Section 3 (Scope of Services/General Requirements) of this RFP. In developing the work plan references should be made to such sources of information as the County's Annual Report, organizational chart, manuals and programs, and financial or other management information systems. The Offeror should clearly distinguish tasks that the auditor shall undertake and those that are the responsibility of the County.

Offerors shall provide the following information in their approach:

1. Discussion regarding overall approach and processes in conducting the audit with proposed segmentation of the engagement.
2. Discussion of the auditor's willingness to produce the County's financial statements from the County's General Ledger. Specifically, does the Offeror's interpretation of independence standards prevent the compilation of the County's required financial statements from balance sheets and income statements produced by the County's ledger?
3. Discussion of the auditor's willingness to compile statistical tables as needed for inclusion in the County's Annual Report. The County currently prepares most of the statistical tables, except for the ones that pull summarized financial data from the financial statements. Does the Offeror's interpretation of independence standards prevent the compilation of the County's statistical tables from information provided by County staff?
4. Discussion of the auditor's willingness to provide the APA transmittal forms. Does the Offeror's interpretation of independence standards prevent the compilation of the County's required transmittal forms from balance sheets and income statements produced by the County's ledger?
5. Explanation of how the Offeror would propose to utilize County staff, if at all, to assist during the audit, including approximate time required, the types of information or schedules to be provided, and the deadline for such information as to not jeopardize the audit schedule.
6. Manner in which, if at all, you intend to utilize computer-assisted auditing procedures and statistical sampling techniques. Describe the approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for the purposes of compliance testing.
7. Type and extent of analytical procedures to be utilized during the engagement.

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8. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the County's internal control structures.
 9. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work.
 10. Procedures followed in the technical and quality control review of audited financial statements prior to their issuance.
 11. Statement verifying the Offeror's understanding of the specific reporting requirements outlined in this RFP.
 12. Description of any anticipated potential audit problems, the Offeror's approach to resolving these problems, and any special assistance required from the County.
- D. DO NOT SUBMIT – Non-Binding Cost Estimate (NBCE)
As this is a professional services solicitations, the County is NOT requesting a NBCE at this time. The County will request NBCE under separate cover from one or more of the highest ranked and fully qualified Offerors at a later date.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS / AWARD OF CONTRACT

5.1. Qualifications of Offerors

The Offeror shall have the following qualifications in order to be considered:

Be licensed as provided in the applicable laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia to perform the audit in accordance with Section 15.2-2511 of the Code of Virginia and additional services as requested herein. The Auditor shall also be independent as that term is defined in the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct. The Auditor shall comply with the requirements of qualifications as contained in the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

During the evaluation process, the County may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Offeror(s) to perform the services/furnish the goods and the Offeror(s) shall furnish to the County all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The County reserves the right to inspect Offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Offeror's capabilities. The County further reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigations of, such Offeror fails to satisfy the County that such Offeror is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to provide the services and/or furnish the goods contemplated therein.

5.2. Ethics in Public Contracting

By submitting their proposal, Offerors certify that their proposal is made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Offerors, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction 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.

The Offeror shall identify any actual or potential conflicts of interest that exist, or which may arise if the Offeror is recommended for award, and propose how such conflicts might be resolved.

By his/her signature on the proposal documents submitted, each Offeror attests that his/her agents and/or employees, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, have not in any way colluded with anyone for and on behalf of the Offeror, or themselves, to obtain information that would give the Offeror an unfair advantage over others, nor has he/she colluded with anyone for and on behalf of the Offeror, or itself, to gain any favoritism in the award of this solicitation.

5.3. Tentative Award Schedule

Proposals Due	January 18, 2022
Shortlist Interviews/Presentations	Week of January 24-28, 2022
Intent to Award Contract	February 4, 2022
County Board of Supervisors Meeting	February 15, 2022

5.4. Clarification of Terms

If any prospective offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective offeror should contact the procurement agent whose name appears on the face of the solicitation **by e-mail no later than five working days before the due date**. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by written addendum issued which shall be posted on the County's website at <http://www.dinwiddieva.us>, on the Purchasing page.

5.5. Withdrawal or Modification of Proposals

Proposals may be withdrawn or modified by written notice received from Offerors prior to the deadline fixed for proposal receipt. The withdrawal or modification may be made by the person signing the proposal or by an individual(s) who is authorized by him/her on the face of the proposal. Written modifications may be made on a separate document. Written modifications must be signed by the person making the modification or withdrawal.

5.6. Receipt and Opening of Proposals

5.6.1. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to assure that his/her proposal is delivered to the place designated for receipt of proposals and prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Proposals received after the time designated for receipt of proposals will not be considered or opened.

5.6.2. The provisions of § 2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be applicable to the inspection of proposals received.

5.6.3. In the event that the County of Dinwiddie offices are closed due to inclement weather and/or emergency situations prior to or at the time set aside for the receipt of proposals, the receipt of proposals date will default to the next open business day at the same time.

5.7. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the County using the following criteria. These criteria are to be utilized in the evaluation of qualifications for development of the shortlist of those offerors to be considered for interviews and/or negotiations.

	<u>Point Value</u>
1. Specific audit approach and work plan	25
2. Experience and qualifications of company	20
3. Experience and qualifications of personnel assigned to perform the services	25
4. Commitment to continuity of quality of assigned staff	20
5. Responsiveness and completeness of the proposal.	<u>10</u>
Total	100

The County reserves the right to cancel or reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities in any proposal received and to negotiate and award a contract deemed to be in the County’s best interest. It is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous (Code of Virginia, §2.2-4359D).

5.8. Announcement of Award

Following the award of a contract(s) or decision of the intent to award a contract(s), the County will announce such award of a contract or decision of the intent to award a contract on the County’s website at <http://www.dinwiddieva.us/purchasing>. Subject to the provisions of *Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4360*, any offeror who desires to protest the award of a contract(s) or decision of the intent to award a contract(s) shall submit such protest in writing to the attention of Hollie R. Casey, 14010 Boydton Plank Rd, P O Drawer 70, Dinwiddie VA 23841 (hcasey@dinwiddieva.us) no later than ten (10) days after the announcement of the award of a contract(s) or the decision of the intent to award a contract(s), whichever occurs first. Such protest shall be clearly identified as a protest and shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought.

5.9. Award of Contract

The County shall engage in individual discussions with two or more offerors deemed fully qualified, responsible and suitable on the basis of initial responses and with emphasis on professional competence, to provide the required services. Repetitive informal interviews shall be permissible. Such offerors shall be encouraged to elaborate on their qualifications and performance data or staff expertise pertinent to the proposed project, as well as alternative concepts. At the discussion stage the public body may discuss non-binding estimates of total project costs, including, but not limited to, life-cycle costing, and, where appropriate, non-binding estimates of price for services. Proprietary information from competing offerors shall not be disclosed to the public or to competitors. At the conclusion of the informal interviews, on the basis of evaluation factors published in the Request for Proposals and all information developed in the selection process to this point, the County shall select, in the order of preference, two or more offerors whose professional qualifications and proposed services are deemed most meritorious. Negotiations shall then be conducted, beginning with the offeror ranked first. If a contract satisfactory and advantageous to the County can be negotiated at a price considered fair and reasonable, the award shall be made to that offeror. Otherwise, negotiations with the offeror ranked first shall be formally terminated and negotiations conducted with the offeror ranked second, and so on, until such a contract can be negotiated at a fair and reasonable price. The

County reserves the right to make multiple awards as a result of this solicitation. Should the County determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one offeror is fully qualified, or that one offeror is clearly more highly qualified and suitable than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that offeror.

5.10. Term of Contract

Contract will be awarded to the successful Offeror for an initial period of twelve (12) months, with audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, with the option for renewals under the terms and conditions of the original contract for up to six (6) additional twelve (12) month periods (fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028) unless either party gives written notification to the other party sixty (60) days prior to expiration of the then-current term that they do not wish to renew. The contract(s) and any renewals of the contract(s) are subject to the availability of funds and annual appropriations by the Board of Supervisors. Price increases, if any, shall be in accordance with initial contract or negotiated at time of renewal.

5.11. Contract Documents

The contract entered into by the parties shall consist of the Request for Proposals, the proposal submitted by the Contractor; General Terms and Conditions, the Special Terms and Conditions; the specifications; the scope of services; and all modifications and addenda to the foregoing documents, all of which shall be referred to collectively as the Contract Documents.

All time limits stated in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to the time for completion of the work, are of the essence of the contract.

5.12. Work Authorization

No work shall be performed under this contract until the Contractor has been contacted by the Deputy County Administrator for Finance and General Services or such person or persons as authorized by the County. A list of authorized personnel will be provided to the successful Contractor. Any and all work performed without such approval shall be considered to be unauthorized work, will not be compensated for, and may be considered grounds for cancellation of contract.

6. REPORTING AND DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Once a contract has been awarded, all communication and documentation for the audit shall be directly to: Anne Howerton, Deputy County Administrator for Finance and General Services, Dinwiddie County, 14010 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, VA 23841, (804) 469-4500 Ext 2106.

7. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7.1. Definitions

Whenever used in this solicitation or in the Contract Documents, the following terms have the meanings indicated, which are applicable to both the singular and plural and the male and female gender thereof:

A. **Offeror:** One who submits a response to this solicitation

B. **County:** The term “County” shall mean the County which is the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia through the governing body, the Board, or other agent with authority to execute the

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- contract for the County. The County's agent is the official with the authority to sign the contract on behalf of the County.
- C. **Contractor:** The person, firm or corporation with whom the County has entered into a contractual agreement and includes the plural number and the feminine gender when such are named in the contract as the Contractor.
 - D. **Defective:** An adjective which refers to work that is unsatisfactory, faulty, or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspections, standard, test, or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to final payment.
 - E. **Notice:** All written notices, demands, instructions, claims, approvals, and disapprovals required to obtain compliance with the contract requirements. Any written notice by either party to the contract shall be sufficiently given if delivered to or at the last known business address of the person, firm or corporation constituting the party to the contract, or to his, their or its authorized agent, representative or officer, or when enclosed in a postage prepaid envelope addressed to such last known business address and deposited in a United States mailbox.
 - F. **Provide:** Shall mean furnish and install ready for its intended use.
 - G. **Subcontractor:** An individual, partnership or corporation having a direct contract with the Contractor or with any other subcontractor for the performance of the work. It includes one who provides on-site labor but does not include one who only furnishes or supplies materials for the project.

7.2. Laws, Regulations, and Courts

- A. This procurement is governed by the Virginia Public Procurement Act and the Dinwiddie County Purchasing Policies and Procedures.
- B. The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the work and shall give all notices required thereby.
- C. All solicitations or contracts issued by Dinwiddie County shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Jurisdiction and venue for any litigation arising out of or involving this agreement shall lie in the Circuit Court of the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia, and such litigation shall be brought only in such courts. The County and the Contractor are encouraged to resolve any issues in controversy arising from contractual dispute using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedures (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4366).

7.3. Taxes.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-609.1(4), the county is exempt from the payment of Virginia state sales and use taxes. Vendors should not include such taxes in invoices presented to the County for payment. State sales and use tax certificates of exemption, Form ST-12, will be issued upon request.

7.4. Anti-Discrimination Statement by County.

The County certifies that it shall not discriminate against any bidder, offeror or contractor because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, faith-based organizational status, any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment or because the bidder or offeror employs ex-offenders unless the County has made a written determination that employing ex-offenders on the specific contract is not in its best interest. If Contractor is a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1E).

7.5. Anti-Discrimination Statement by Contractor.

- A. During the performance of the contract, the Contractor agrees to the following provisions.
- i. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - ii. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - iii. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting these requirements.
- B. The Contractor also agrees to include the provisions in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or Contractor.

7.6. Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Contractor certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of the contract knowingly employ unauthorized alien workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

7.7. Drug-Free Workplace.

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the Contractor's 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 violations of 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 over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or Contractor.

For the purposes of this section, “drug-free workplace” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a Contractor, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

7.8. Authorization to Transact Business in the Commonwealth.

In order to contract with Dinwiddie County, contractors organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Code of Virginia, Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law. Pursuant to competitive negotiation, an offeror organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 shall include in its proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission. Any offeror that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law shall include in its proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Any offeror that fails to provide the required information shall not be awarded a contract unless a waiver of this requirement is granted by the County Administrator. Any business entity as described above that enters into a contract with a public body pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at anytime during the contract. Dinwiddie County may void any contract with a business entity if that entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

7.9. Indemnification.

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County of Dinwiddie, Virginia and their officers, agents, and employees from any claims, damages and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or in equity, arising from or caused by the use of any materials, goods, or equipment of any kind or nature furnished by the Contractor or any services of any kind or nature furnished by the Contractor, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the County or to failure of the County to use the materials, goods, infrastructure or equipment in the manner already and permanently described by the Contractor on the materials, goods, infrastructure or equipment delivered.

7.10. Insurance.

Contractor certifies that it will have the following insurance coverage at the time the contract is awarded. If any subcontractors are involved, the subcontractor will have workers’ compensation insurance in accordance with §§ 2.2-4332 and 65.2-800 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. Contractor further certifies that the Contractor and any subcontractors will maintain this insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract and that all insurance coverage will be provided by insurance companies authorized to sell insurance in Virginia by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Subcontractors, if any, will maintain similar insurance coverage during the entire term of the contract.

Minimum Insurance Coverage and Limits Required:

- a. Workers' Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Contractors who fail to notify the County of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the Code of Virginia during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract.
- b. Employer's Liability - \$100,000.
- c. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury and advertising injury, products and completed operations coverage. The "County of Dinwiddie, Virginia, its Officers, agents, and employees" shall be added as additional insured on a primary basis and so endorsed on the policy. Such additional insured status shall be primary without participation by County's insurers.
- d. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single limit.
- e. Professional Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

7.11. Debarment Status.

The Contractor certifies that it is not currently debarred from submitting proposals or bids on contracts by any department, agency or political subdivision of (i) the Commonwealth of Virginia, (ii) any other state, or (iii) the federal government, nor is it an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the same.

7.12. Payment.

- A. Contractor shall provide the county with a complete and accurate IRS form W-9.
- B. Invoices for products/services ordered, delivered, and accepted shall be submitted by the contractor to Dinwiddie County Accounts Payable via email to accounting@dinwiddieva.us or via postal mail to P.O. Drawer 70, Dinwiddie, VA 23841.
- C. Unless otherwise specified, any payment terms requiring payment in less than 30 days will be regarded as requiring payment 30 days after correct invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 30 days, however.
- D. The preferred method of payment for invoices under \$5,000 is with a visa credit card. If the vendor accepts visa payments, they must do so without any fees.
- E. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.
- F. Date of payment is deemed to be (1) the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail, or (2) the date of offset when offset proceedings have been instituted as authorized under the Virginia Debt Collection Act.
- G. Unreasonable charges. Under certain emergency procurements and for most time and material purchases, final job costs cannot be accurately determined at the time orders are placed. In such cases, contractors should be put on notice that final payment in full is contingent on a determination of reasonableness with respect to all invoiced charges. Charges which appear to be unreasonable will be researched and challenged, and that portion of the invoice held in abeyance until a settlement can be reached. Upon determining that invoiced charges are not reasonable, the county shall promptly notify the contractor, in writing, as to those charges which it considers unreasonable and the basis for the determination. A contractor may not institute legal action unless a settlement cannot be reached within thirty (30) days of notification. The provisions of this section do not relieve

the county of its prompt payment obligations with respect to those charges which are not in dispute (Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4363).

- H. The contractor is obligated to: (1) pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the county for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or (2) notify the county and the subcontractor(s) within seven days, in writing of the contractor's intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment with the reason for nonpayment.
- I. The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid after seven days following receipt by the contractor of payments from the county, except for amounts withheld as states in section g above.
- J. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contractor. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor shall not be construed to be an obligation of the County. A contract modification shall not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement for the interest charge. A cost reimbursement claim shall not include any amount for reimbursement for the interest charge.

7.13. Availability of Funds.

It is understood and agreed between the parties that the County shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available, or which may hereafter become available. The contract will be contingent upon annual appropriations by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County. Failure of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate adequate funds for the terms of the contract shall result in the immediate cancellation of the contract. There shall be no penalty should the Board fail to make annual appropriations for the contract.

7.14. Assignment of Contract.

A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the County.

7.15. Default.

It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to make sure that all work is adequately completed as required. In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the County, after five (5) days have passed from the date of delivery of written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the County may have.

7.16. Changes to the Contract.

All contract modifications must be approved by the Dinwiddie County Administrator or his designee. The County will not assume responsibility for the cost of any changes made without proper consent. No fixed-price contract may be increased by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or \$50,000, whichever is greater, without advance approval of the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors.

Changes can be made to the contract in any of the following ways:

- A. The parties may agree in writing to modify the terms, conditions, or scope of the contract. Any additional goods or services to be provided shall be of a sort that is ancillary to the contract goods or services, or within the same broad product or service categories as were included in

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- the contract award. Any increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
- B. The County may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the Contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt, unless the Contractor intends to claim an adjustment to compensation, schedule, or other contractual impact that would be caused by complying with such notice, in which case the Contractor shall, in writing, promptly notify the County of the adjustment to be sought, and before proceeding to comply with the notice, shall await the County's written decision affirming, modifying, or revoking the prior written notice. If the County decides to issue a notice that requires an adjustment to compensation, the Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the County a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods:
- i. By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - ii. By agreeing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the Contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the County's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or to determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - iii. By ordering the Contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The Contractor shall present the County with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The County shall have the right to audit the records of the Contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the County within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the County. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the County or with the performance of the contract generally.

7.17. Termination of Contract.

A. Termination for Cause.

- i. If the Contractor should be adjudged as bankrupt, or if he should make a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed on account of his insolvency, the County may terminate the contract. If Contractor violates any provision of the Virginia Governmental Fraud Act, the County may terminate the contract. If the Contractor should persistently or repeatedly refuse or should fail, except in cases for which extension of time is provided, to supply enough properly skilled workmen or proper materials, or if he should fail to make prompt payment to subcontractors or suppliers of material or labor, or persistently disregards laws, ordinances, or the written instructions of the County, or otherwise be guilty of a substantial violation of any provision of the contract, then the County may terminate the contract. The County retains the sole discretion to determine any violation of this section.

- ii. Prior to termination of the contract, the County shall give the Contractor and his surety ten (10) calendar days written notice, during which the Contractor and/or his surety may rectify the cause of the termination. If rectified to the satisfaction of the County within said ten (10) days, the County may rescind its notice of termination. If it does not, the termination for cause shall become effective at the end of the ten-day (10) notice period. In the alternative, the County may postpone the effective date of the termination notice, at its sole discretion, if it should receive reassurances from the Contractor and/or its surety that the causes of termination will be remedied in a time and manner which the County finds acceptable. If at any time more than ten (10) days after the notice of termination, the County determines that Contractor and/or its surety has not or is not likely to rectify the causes of termination in an acceptable manner or within the time allowed, then the County may immediately terminate the contract for cause by giving written notice to the Contractor and its surety. This decision shall be final and not subject to an appeal to any court of law or equity. In no event shall termination for cause terminate the obligations of the Contractor's surety on its payment and performance bonds.
- iii. Notice of terminations, whether initial or given after a period of postponement, may be served upon the Contractor and the surety by mail or any other means at their last known places of business in Virginia or elsewhere, by delivery to any officer or management/supervisory employee of either wherever they may be found, or, if no such officer, employee or place of business is known or can be found by reasonable inquiry within three (3) days, by posting the notice at the job site. Failure to accept or pick up registered or certified mail addressed to the last known address shall be deemed to be delivery.
- iv. Upon termination of the contract, the County shall take possession of its property and of all materials, tools, and appliances thereon and finish the work by whatever method the County may deem expedient. In such case, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment. If the expense of finishing the work, including compensation for additional managerial and administrative services shall exceed the unpaid balance of the contract price, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the County, together with any other expenses of terminating the contract and having it completed by others.
- v. Termination of the contract under this section is without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the County.

B. Termination for Convenience

- i. County may terminate this contract at any time without cause, in whole or in part, upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall immediately cease work and remove from the project site all of its labor forces and such of its materials as County elects not to purchase or to assume in the manner hereinafter provided. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall take such steps as County may require to assign to the County the Contractor's interest in all subcontracts and purchase orders designated by County. After all such steps have been taken to County's satisfaction, the Contractor shall receive as full compensation for termination and assignment the following:

- All amounts then otherwise due under the terms of this contract as of the latest request for payment,
 - Amounts due for work performed subsequent to the latest request for payment through the date of termination, and
 - Reasonable compensation for the actual cost of demobilization incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of such termination. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation for lost profits or for any other type of contractual compensation or damage other than those provided by the preceding sentence. Upon payment of the forgoing, County shall have no further obligations to the Contractor of any nature.
- ii. In no event shall termination for the convenience of the County terminate the obligations of the Contractor's surety on its payment and performance bonds.

7.18. Contractual Disputes.

Disputes and claims arising under this agreement shall be processed pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4363.

7.19. Audit.

The contractor shall retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment from the County, or until audited by the County, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or state auditors shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.

7.20. Patents, Copyright and Trademark.

The Contractor shall obtain all licenses necessary to use any invention, article, appliance, process, or technique of whatever kind and shall pay all royalties and license fees. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, hold and save harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees, from any loss or liability for or on account of such infringement.

7.21. COVID-19.

The Contractor is required to adhere in all respects to all federal, state, and local COVID-19 regulations, including, but not limited to, Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Virginia, the rules promulgated by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry ("DOLI Rules"), and the Dinwiddie County Infectious Disease (COVID-19) Preparedness and Response Plan (the "Required Local Plan"). The Contractor acknowledges it will comply with the documents set forth on Dinwiddie County's Purchasing Page, which can be found at www.dinwiddieva.us/Purchasing including any changes that may be made to such documents in the future. In the event of conflict between COVID-19 provisions, the strictest provision shall govern. Without limiting the foregoing, the Contractor shall abide by the following:

- A. Sick and Exposed Persons to Stay at Home. Pursuant to the DOLI Rules and the Required Local Plan, employees or other persons associated with the Contractor who are known or suspected to be infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus or who live with or have had close contact with individuals who have had COVID-19 symptoms or signs in the last 14 days shall be sent home, stay home, and stay away from the work site until they are cleared to return to work as set forth in the DOLI Rules or, in the case of exposed persons, the rules for

return to work shall be the same as those for County employees in the Required Local Plan. Symptoms and signs of COVID-19 include the following: unexplained cough, fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face, unexplained nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Other unexplained symptoms could also be an indication of COVID-19.

- B. Notice to County Required of Positive COVID-19 Tests at County Government Sites. Pursuant to the DOLI Rules and the Required Local Plan, the Contractor is required by law to advise the County within 24 hours in the event that an employee of the Contractor or someone associated with the Contractor who was present at a place of employment owned or operated by the Dinwiddie County Government tests positive for COVID-19. All such reports of positive COVID-19 tests shall be made to Crystal Spain, Director of Human Resources at (804) 469-4500, extension 2161.
- C. Subcontractors. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its subcontractors comply with all the foregoing requirements.

8. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1. Continuity of Services

- a.) The Contractor recognizes that the services under this contract are vital to the County and must be continued without interruption and that, upon contract expiration, a successor, either the County or another contractor, may continue them. The Contractor agrees:
- (i) To exercise its best efforts and cooperation to effect an orderly and efficient transition to a successor;
 - (ii) To make all County owned facilities, equipment, and data available to any successor at an appropriate time prior to the expiration of the contract to facilitate transition to successor; and
 - (iii) That the County shall have final authority to resolve disputes related to the transition of the contract from the Contractor to its successor.
- b) The Contractor shall, upon written notice from the County, furnish phase-in/phase-out services for up to ninety (90) days after this contract expires and shall negotiate in good faith a plan with the successor to execute the phase-in/phase-out services. This plan shall be subject to County approval.
- c) The Contractor shall be reimbursed for all reasonable, pre-approved phase-in/phase-out costs (i.e., costs incurred within the agreed period after contract expiration that result from phase-in, phase-out operations) and a fee (profit) not to exceed a pro rata portion of the fee (profit) under this contract. All phase-in/phase-out work fees must be approved by the County in writing prior to commencement of said work.

8.2. Additional Users/Cooperative Procurement

This procurement is being conducted under the provisions of Section 2.2-4304 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA), "Cooperative Procurement". As stated, a public body may

purchase from another public body's contract even if it did not participate in the Request For Proposals (RFP) or Invitation for Bids (RFP), if the RFP or RFP specified that the procurement was being conducted on behalf of other public bodies.

If authorized by the Offeror, the resultant contract may be extended to any jurisdiction/public body within the Commonwealth of Virginia to purchase at contract prices in accordance with contract terms. It is the Offeror's responsibility to notify the jurisdiction/public bodies of the availability of contract(s). Offerors desiring to offer to other jurisdictions/public bodies under this clause shall so indicate in their response.

8.3. Testing and Inspection

The County reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure goods and services conform to the specifications. All products and services provided shall be in compliance/ accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. If seasonal limitations prevent performance of any required testing of the product, the warranty period for such equipment shall begin after the tests have been successfully performed.

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9. SIGNATURE SHEET

**RFP 22-122821
Professional Auditing Services**

By signature, I certify that the proposal as submitted complies with all Terms and Conditions as set forth in RFP 22-122821. If there are any parts of the terms and conditions that the company cannot meet, I have indicated which ones on an attached page.

By signature, I certify that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a proposal for the same material, equipment or services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of Virginia Governmental Fraud Act and Federal Law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this proposal for the Offeror.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (type or print): _____

Official Title: _____

Company Name: _____

FIN or SSN: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Fax: _____

9.1. State Corporation Commission Registration

Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) registration information. The Offeror:

is a corporation or other business entity with the following SCC identification number: _____

OR-

is not a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, registered limited liability partnership, or business trust **-OR-**

is an out-of-state business entity that does not regularly and continuously maintain as part of its ordinary and customary business any employees, agents, offices, facilities, or inventories in Virginia (not counting any employees or agents in Virginia who merely solicit orders that require acceptance outside Virginia before they become contracts, and not counting any incidental presence of the bidder in Virginia that is needed in order to assemble, maintain, and repair goods in accordance with the contracts by which such goods were sold and shipped into Virginia from bidder's out-of-state location) **-OR-**

is an out-of-state business entity that is including with this bid an opinion of legal counsel which accurately and completely discloses the undersigned bidder's current contacts with Virginia and describes why those contacts do not constitute the transaction of business in Virginia within the meaning of § 13.1-757 or other similar provisions in Titles 13.1 or 50 of the Code of Virginia.

****NOTE**** >> Check the following box if you have not completed any of the foregoing options but currently have pending before the SCC an application for authority to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish to be considered for a waiver to allow you to submit the SCC identification number after the due date for bids (the Commonwealth reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether to allow such waiver):