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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 24-DES-RFP-273

ELECTRONIC SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY ARLINGTON COUNTY VIA VENDOR REGISTRY, UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023 FOR:

THE PROVISION OF PLANNING, RESEARCH, MEASUREMENT & ANALYTICS, SERVICE ENHANCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE AND FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY'S STORMWATER PROGRAM

VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER ON [VENDOR REGISTRY](#) IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. NO RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME.

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).

PREPROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A virtual preproposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11th, 2023, on Microsoft Teams to allow potential Offerors an opportunity to obtain clarification of the specifications and requirements of the solicitation. To join the meeting, please click the following [link](#), or join by dialing +1 347-973-6905 and enter Conference ID 887 126 626#. ATTENDANCE AT THE PREPROPOSAL CONFERENCE IS OPTIONAL. Minutes of the preproposal conference will be recorded by the County and may be incorporated into the solicitation documents through an Addendum. Interested Offerors are, however, urged to attend.

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.

Arlington County, Virginia
Office of the Purchasing Agent

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I. INTRODUCTION TO EVALUATION PROCESS

Arlington County, Virginia, is soliciting proposals from Offerors having 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 in 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, 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 and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals and to contract as the best interests of the County require in order 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. SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

RFP No. 24-DES-RFP-273 – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

RFP ISSUANCE	9/1/2023
QUESTION DEADLINE	9/15/2023
ADDENDUM ISSUANCE (if applicable)	9/25/2023
PROPOSALS DUE	10/16/2023 at 5:00 p.m.
CONTRACT AWARD	TBD

2. QUESTIONS AND ADDENDA

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

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 the **RFP No. 24-DES-RFP-273**. 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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023, AT 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADDENDUM. 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 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. COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION FOR NON-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This solicitation is a competitive negotiation for goods and 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 an Award Notice or Intent to Award to [Vendor Registry](#).

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. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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-subsiary).

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. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

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. REPLACEMENT OR AUGMENTATION OF KEY PERSONNEL OR SUBCONTRACTORS

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.

12. AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS

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 Virginia. Failure of an Offeror to provide such documentation will be a ground 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.

13. 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.

The Offeror must state whether it requests revisions to any of the remaining, non-mandatory terms and, if so, must explain the reason for the request(s) and propose alternative language. An Offeror who does not request a revision in its proposal may not object or request revisions to any contract terms during the negotiation process.

The County will review any request for revisions to non-mandatory terms after the selection of finalists for negotiation. Such requests will not factor into the evaluation of proposals.

14. 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.

15. 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](mailto:business@arlingtonva.us).

16. RIDER CLAUSE

Offerors will have the option to extend any contract resulting from this solicitation as follows:

A. Extension to Other Jurisdictions

The County extends the resultant contract(s), including pricing, terms and conditions, to all public entities under the jurisdiction of the United States of America and its territories.

B. Inclusion of Governmental & Nonprofit Participants

Eligible entities include but are not limited to private schools, parochial schools, non-public schools such as charter schools, special districts, intermediate units, non-profit agencies providing services on behalf of government, and/or state, community and/or private colleges/universities.

C. Contract Agreement

The contractor may be required by a using jurisdiction to enter into a separate contract containing general terms and conditions unique to that jurisdiction.

17. 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-DES-RFP-273

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF SOLICITATION

The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to operationalize, support, and accelerate the Stormwater Program's climate, resilience and smart growth objectives and goals.

Arlington County adopted its Stormwater Master Plan in 2014, supported by capacity studies and a comprehensive water quality regulatory program (including the Commonwealth's most expansive Land Disturbance Activity ordinance and program). Since 2008, the Stormwater Program has been funded both through a line item on and as part of the property tax. Beginning in 2024, the County will change to a Stormwater Utility fee based on the amount of impervious area on a property. Customers will receive the first real estate bill with the Stormwater Utility fee in May 2024.

Arlington County is a geographically contained jurisdiction of 26 square miles, which experienced rapid, dense, and pervasive development between 1940 and 1975, prior to adoption of strong stormwater or overland relief regulation. Prior to 1930, the County was networked with roughly 92 miles of streams, 2/3 of which were undergrounded, piped, and established as the main conveyance system during the period of rapid development. The system lacks tertiary infrastructure, the soils are poor for rainfall percolation, and the County's elevation changes dramatically – forming “bowls” where flooding is extreme. Moreover, during high-intensity storms, the volume and energy of moving floodwaters is high.

Prior to 2019 but increasingly during 2016-2019, Arlington experienced frequent, high-intensity storms. These storms quickly overwhelmed the conveyance system capacity, causing frequent adverse impacts and loss to private and public property, public infrastructure, and public health and safety. In addition, the volume and energy of the flooding resulting from these storms adversely impacted streams and outlets, eroding stream banks and introducing non-point source pollution into surface waters within the County. This trend climaxed with the historic July 8, 2019, storm and resulting flooding.

The trending of damaging floods in Arlington, predominantly outside the FEMA floodplain areas, called for new thinking and strategy for all aspects of the Stormwater Program, and a repositioning of the County's approach to one of future-facing, climate-resilient planning, policy, programming, and capital project execution. Insofar as Arlington's situation is common, and increasing in urgency, (like many other jurisdictions across the nation), the County seeks to be a leader in driving new principles, policies and strategies for stormwater that meet the future climate and adaptation challenges. This Request for Proposals has been specifically designed to support those efforts.

IV. SCOPE OF SERVICES

OVERVIEW

Arlington County intends to award this solicitation to one prime Contractor but may also make an award to a back-up Contractor, which would receive work only if the prime firm lacked capacity or if the County and the prime Contractor could not agree on a cost proposal for a task. The County also will consider proposals by which an Offeror has established a team of sub-consultants that will increase the Offeror's work capacity.

The contractor(s) will provide services in the following Service Areas.

- I. **Planning:** master plans, strategic plans, etc.
- II. **Research:** benchmarking, literature reviews, new technologies/strategies, etc.
- III. **Measurement and analytics:** metrics, monitoring, modeling, mapping, dashboards, etc.
- IV. **Service enhancement:** staff augmentation, etc.
- V. **Compliance support:** ordinance consultation, audit support, etc.
- VI. **Funding support:** grant identification, etc.

TASK ASSIGNMENT

The County will prepare a task order request for each task. In response, the Contractor will, by the stated deadline, prepare a not-to-exceed (lump sum) cost proposal for approval by the County Project Officer. The cost proposal for each task order must include: 1) a list of services and resources required to perform the task, 2) a total price for each task component, 3) an itemized labor-hour estimate by staff category and 4) the appropriate hourly billing rates assigned to the staff as specified in the Contract. The cost proposal also must include additional pricing for equipment, materials, and lab/other services as separate line items.

The Contractor must submit with the cost proposal an estimate of reasonable, project-related reimbursable expenses, which the Project Officer will approve or negotiate with the Contractor to arrive at an acceptable cost. Reimbursable expenses cannot exceed 20% of the total task cost. The Contractor must provide verified invoices for reimbursement.

The County may engage with the back-up Contractor if the County and the prime Contractor are unable to come to agreement on a cost proposal for any task.

SERVICES

Services will include but are not limited to the topics and examples below.

I. **Planning**

- A. Flood Resiliency Zoning Overlay District and Resiliency Guidelines and Standards (the Project) will directly build on Arlington County's Stormwater Master Plan (2014), the 2014 Capacity Studies, and the 2023 Risk Assessment and Management Plan (RAMP) initiative and recommendations. The foundation of the Project will be a Flood Resilient Design and Construction Standards Framework that will provide policy, design, construction, land use planning, zoning, and infrastructure guidelines specifically aligned with flood-vulnerable corridors and areas identified under the RAMP and other County vulnerability and related studies.

The RAMP will be completed Fall 2023, and its gaps analysis and recommendations are structured to include programmatic, project (engineering and “blended engineering”), and policy actions and strategies to alleviate future flood scale and impacts. In addition, the 2023 RAMP provides recommendations for flood and risk mitigation, including creation of high-risk flood corridor map overlays (outside delineated FEMA floodplains) where alternative building code conditions for new development and redevelopment could reduce flood risk. The RAMP also identifies key public assets and infrastructure and develops vulnerability and risk assessments (the latter of which also demonstrates the “cost-of-inaction”). For a greater understanding of the term “blended engineering”, refer to the Flood Resilient Arlington webpage, <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Flooding>, and Story Map, <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d0bb906589d144e5939281b60160b583>.

The 2014 Stormwater Master Plan and Capacity Studies provide the first comprehensive climate vulnerability assessment for Arlington County and identify critical infrastructure, facilities, natural resources, neighborhood populations, and specific flood entry points that, when addressed, can prevent significant physical, economic, and social damages. The 2023 RAMP updated the 2014 climate change projections for inland flooding, sea level rise, and storm surge as a foundation to develop updated IDF (intensity, duration and frequency) curves and 10-year storm standards, vulnerability assessments for public and private development, assets, infrastructure and facilities, and watershed-scale calculations of the “cost-of-inaction” (risk assessments, which include economic, environmental and social risk). In addition, the 2023 RAMP provided recommendations for flood and risk mitigation, including creation of overlays defined by high-risk flood corridors and areas that identify alternative building code conditions for re/development where high flood risk exists outside delineated-FEMA floodplains.

The Project will support new development and redevelopment in vulnerable areas and, initially, serve as a regulatory reference tool to better influence, guide, and streamline resilience action. In addition, the Project will support a public engagement and education tool to inform developers, architects, Contractors, property owners, and government officials. In informing market transformation and behavioral standards, the Project may also guide future zoning and code changes.

The development of building and land use controls that are responsive to climate change is a primary community resiliency objective and is specified as an implementation strategy within the Flood Resilient Arlington Program initiatives, <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Flooding>.

The development and implementation of flood resilience overlay districts and design guidelines is a critical next step in advancing preparedness for Arlington County’s vulnerable neighborhoods, commercial districts, infrastructure, and key government facilities and assets. The Project will establish a new flood resilience overlay district in critical locations and promote new construction and redevelopment that anticipate the future creation of flood protection infrastructure.

- B. Urban Metabolism and the Future-Ready Community (working title). In concept, the Urban Metabolism and Future-Ready Community Plan (“Plan”) will represent the next generation of a conventional “green infrastructure” plan, taking into account climate projections, the impacts of the built environment, and the need for public-private partnerships and joint or individual initiatives to mitigate environmental and climate impacts of the developed structures and infrastructure.

The Plan will be innovative, forward-facing, and climate-conscious and will represent a new way of thinking about integration of the built environment with stormwater infrastructure and natural solutions to ensure long-term climate resiliency, environmental services, and a healthy, competitive community that aspires to high desirability and quality of life. The Plan will have a clear priority to address extreme heat as a primary climate vulnerability, projected to increase over time.

The Plan may also evaluate the flows of energy and water into and out of the community under a changing climate, with a focus on the inter-relationships among heat, energy use, water supply and wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and stream health. This will include innovative thinking, with a climate-change objective based on extreme heat and mitigating approaches, policies, land-use changes, projects, etc. that can provide long-term management and countermeasures to urban heat island effects.

- C. Stormwater Master Plan. It is expected that this will include an update to the 2014 Stormwater Master Plan ("Master Plan"), which is an element of the Arlington County Comprehensive Plan. An expected starting point is an update to the 2014 Plan's [Goals and Strategies](#), bringing the Master Plan up to the state of current practice and priorities as well as adjusting the future course of the Stormwater Program as needed to reflect anticipated and emerging demands. It is also expected that the Plan will add specific sub-elements over time, including the RAMP described above as well as other plans and studies.
- D. Other Strategic Plans. Over the course of agreements with consultants, Contractors, and/or vendors, Arlington County may develop additional strategic planning scopes of work, including but not limited to stream restoration methodologies, financing mechanisms for public-private collaborations and partnerships, planning for climate resiliency, program development under a stormwater utility, and triple-bottom-line approaches to stormwater, green infrastructure, and capacity infrastructure systems.

II. Research

- A. Benchmarking/literature reviews.
- B. Market and Technology Reports and Updates (e.g., flood-proofing materials and technologies, climate and resilience techniques and strategies, best management practices, innovations in policy, structural and natural solutions under green infrastructure as countermeasures to extreme heat and inland flooding, etc.).

III. Measurement, Analytics, and Data

- A. FEMA-related metrics, studies, and analytics.
- B. Flood Watch Network Program assistance. The Flood Watch Network program will consist of a series of flow meters (depth meters/pressure transducers) and rainfall gauges to be located throughout the County. A maximum of six pressure transducer/rain gauge combined installations, five pressure transducer only locations, and one rain gauge only location have been planned (but this configuration is subject to expansion during the Contract term). Several installations are already planned and will be installed prior to this RFP (Cardinal School Vault System, for example); others are planned for later installation. Services will include supporting staff to determine specific gauge locations, development of plans for installation, monitoring of installations, analysis of the collected data, and publication of collected data

and/or analysis via County websites. Overall, the systems are to be made compatible with the One Rain system used by other Northern Virginia jurisdictions. Metrics and data may include, e.g., stormwater runoff, streamflow, and water quality assessments and studies, including lot, streetscape, small drainage area- and watershed-scale BMP and runoff measurement and assessment, in-stream flow and water quality monitoring, model calibration, and impaired waters analyses (“water quality assessment analysis” is defined to include stream dynamics such as temperature fluctuations, heat impacts, intermittent drought, impact variations attributable to storm intensities).

- C. Modeling, mapping, dashboards, associated with capital maintenance inventory, planning and execution, capacity infrastructure assets analyses and management and projects, water quality measurements and projections.
- D. Analyses conducted under Stormwater Utilities, including but not limited to rates, lot coverage, and data mining that supports the County’s MS4 Permit compliance.
- E. Stormwater Utility credit programs, updates to parcel calculations for impervious coverage, ERU tiers and categories, and benchmarking.
- F. Climate impacts, including but not limited to extreme heat, increasing IDF curves and storm flooding and impacts, economic calculations and projections related to climate change, urban new development and redevelopment, risk, and other influences and impacts.
- G. Data system and platform development and support for program record-keeping, analysis, and reporting.

IV. Service Enhancement.

- A. Capital project administration and technical, project management and/or other related support.
- B. Communications and public outreach, which may include all platforms, channels, and functions, including web-based materials; campaigns; public outreach covering remote, in-person and virtual meetings, workshops, and summits; surveys and polls; and marketing, education and outreach materials and collateral activities, to include chat functions (perhaps automated).
- C. FEMA documentation and compliance support, studies, and submissions.
- D. CRS Program documentation and support, including audit support.
- E. Stormwater Utility Support (including customer service and outreach and credit program implementation)

V. Compliance Support

- A. Regulatory and legislative consultation
- B. Code development and updates and technical guidance materials

VI. Funding Support

- A. Grant tracking and identification (federal, state, foundational, institutional, other).
- B. Grant project development.
- C. Grant proposal development and submission.
- D. Grant Administration and implementation.

V. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL WITH A FULLY COMPLETED PROPOSAL FORM USING THE PROPOSAL FORM PROVIDED IN THIS SOLICITATION 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 on 8 ½" x 11" paper, 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. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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. PROPOSAL STANDARDS

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

5. EXPENSES INCURRED IN PREPARING PROPOSAL

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. PROPOSALS EVALUATION CRITERIA AND WEIGHTS

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

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS
Understanding of Scope and Task Approach	25
Qualifications and Experience	30
Project Team	30
Project Capacity	15
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.

1. EXECUTED FORMS

- a. Proposal Form: original as detailed above.
- b. Conflict of Interest Statement: included in the RFP document.
- c. Addendum Acknowledgment Form(s): provided with any RFP addendum(s).

2. 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.

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.

3. UNDERSTANDING OF SCOPE AND TASK APPROACH (25 POINTS)

Maximum of one page for a)

Maximum of three pages for b)

Maximum of one page for c)

- a) Provide your understanding of the overall Scope of Services.
- b) Summarize your approach and ability to conduct the work.
 - i. Provide a narrative on any innovations and/or novel approaches you envision using for the project.

- ii. Describe your project management procedures and communication protocols, including your capability to deliver timely responses.
- iii. Describe your experience and approach to community engagement and provide examples of successfully led engagements with the public that include an equity lens (both in person and virtual).
- iv. Describe your Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures.
- v. Describe your customer service approach and communication strategy.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (30 POINTS)

Maximum of three pages for each service area summary

Maximum of three additional pages each for Service Areas I.A and I.B.

The Offeror must demonstrate applicable skills and experience providing Stormwater Program Strategic Planning and Technical-Administrative Support services for local governments in each of the six Service Areas: Planning, Research, Measurement and Analytics, Service enhancement, Compliance Support, and Funding Support. The skills and experience for each Service Area must include work within the past five years and must include the following:

- a) Describe the scope of the project and the type of services provided. If other firms were involved, describe their roles.
- b) Describe any innovative, unconventional, or future-facing strategy or approach you may have included to address long-term climate change in general.
- c) Describe any innovative, unconventional, or future-facing strategy or approach you may have included to address long-term climate change through influential roles for public-private partnerships or private-sector practices and designs.
- d) Describe any challenges encountered and how your firm overcame them.
- e) Provide the initial contract cost and final cost and explain any variances.
- f) Describe the public process, if any, used to obtain community buy-in and support and/or approval for various project elements.

5. EXPERIENCE OF THE PROJECT TEAM (30 POINTS)

Maximum of two pages for summary information

Maximum of one page for each resume

Maximum of one page for reference information

Maximum of page for subcontractor information

- a) Provide a Project Team organizational chart listing each team member's name, title, company name, and primary role.
- b) Provide a resume for each proposed key team member, as defined above. Resumes must include:
 - i. Team member's name, primary contact information, name of the firm, office location, qualifications, and relevant certifications.
 - ii. A brief summary of a successfully completed project or service similar in scope to the tasks outlined in this solicitation within the last five years. Include information on the team member's role in the project.
 - iii. Summarize firm policy on balance of workload among its Project Directors and Managers
- c) Provide a list of three references for projects on which the Offeror has performed work similar to that in this solicitation within the past five years. Each reference should include

contact information (name, title, organization, address, telephone number, email address) and a brief summary of the work performed by the Offeror.

The contact person listed for each reference must be someone who has personal knowledge of the Offeror's performance on the project. Contact persons must have been informed that they are being used as a reference and that the County may be calling or emailing them. More than one person can be listed, but all listed must have knowledge of the Offeror's performance regarding the referenced project. DO NOT list principals or officers who will not be able to answer specific questions regarding the project or the Offeror's performance. Failure of listed references to respond to the County's inquires may negatively impact the rating of the proposal.

- d) Provide names of proposed subcontractors. Include the following information for each proposed subcontractor:
 - i. Areas of expertise.
 - ii. One-page resumes for each proposed sub-contractor staff member.
 - iii. Description of relevant projects completed in the past five years by subcontractor staff assigned to this proposal/contract.
 - iv. Clients' contact information for the listed projects.
 - v. Copies of any awards or commendations received for the projects.
 - vi. List of all proposed subcontractors with appropriate tasks and proposed estimates of hours.

6. PROJECT CAPACITY (15 POINTS)

Maximum of three pages

Describe the project team's capacity to support multiple task orders that might coincide or overlap in schedule. Provide a general narrative summarizing this capacity, along with the following:

- a) The project team's ability to schedule, respond to, and carry out requested tasks and services on time and on budget.
- b) The inter-relationships of the proposed project team, to include reporting hierarchy of staff and subcontractors, processes/procedures to ensure tasks are done on time and deliverables are of good quality, and processes/procedures for managing conflict resolution and managing issues with deliverables that are deemed to be unsatisfactory (late or poor quality).
- c) Individuals who will be directly involved in assigned tasks must have demonstrated experience to perform the work outlined in this solicitation. Individuals whose qualifications are presented must be committed to the Contract for its duration unless otherwise allowed by the County's Project Officer. These individuals will be considered key personnel. Provide a summary of your process for handling turnover of proposed key personnel on the project team, including notification to the County.
- d) Identify any potential risks, challenges, or concerns associated with the services outlined in this solicitation and how you would effectively manage them to successfully complete the work.

7. EXCEPTIONS TO THE COUNTY'S NON-MANDATORY CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, if any

8. COST PROPOSAL

The Offeror must provide fully loaded hourly rates (based on classification types) for the key personnel (prime and sub-contractors) that will be directly involved with conducting tasks listed in

this solicitation; this includes team members identified in the organizational chart and for whom resumes are provided in the proposal.

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
2100 CLARENDON BOULEVARD, SUITE 500
ARLINGTON, VA 22201**

AGREEMENT NO. 24-DES-RFP-273

THIS AGREEMENT is made, on the date of execution by the County between Contractor's name, 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)
- Exhibit D – County Nondisclosure and Data Security Agreement (Individual)

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. SCOPE OF WORK

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 prepare a Stormwater Master Plan. 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. PROJECT OFFICER

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. CONTRACT TERM

Time is of the essence. The Work will commence on April 1, 2024 and must be completed no later than March 31, 2025 ("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 four additional 12-month periods, from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2029, (each a "Subsequent Contract Term"). The Initial Contract Term and any Subsequent Contract Term(s) are together the "Contract Term".

5. CONTRACT AMOUNT

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. CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

The Contract Amount/unit price(s) will remain firm until March 31, 2024 ("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. 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. PAYMENT

The County will pay the Contractor monthly according to the provisions of this section. By the tenth day of each month, the Contractor will submit to the Project Officer an invoice describing the total work done during the preceding month, broken out by task. The Project Officer will either approve the invoice or require corrections. The County will pay the Contractor within 45 days after receipt of an approved invoice. All payments will be made from the County to the Contractor via ACH.

The invoice must be based on an estimated percentage of the total work under each task that was completed during the month, subject to the Project Officer's acceptance of the work and the estimate. If the Contractor has already been paid 90% of the total amount allocated for any task and work under that task is not complete, the County will pay the remaining amount due for that task only upon completion of the task. The County will not pay more than amount allocated for any task, regardless of the number of hours spent or the amount of expenses incurred by the Contractor to complete the task.

The number of the County Purchase Order by which shipments have been made or services have been performed must appear on all invoices.

8. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

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.

9. * PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS

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.

10. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS

The County's approval or acceptance of or payment for any goods or services under this Contract will not waive any rights or causes of action arising out of the Contract.

11. * NON-APPROPRIATION

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.

12. * COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENT

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.

13. REPLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND SUBCONTRACTORS

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.

14. * EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY CONTRACTOR PROHIBITED

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.

15. * EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS PROHIBITED

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.

16. * DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE TO BE MAINTAINED BY CONTRACTOR

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.

17. * SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

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.

18. TERMINATION

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

1. Termination for Unsatisfactory Performance. 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. Termination for Breach or Default. 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. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY

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.

19. INDEMNIFICATION (Note: Virginia law does not permit the County to indemnify others; cross indemnity provisions are not acceptable to the County)

The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees and its subcontractors to save, defend, 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 acts or omissions, including the acts or omissions of its employees and/or subcontractors, in performance or nonperformance of the Contract. This duty to save, defend, 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.

20. 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, defend, 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, defend, 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.

21. COPYRIGHT

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.

22. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

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.

23. 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) **County's Non-Disclosure and Data Security Agreement.** 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 (Attachment 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) **Use of Data.** 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) **Data Protection.** 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) **Security Requirements.** 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 e-mail, Dropbox etc. is prohibited without the written authorization of the County's Chief Information Security Officer or designee.
- (e) **Conclusion of Contract.** 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) **Subcontractors.** 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).

24. * ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

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.

25. * COUNTY EMPLOYEES

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.

26. 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.

27. * AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS

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.

28. * RELATION TO COUNTY

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.

29. ANTITRUST

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.

30. AUDIT

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 examination reveal any overcharging by the Contractor, the Contractor must, within 30 days of 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.

31. ASSIGNMENT

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.

32. AMENDMENTS

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

33. * ARLINGTON COUNTY PURCHASING RESOLUTION AND COUNTY POLICIES

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

34. * DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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.

35. * APPLICABLE LAW, FORUM, VENUE AND JURISDICTION

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.

36. ARBITRATION

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

37. 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.

38. NO WAIVER

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.

39. SEVERABILITY

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.

40. *ATTORNEY'S FEES

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.

41. SURVIVAL OF TERMS

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.

42. HEADINGS

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.

43. AMBIGUITIES

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.

44. NOTICES

Unless otherwise provided in writing, all legal 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 CONTRACTOR:

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: slewis1@arlingtonva.us

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

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

45. 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 business@arlingtonva.us.

46. * NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

47. 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. Workers Compensation - 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. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with \$1,000,000 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 typed on the certificate.
- c. Business Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 combined single-limit (owned, non-owned and hired).
- d. Cyber Risk Exposure - Contractor shall maintain Cyber Risk and/or Technology Errors and Omissions Insurance coverage for itself and on behalf of its Personnel as set forth according to the following requirements. Cyber Risk Insurance with a minimum limit of liability of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence. Such insurance shall cover Arlington County and its Agencies, and subsidiaries, and their respective Board members, officials, directors, managers, employees, agents and assigns as additional insureds for cyber-related incidents resulting in loss or damage arising out of Contractor's equipment, products, Services, or software under this RFP. In the event such policy is written on a claims-made basis then: (i) Contractor shall maintain such policy in effect for a period of not less than four (4) years after the last date that equipment, products, Services, or software are provided by Contractor under this RFP or the applicable warranty period, whichever is longer; and (ii) such policy shall include a retro-active coverage date preceding the first date that any equipment, products, Services or software are provided under this Agreement. At a minimum, such insurance shall extend the following coverages to the benefit of Arlington County and its Agencies: (a) privacy breaches (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, and no exclusion/restriction for unencrypted portable devices/media may be on the policy; (f) indirect and consequential damages arising out of a cyber-related event; and (g) the first party losses of Arlington to cover the cost of forensic and/or technical teams hired to investigate any security incident, attorney's fees, the cost of preparing and distributing a notification to affected individuals, the cost of running a centralized call center, the cost of two years of credit monitoring services for impacted individuals, and the cost of preparing and filing all required notices with governmental authorities, agencies, or interested parties globally.
- d. Additional Insured – 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 typed on the certificate.
- e. Cancellation - 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.
- f. Claims-Made Coverage - 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.

g. Contract Identification - 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.

48. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

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.

49. COUNTERPARTS

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-DES-RFP-273 (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” or “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 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 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: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT D

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-DES-RFP-273 (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 industry-standard 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.

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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.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed:

VII. ATTACHMENTS AND FORMS

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 24-DES-RFP-273**

PROPOSAL FORM

**ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY VIA VENDOR REGISTRY NOT LATER THAN
5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2023**

FOR PROVIDING PLANNING, RESEARCH, MEASUREMENT & ANALYTICS, SERVICE ENHANCEMENT AND
COMPLIANCE AND FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY'S STORMWATER PROGRAM PER THE
SOLICITATION.

**THE FULL LEGAL NAME 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)

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

PRINT NAME AND TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

TELEPHONE NO.:

**E-MAIL
ADDRESS:**

**THIS ENTITY IS INCORPORATED
IN:**

THIS ENTITY IS A:

*(check the applicable
option)*

CORPORATION

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

**IS OFFEROR AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA?**

YES

NO

**IDENTIFICATION NO. ISSUED TO THE ENTITY BY THE
SCC:**

*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.*

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 PROPOSALS TO ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, OR ANY OTHER STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS?

YES NO

OFFEROR STATUS: MINORITY OWNED: WOMAN OWNED: NEITHER:

THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING:

THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS, WHICH INCLUDES ANY ADDENDA, IS THE ELECTRONIC COPY THAT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE VENDOR REGISTRY WEBSITE AT:

[HTTPS://VRAPP.VENDORREGISTRY.COM/BIDS/VIEW/BIDSLIST?BUYERID=A596C7C4-0123-4202-BF15-3583300EE088](https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/bids/view/bidslst?buyerid=A596C7C4-0123-4202-BF15-3583300EE088).

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 PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES AS ITS FIRST PAGE THIS PROPOSAL FORM.
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.: _____

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 not contain any trade secrets and/or proprietary information.
- Yes, the proposal that I have submitted does contain trade secrets and/or proprietary information.

If Yes, you must clearly identify below the exact data or materials to be protected and 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.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION: 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: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

OFFEROR'S PRINTED NAME: _____

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-DES-RFP-273 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 before me this _____ day of _____, 20__ the undersigned a Notary Public in and for the State and County of aforesaid, _____, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to within the instrument as an agent of the Offeror and acknowledged that he/she has executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

(Seal)

Notary registration number: _____

My commission expires: _____