CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH PROCUREMENT OFFICE

$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)} \\ \underline{ 17\text{-}R0068} \end{array}$

February 13, 2017

Solicitation Requirements

FOR: Design and Planning Services for Charlie's Place Renovations

Proposals must be received prior to 5:00 PM on Monday February 20, 2017

Deliver Proposals to: City of Myrtle Beach Procurement Office 3231 Mr. Joe White Avenue Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

NO PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS SUBMITTED ON THE FORMS FURNISHED HEREIN. All pages of the Proposal must be in a sealed envelope, the front of the envelope must be marked as follows:

- Offeror's Company Name
- Proposal Name
- Proposal Number
- Time/Date of Proposal Opening

If the above criteria is not met, your proposal may be rejected.

Direct questions to: Ruth Burleson, Procurement Buyer at (843) 918-2173 or John Cowan, Procurement Manager 843-918-2171.

Proposer Information

Name of Proposer:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	Fax Number:
Email:	

*** Proposal Number and Opening Date must be shown on the outside of the sealed envelope*** Please note: Signature Required on page 9.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE SIGNED AS PART OF PROPOSAL PACKAGE

The instructions herein contained are given for the purpose of guidance in properly preparing, an applicable proposal. These directions have equal weight and force with the specifications and strict compliance is required with all of the provisions. Unless otherwise stated in the special instructions of the proposal, the following general instructions will apply.

- 1. Proposals that are incomplete, unsigned, improperly signed or sealed, conditional, illegible, obscure, contain arithmetical errors, erasures, alterations or irregularities of any kind, will be declared non-responsive.
- 2. All Offerors must be prepared to present suitable evidence of similar work recently completed or goods supplied. Products are to be brand name or equal unless otherwise specified. If submitting an equal product, supporting documents must be provided with proposal.
- 3. Only written information from the Procurement Manager is binding; therefore no verbal instructions or verbal information from any other source will be binding on the City. The City will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation and the decision of the Procurement Manager shall be final and binding upon each Offeror.
- 4. The written specifications are considered clear and complete. Failure of the Offeror to call attention in writing to any disputes, definitions, discrepancies, inconsistencies or incompleteness before the opening of the proposal in the time and manner set forth herein is a waiver of right to do so upon opening of the proposals.
- 5. Should the Procurement Manager deem it necessary to alter proposal specifications, those alterations will be made in the form of written addenda that will be mailed to all Offerors. These addenda shall then be considered as part of these specifications.
- 6. Submission of a proposal will be considered as conclusive evidence of the Offeror's complete examination, understanding and acceptance of the specifications.
- 7. When brand names or trade names and model numbers followed by the words "or equivalent" or "or other approved equal" are used, it is for the quality, style and features of those brands and models. Proposals on equivalent items of substantially the same quality, style and features are then invited. However, to receive consideration, such equivalent proposals must be accompanied by sufficient descriptive literature and/or specifications to clearly identify the units and provide for competitive evaluation with the brands or models.
- 8. A Proposal and Signature Document is provided as part of the specifications. This form must be used in submitting a proposal and all pages of the proposal document must be completely filled out and signed by the Offeror.
- 9. Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked on the outside with information as stated on the cover page and delivered to the Procurement Buyer. If the required information is not clearly stated on the outside of the envelope, the proposal is considered nonresponsive.
- 10. No proposals may be withdrawn later than 10:30 AM on the day of the proposal opening. No modifications, clarifications or explanations of any proposals will be

allowed after the proposal is sealed and delivered to the Purchasing Division, City of Myrtle Beach, 3231 Mr. Joe White Avenue, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

- 11. The City expressly reserves the following rights:
 - A. To reject any and/or all irregularities in the proposals submitted.
 - B. To reject any and all proposals, or parts thereof, as deemed in the best interest of the City.
 - C. To base awards due with regard on quality of services, experiences, compliance with specifications, and other such factors as may be necessary in the circumstances.
 - D. To make the award to any Offeror who, in the opinion of management, is in the best interest of the City.
 - E. To make award based on negotiations conducted in accordance with this solicitation or on the basis of a best and final offer by the Offeror.
 - F. Only the evaluation factors specified in this solicitation may be used as a basis for award.
- 12. The General Instructions, Scope of Work and/or Specifications, and the Proposal and Signature Document constitute the proposal packet. By submitting a proposal, Offeror is deemed to have accepted all of the terms and conditions set forth in the proposal packet documents. All proposal packet documents, after completion by the Offeror, must be returned with the proposal in the same order as received by the Offeror.
- 13. NO PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS SUBMITTED ON THE FORMS FURNISHED HEREIN. All proposals must be sealed, marked and delivered in accordance with these instructions. <u>Proposals are not subject to a formal proposal opening.</u>
- 14. Offerors shall make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding plant and facilities for delivery of material and equipment and/or service to be performed as required by the proposal conditions. No plea of ignorance by the Offeror of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the Offeror to make the necessary examination and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the City or the compensation.
- 15. The City of Myrtle Beach pays South Carolina State Sales Tax. The City is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and will issue exemption certificates if required. <u>ALL APPLICABLE TAXES SHOULD BE SHOWN AS SEPARATE LINE ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.</u>
- 16. The CONTRACTOR agrees to pay all taxes and license fees of whatever nature applicable to conduct business and furnish the CITY, if requested, with duplicate receipts or other satisfactory evidence showing the prompt payment of all taxes and fees when referred to and showing that all licenses are in effect.
- 17. The award will be made within the time specified to the responsible Offeror meeting the specifications and having the lowest possible cost consistent with the quality and service needed for effective use. The following criteria will be used in making this determination:
 - A. Superior quality and specification adherence
 - B. Adequate maintenance and service

- C. Delivery and/or completion time
- D. Guarantees and warranties
- E. Company's reputation and financial status
- F. Past experience and cost with similar or like equipment or service
- G. Anticipated future cost and experience
- H. Performance of proponent's equipment by other agencies, plants, and firms
- 18. In the event the successful Offeror fails or refuses to execute a formal written contract with the City of Myrtle Beach in form and content acceptable to the City, within ten (10) City of Myrtle Beach business days after notice of acceptance of the proposal, the proposal may be revoked, and all obligations of the City in connection with the proposal may be canceled.
- 19. Winning Offeror will be notified within a reasonable time, as judged by the City, after proposal opening and evaluation of proposals.
- 20. If required, Offeror shall supply a PROPOSAL BOND of 5% of the total proposal amount. The successful Offeror at its own cost and expense shall furnish, if required, a good and sufficient PERFORMANCE BOND and PAYMENT BOND (payable to the City of Myrtle Beach) in the full amount of this agreement conditioned on the full and faithful performance of the work under this agreement in accordance with the specifications and contract documents. Bonds are required if the contract work is more than \$20,000 in cost for construction and/or improvements. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be executed by the contractor and a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina and approved by the State of South Carolina to issue such performance and payment bonds. Only the forms provided by the City for the Performance and Payment Bonds will be accepted.
- 21. No extras or additional work will be allowed or paid for unless such extras or additional work are/is ordered in writing by the Purchasing Division and with the price for such established and agreed upon before such extras are delivered or work is performed.
- 22. The City shall have the right, without invalidating the contract, to make additions to or deductions from the items or work covered by the specifications. In case such deductions or additions are made, an equitable price adjustment shall be made between the City and the contractor. Any such adjustments in price shall be made in writing.
- 23. The contractor agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Myrtle Beach, its representatives, employees and agents, from all claims, demands, actions, suits and liabilities arising from the contractor's own fault or negligence or through the negligence or fault of the manufacturer of goods supplied by the contractor. This obligation shall extend to and include, all litigation costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the City in response to such claims, demands, actions or liabilities, provided it is ultimately determined that such claims result from the contractor's or manufacturer's fault or negligence.
- 24. The contractor shall not assign or otherwise transfer any of its responsibilities or obligations under the contract to any other person or entity without prior written consent of the City.

- 25. When samples are required with a proposal, they must be submitted with the proposal unless approved by the Purchasing Manager or Purchasing Manger's authorized representative.
- 26. Samples submitted will become the property of the City. The entire cost of the sample(s) shall be paid for by the Offeror unless previous written arrangements are made with the City.
- 27. When Offerors are required to make site visits or attend pre-proposal meetings, all expenses shall be paid for by the Offeror, unless previous written arrangements are made with the City.
- 28. Offerors are required to state exactly what they intend to furnish; otherwise, they shall be required to furnish the items as specified.
- 29. Offerors will submit, with their proposal, data necessary to evaluate and determine the quality of the item(s) they are proposing.
- 30. In the event that materials, supplies, etc. are delivered which do not comply with specifications and have not been approved by the Purchasing Division, the contractor, upon notification, shall immediately remove from the premises any such materials, supplies, etc. and replace them with materials, supplies, etc. in full accordance with the specifications.
- 31. Payments shall be made to the contractor within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of invoice after inspection by and acceptance of the material, goods and/or service by an authorized representative of the City.
- 32. It shall be understood that in all cases the terms and conditions, as detailed in the specifications, shall supersede terms and conditions, as detailed in the General Instructions.
- 33. If this proposal is for the purchase of equipment, the Offeror guarantees that the equipment offered is standard new equipment, latest model or regular stock product, with parts regularly used for the type of equipment offered; also that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and standard practices.
- 34. Any deviation from specifications must be noted in detail and submitted in writing with this proposal. Complete specifications should be attached for any substitutions offered, or when amplifications are desirable or necessary. The absence of a specification deviation statement and accompanying specifications will hold the Offeror strictly accountable to the specifications as written herein.
- 35. The specifications, as listed herein, represent our preference in material; however, we are fully cognizant that no two pieces of comparable material are identical and/or same in size, function, and operation; and some of the specifications will not completely coincide with ours as listed. Please list your exceptions and explanations separately. It is not our intent to write specifications for any project on which only one proponent can submit a proposal.
- 36. Any changes in specifications, after the purchase order/contract has been awarded, must be with the written consent of the Purchasing Division; otherwise, the responsibility for such changes shall be with the Offeror.

- 37. Proposal shall include adequate brochures, latest printed specification and advertising literature describing the product(s) offered in such a fashion as to permit ready comparison with the specifications on an item-by-item basis where applicable.
- 38. Unless otherwise stated in the special instructions section of this proposal request, submit one complete Proposal Package using the attached form(s) for proposal price(s).
- 39. Unless otherwise stated in the special instructions section of this proposal request, deliveries will be accepted during the hours between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday, excluding City holidays. NO FRIDAY DELIVERIES UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL BY WAREHOUSE PERSONNEL.
- 40. The delivery date as stated in the proposal shall be the time required to deliver the complete item(s) after the receipt of the order or award of the contract. Where multiple items appear on a proposal request, the Offeror shall, unless otherwise stated by the City, show delivery date for each item separately. If only a single delivery date is shown, it will be assumed to mean that all items included in the proposal can and will be delivered on or before the specified date. The Offeror certifies that the delivery will be completed in the time the Offeror states, starting at the time the order is placed, provided that the time between the proposal opening and the placing of the order does not exceed the number of days stipulated in the proposal. The right is reserved to reject any proposal on which the delivery time indicated is considered sufficient to delay the operation for which the commodity is intended. Successful Offeror(s) will be responsible for making any and all claims against carriers for missing or damaged items.
- 41. Unit pricing will govern over extended prices unless otherwise stated in special instructions in this proposal request. All prices quoted should be firm. In those cases where a firm proposal cannot be made, consideration will still be given to all Offerors. Also, maximum or ceiling prices should be quoted where possible when proposal contain non-firm prices.
- 42. Cash discounts, if allowed, should be so stated on the proposal form. Prices must, however, be based upon payment thirty (30) calendar days after delivery.
- 43. Questions concerning the proposal requirements or specifications should be directed in writing to the Procurement Buyer shown on the front page of the Proposal package. If you need disability-related accommodations, please contact (843) 918-2170.
- 44. The City may reject a proposal if:
 - 1. The Offeror misstates or conceals any material fact in the proposal: or if,
 - 2. The proposal does not strictly conform to the law or requirements of proposal: or if.
 - 3. The proposal is conditional, except that the proposal may qualify his or her proposal for acceptance by the City on an "all or none" basis, or a "low item" basis. An "all or none" basis proposal must include all items upon which proposals are invited.
- 45. The City may, however, reject all proposal whenever it is deemed in the best interest of the City to do so, and may reject any part of a proposal unless the proposal has been qualified as provided in statement. The City may also waive any minor informalities or irregularities in any proposal.
- 46. Proposal prices are to be Delivered Price (FOB Destination). Proposal prices must include all delivery costs, including but not limited to, loading and unloading cost(s),

- transportation charge(s) and fuel surcharge(s). The City will not be responsible for any demurrage charge(s).
- 47. Invoice(s), certificates of origin, warranties and guarantees must be submitted at the time of delivery of the item(s).
- 48. If so requested in the proposed documents, a completed Material Safety Data Sheet for the item(s) indicated must be provided with the proposal documents. Failure to submit this form upon request may result in rejection of proposal.
- 49. Offerors shall comply with all local, state, and federal directives, orders, and laws as applicable to this proposal and subsequent contract(s) including, but not limited to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), in compliance with executive Order 11246, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), as applicable to this contract and Immigration Bill H4400 which states that every contractor doing business with the City of Myrtle Beach for the physical performance of services with the total value of the contract to be performed in a twelve month period exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) must agree to the following:
 - 1. Register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify the employment authorization of all new employees; and require agreement from its sub-contractors to do the same; or
 - 2. To employ only workers who:
 - a. Possess a valid South Carolina Driver's License or ID issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - b. Are eligible to obtain a South Carolina Driver's License or ID card in that they meet the requirements.
 - c. Possess a valid Driver's License or ID card from another state where the requirements are at least as strict as those in South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will post on its website a list of states where the license requirements are at least as strict as those in South Carolina.
- 50. If during the term of the contract entered into as a result of this proposal, the cost of material(s) is/are increased through no act on the part of the Contractor other than to comply with any prevailing rise in the market price(s) of material(s) used, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to notify the City Purchasing Office in writing of the price increase(s) and the effective date of the increase(s). Price(s) shall be increased only to the

point of absorbing additional cost(s) of material(s) paid for by the Contractor. At any time during the term of the contract, the City may request that the Contractor provide written documentation from the manufacturer/supplier of the material(s) to substantiate price increase(s). The City reserves the right to accept or reject any price increase(s) and to cancel any and all item(s) under the contract for which price increase(s) is/are considered unacceptable. If during the term of the contract, the cost of material(s) to the Contractor is reduced, then the Contractor shall reduce the contract price(s) and notify the Procurement Buyer in writing.

- 51. All documents, reports, proposals, submittals, working papers or other material submitted to the City from the Offeror shall become the sole and exclusive property of the City, in the public domain, and are not the property of the Offeror. The Offeror shall not copyright, or cause to be copyrighted, any portion of any of said documents submitted to the City as a result of this solicitation.
- 52. Protest of Proposal Specifications, Contract Terms and Intent To Award
 - A. Specifications and contract terms shall be made available for inspection and copying. Unless a different deadline is specified in the Request for Proposals, protests of the proposal specifications or contract terms shall be presented to the City in writing within five (5) City of Myrtle Beach business days prior to proposal closing.
 - B. Such protest or request for change shall include the reasons for protest or request, and any proposed changes to specifications or terms.
 - C. Envelopes containing protests of specifications shall be marked and mailed, or hand delivered within five (5) City of Myrtle Beach business days to the Procurement Buyer.
 - D. No protest against award because of the content of proposal specifications or contract terms shall be considered after the deadline established for submitting such protest in paragraph A above.
 - E. Submission of a proposal without the timely submission of protest of specifications or contract terms is deemed a waiver to the right to protest specifications or contract terms.
 - F. A decision by the Procurement Buyer shall be given in writing in each of such cases at least one (1) City of Myrtle Beach business day before the time set for the opening of proposals. A copy of the decision may be obtained at the Procurement Manager's Office. If, in the judgment of the Procurement Manager, the previously mentioned inquiry requires explanation or interpretation, any such explanation or interpretation of said plans, specifications or other contract documents will be made by written addendum duly issued with copies mailed or delivered to each person or firm receiving a set of contract documents.
 - G. The written Purchase Order shall constitute a final decision of the City to award the contract if no written protest is filed with the City within five (5) City of Myrtle Beach business days of the posting of the Bid Tab. If a protest is timely filed, the Purchase Order is a final decision of the City only upon issuance of a written decision denying the protest and affirming the award.
 - H. Purchasing Buyer shall notify winning Offeror at which time Bid Tab will be posted on the City of Myrtle Beach website. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to check the website. Any actual Offeror who is adversely affected or aggrieved by the award of the contract to another Offeror on the same solicitation shall have five (5) City of Myrtle Beach business days after the posting of Bid Tab to submit to the City a written protest of the award. The written protest shall specify the grounds upon which the protest is based. The City shall not entertain a protest submitted after the time period established in this rule or such different period as

may be provided in the City's Request for Proposals.

- I. Offerors must submit written protests of the intent to award to the Procurement Manager in five (5) business days. The written protest must include name and contact information of the protestor, solicitation title and number, the grounds upon which the protest is based and relief expected.
- 53. Proposals may be withdrawn on a written request, received from Offerors prior to the proposal closing. Negligence on the part of the Offeror in preparing the proposal creates no right for withdrawal of the proposal after the proposal has been opened.
- 54. The PROPOSAL response must not contain any erasures or corrections unless the Offeror initials each change.
- 55. Proposal prices, terms and conditions shall be firm for a period of at least one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days from the deadline for receipt of submittal, or until such time as established in the PROPOSAL. The successful proposal shall not be subject to future price escalation or changes of terms if accepted during the one hundred and twenty (120) day period, or the specified PROPOSAL time. Price decreases or changes in terms by others after the acceptance of a proposal will not be considered.
- 56. The contractor shall be wholly responsible for the performance of all subcontractors and for their acts and omissions, and those of persons either directly or indirectly employed by the contractor, and the fact that subcontractors are subject to the approval of the City shall not affect the contractor's responsibility in this regard.
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- 58. The Offeror shall bind every subcontractor to all terms and conditions anywhere contained in the contract documents as far as applicable to the work of such subcontractor so that the subcontractor assumes toward the contractor and toward the work all the obligations and responsibilities that the contract assumes toward the City as to the performance of the subcontractor's portion of the work.
- 59. The selected Offeror will be required to assume responsibility for coordination, engineering, delivery, installation, and maintenance of all equipment, software and services offered in their proposal, whether they are the manufacturer or producer of them. Further, the City will consider the selected Offeror to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the lease or purchase of the entire service equipment and software configuration, when applicable. Only service and equipment offered by Offerors who have installed similar systems of comparable size will be considered. All service and equipment offered will be in current standard production and of the latest design.
- 60. The selected Offeror shall assign a competent account representative acceptable to the City who will represent the Offeror in providing contracted services to the City. If the account representative is removed by the Offeror, the new representative must be acceptable to the City.
- 61. If any doubt or difference of opinion arises between the City and the Offeror as to the interpretation of this RFP, the decision of the City will be final and binding upon all parties.

62. The City reserves the right to obtain clarification on any point in the Offeror's proposal. The failure of the Offeror to make additional information available could result in the rejection of the response. Such clarification might involve the delivery of demonstration

equipment to the City for evaluation purposes. Such hardware will be provided at no cost to the City. The City is not obliged to evaluate any or all products.

- 63. The award of a contract is accomplished by executing a written agreement that incorporates the entire proposal, Offeror's response, clarifications, addenda, and additions. All such materials constitute the contract documents. The Offeror agrees to accept the contract terms unless substantive changes are made without the approval of the Offeror. The procurement office is the sole point of contact for the issuance of the contract.
- 64. The City will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any items during the RFP process.
- 65. In the event that the Offeror fails to perform any material obligations, the City reserves the right to give the Offeror written notice of such failure. The Offeror will then have thirty (30) calendar days to resolve the failure. If the failure is not resolved within thirty (30) calendar days, the City reserves the right to withhold all money that is due and payable to the Offeror. Such a remedy is in addition to other remedies that might be available to the City. Moreover, the City reserves the right to terminate the contract if the Offeror exceeds thirty (30) calendar days of non-performance.
- 66. The authorized signer of the Proposal shall represent and warrant that they have been sufficiently informed in all matters relating to the specified products; that they have checked their proposal for errors and omissions; that the prices stated in their proposal are correct and as intended are a complete and correct statement of prices.
- 67. By Signature below the Offeror avers that they have examined, understands and accepts all instructions, specifications and conditions, and will provide for appropriate insurance, deposits, and performance bonds if required, and will comply fully with specifications as attached for the agreed contract, especially where materials and work are involved, and that any and all registration requirements where required for Offerors as set forth in law are met.

Print Name of Offeror	Name of Offeror			
Signature of Offeror				
 Date of Signing				

Proposal tabulations will be available on-line at www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/purchasing.html. If more convenient, tabulations are available for pick-up after final award. No Proposal Tabulations will be faxed.

SPECIFICATIONS

INTRODUCTION.

The City of Myrtle Beach (City) has purchased the former site of Charlie's Place on Carver Street in the City on Myrtle Beach. The City desires to engage the services of consultant with specific design experience to decide how to move forward with a renovation project. Funding will involve Community Development Block Grant allocations.

Specifically, the City is looking for an architect with experience in renovating historical properties to guide the City through the design and permitting process. Therefore, proposals will be evaluated in two parts: Historic Renovation Experience related to review agency processes and design of Historic Renovations.

PROPROSALS.

Proposals should briefly describe the Firm's/Individual's Historic Renovation Experience related to review agency processes. The proposal should also briefly present evidence of experience in design of Historic Renovations as related to building code compliance. Proposals should be no more than two pages in length.

Due to the inability to fully define the scope of the work, the City desires for each proposer to submit hourly fees for these services. The hourly fee structure may be an attachment to the two pages of the response.

REVIEW AND SELECTION.

The City will review each proposal with equal value assigned to the two areas of consideration. The hourly fee structure will be a factor in the selection. Due to funding issues, time is of the essence.

RESERVATION.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received. The City also reserves the right to limit any scope of work resulting from this solicitation and to terminate consulting contract at any point in the schedule of work.

SUBMITTALS.

Responses should be electronically submitted to the Purchasing Director by emailing jcowan@cityofmyrtlebeach.com, or Ruth Burleson rburleson@cityofmyrtlebeach.com no later than 5:00 PM EST Monday, February 20, 2017.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

	with your proposal at least two (2) references of similar work performed by your ay. Telephone number and person to contact must be included for proposal ration.
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List any	exceptions to specifications:

5. Proof of a current City Business License will be required prior to commencement of work. For information contact the Business License Office at (843) 918-1200.