



Indian River County Purchasing Division
1800 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960
Phone (772) 226-1416

Request for Proposals

Project Name: Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and
Manatee Protection Plan Update

RFP #: 2023003

RFP Opening Date: **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

RFP Opening Time: **2:00 P.M.**

All Proposals must be received by the Purchasing Division, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960 prior to the date and time shown above. Late responses will be not be accepted or considered.

PLEASE SUBMIT:

(1) ONE MARKED ORIGINAL, **AND**

(4) COPIES OF YOUR PROPOSAL, **AND**

ONE ELECTRONIC COPY AS A SINGLE PDF ON USB, CD OR EMAILED TO

PURCHASING@IRCGOV.COM PRIOR TO THE RFP OPENING DATE AND TIME.

Both Printed and Electronic Copies of each proposal are Required

Refer All Questions to:

Email: purchasing@ircgov.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 2023003

Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and Manatee Protection Plan Update

The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners is requesting proposals from qualified firms for (1) completion of a State-mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR), and (2) updating the Manatee Protection Plan (MPP).

Detailed specifications are available at: www.demandstar.com or by selecting "Current Solicitations" at <http://www.ircgov.com/Departments/Budget/Purchasing>.

Receipt of one printed original, four printed copies, and an electronic pdf copy of proposals by the Purchasing Division, 1800 27th Street, Building B, Vero Beach, Florida 32960 must occur by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all submittals and to waive any and all informalities.

PURCHASING MANAGER
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Publish: For Publication on Demandstar and Vendor Registry

Date: Monday, September 12, 2022

Scope of Services

AGENCY OVERVIEW

Indian River County is located in the Treasure Coast region of Florida. As of the 2020 census, the population was 159,788. The county has a total area of 617 square miles, of which 503 square miles is land and 114 square miles is water. The legislative branch of the County is composed of five elected Commission members. There is no Mayor in the County, however, each year the Commission votes in a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman from amongst the five Commissioners. The County Administrator is responsible for the execution of the Board of Commissioners' established and adopted policies. Please see the County's official website at: www.ircgov.com.

BACKGROUND

The County last performed an Evaluation and Appraisal Report in 2008, as delineated in the schedule found in Florida Administrative Code 73C-49.001. This report can be found at: https://www.ircgov.com/communitydevelopment/planning/CP/EAR/2008_EAR.pdf.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Indian River County Community Development Department (County) is seeking a qualified planning consultant (CONSULTANT) to provide services towards (1) completing a State-mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and (2) updating the Manatee Protection Plan (MPP).

Task 1 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)

1. Pursuant to Section 163.3191(1) of Florida State Statute: "At least once every 7 years, each local government shall evaluate its comprehensive plan to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect changes in state requirements in this part since the last update of the comprehensive plan, and notify the state land planning agency as to its determination."
2. Indian River County has until October 1, 2023, to complete this requirement and report to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).
3. The EAR is a report which compares the County's existing comprehensive plan against the State's Statutes. To this end, it specifies if there are any State requirements which must be added to the plan through a formal amendment process for incorporation into the plan's elements.
4. The EAR must be completed by the Consultant with sufficient time for public hearing to be conducted before the Planning & Zoning Commission (acting as the Local Planning Agency) and the County Commission. The Consultant will be expected to make presentations before both the Planning & Zoning Commission and the County Commission.
5. The time frame for Task 1 – This task is expected to take 8-12 months.

TASK 2 Manatee Protection Plan (MPP)

A Manatee Protection Plan (MPP) is a County-specific management plan developed, approved, and used by federal, state, and local governments to ensure the long-term protection of manatees and their habitat within what is defined as the County boundaries. The County last updated its MPP on June 24, 2004, with confirmation of acceptance by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on August 3, 2004. This plan can be found at: https://www.ircgov.com/boards/manwac/mpp_2004.pdf. For this purpose, the FWC has developed a general template containing the various required sections and examples of the information generally needed in each section. The Consultant will be charged with updating the MPP with assistance by Community Development Staff.

1. Pursuant to Section 379.2431 (2)(t)(2) of Florida State Statute: “No later than January 1, 2005, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall designate any county it has identified as a substantial risk county for manatee mortality as a county that must complete a manatee protection plan by July 1, 2006.” The MPP shall include the following elements at a minimum:
 - a. Education about manatees and manatee habitat; boater education.
 - b. An assessment of the need for new or revised manatee protection speed zones.
 - c. Local law enforcement.
 - d. A boat facility siting plan to address expansion of existing and the development of new marinas, boat ramps, and other multi-slip boating facilities.
2. Indian River County was designated by the FWC as a “Key” county for the substantial risk county for manatee mortality and subsequently adopted its MPP on June 24, 2004. There is currently no mandate for how often this plan is required to be updated.
3. The MPP must be completed by the Consultant with sufficient time for public hearing to be conducted before the Planning & Zoning Commission (acting as the Local Planning Agency) and the County Commission. The Consultant will be expected to make presentations before both the Planning & Zoning Commission and the County Commission.
4. The work to be done by the Consultant for this Task shall be an update rather than a wholesale re-write of the MPP. This update must consider all applicable State statutes and other regulatory requirements.
5. The time frame for Task 2 – This task is expected to take 4-6 months after Task 1 (i.e. the EAR Amendment) has been accepted by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

Submittal Instructions

Proposers shall submit the following:

Information to Be Submitted: Submit one marked printed original, **and** four printed copies, **and** one electronic copy as a single pdf, submitted on USB drive, CD or delivered by email to purchasing@ircgov.com prior to the opening date and time. Both printed and electronic copies are required from each proposer prior to the due date and time. Submittals must include and are requested to be organized as follows:

- a. A historical description of the range of related services offered by of the Consultant.
- b. Summaries or biographies of the required Consultant Staff that will be assigned to the County. Include name, background, special skills, number of years with the firm and years of experience. Identify the Consultant's representative assigned to manage the County's project.
- c. A detailed description of the Consultant's approach to successful completion of services such as those described within this RFP.
- d. Provide a projected timeline/schedule with the Consultant's methodology.
- e. Proposal Pricing Form
- f. Firm Information form
- g. Sworn statement on Disclosure of Relationships as per Section 105.08 of the Indian River County Code.
- h. Certification Regarding Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies
- i. Certification regarding lobbying
- j. Certification regarding debarment
- k. County's Sample Agreement with requested changes indicated
- l. Sample report prepared for one or more similar projects

Method of Selection: The County shall convene a Selection Committee of which the responsibility shall be as follows:

- a. Independently review and evaluate each Submittal
 1. Each Committee member shall evaluate each firm by assigning a number of points for each criterion, as established in the solicitation, and then totaling the number of points for all criteria.
 2. Each Committee member shall then rank the firms on the basis of the total number of points received for all criteria, with the firm receiving the most points being ranked #1.
- b. As a "Committee of the whole," develop a combined ranking order of all Submittals meeting minimum qualifications. The ranking of firms shall be done in the following manner:
 1. The rankings received by each firm from all Committee members shall be totaled and divided by the number of Committee members, to produce an average ranking.
 2. The firm receiving the lowest average ranking (i.e. closest to #1) shall be ranked the #1 firm, and the process repeated until all firms have been ranked according to their average ranking.
 3. In the event of a tie, the ranking of tied firms shall be determined by a comparison of the total number of points received by each firm from all Committee members. The firm with the highest number of points will be awarded the higher ranking position.
 4. The Committee may discuss the rankings and their reasons behind them, and each member may modify their ranking of firms accordingly until the Committee is satisfied with the rankings.
 5. After interviews, and based upon information learned during the interviews, each Committee member will rank the firms in order of preference and a consolidated final Committee ranking established.

- c. The County may, solely at its own option, seek additional Submittals with this or a similar Submittal in the event the County, solely at its own option, determines that the quantity and/or quality of Submittals received is insufficient to meet the County's needs and/or that award of a contract arising from this RFP would not be in the public interest.
- d. The Committee shall forward its recommendations in accordance with the ranking to the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, which shall, at its sole option, authorize negotiations of a contract pursuant to the requirements of Florida law.
- e. The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners possesses sole authority to award a contract for the services sought herein.

Criteria for Award:

<i>EVALUATION CRITERIA</i>	<i>EVALUATION POINTS MAXIMUM</i>
1. Firm qualifications/capabilities and similar projects	20
2. Staff qualifications	15
3. Approach	10
4. Proposed Timeline	10
5. Price Proposal*	35
6. References	10
TOTAL	100

**Price is included as one of the evaluation criteria; the lowest priced proposal will receive the maximum weighted score for the price criteria. The other proposals will receive a percentage of the weighted score based on the percentage differential between the lowest proposal and the other proposals in accordance with the following example:*

Vendor	Price Proposal	Percentage	By	Weight	Equals	Weighted Score**
A	\$20,000	100	X	20	=	20
B	\$25,000	80*	X	20	=	16
C	\$28,000	71*	X	20	=	14

Weighted Score shall be rounded to nearest whole number

Anticipated Timeline

Event	Date
Advertise for Proposals	September 12, 2022
Deadline for Questions	8 a.m. September 26, 2022
Proposals Due before 2:00 p.m. on	Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Initial Selection Committee Meeting	Week of October 17, 2022
Interviews (if held)	Week of ????
Recommendation of Award presented to BCC	November 15, 2022
Contract term commences	December 1, 2022

General Instructions

Cone of Silence. Potential respondents and their agents must not communicate in any way with the Board of Commissioners, County Administrator or any County staff other than Purchasing personnel in reference or relation to this solicitation. This restriction is effective from the time of solicitation advertisement until the Board of County Commissioners meets to authorize award. Such communication may result in disqualification.

Sealed Submittals and Envelope Markings: All responses shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box. The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked with the Consultant's Name and Return Address, Proposal #, Title, Date of opening, and Time of Opening.

Opening Location: Responses must be received by the Purchasing Division at 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960, on or before the closing hour and date listed in the Request for Proposals. Proposals submitted after the stated time and date will not be accepted or considered.

Submission: Submit one marked printed original, four printed copies, and one electronic pdf copy of your proposal (both printed and electronic copies are required).

Public Record Exemption: Correspondence, materials, and documents received pursuant to this solicitation become public records subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Should the proposer assert any exemptions to the requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and related statutes, the burden of establishing such exemption, by the way of injunctive or other relief as provided by law, shall be upon the Proposer.

Taxes: Indian River County is exempt from any taxes imposed by State and / or Federal Government. Exemption Certificates, if required, are to be furnished by the successful Consultant and will be filled out by the County.

Indemnification: The Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and its commissioners, officers, employees and agents, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the design professional and other persons employed or utilized by the design professional in the performance of the contract.

Public Access: The Consultant shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Specifically, the Consultant shall keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the service. The Consultant shall provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records at a cost that does not exceed the costs provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. The Consultant shall ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law. The Consultant shall meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the County, all public records in possession of the Consultant upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

Public Entity Crimes: Pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 287.133(2)(a), all Consultants are hereby notified that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity (defined as the State of Florida, any of its departments or agencies, or any political subdivision); may not submit a

bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statutes Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO [currently \$35,000] for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. A "public entity crime" means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid, proposal, reply, or contract for goods or services, any lease for real property, or any contract for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

Suspension and Debarment: Indian River County will not make award to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM). The Consultant agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The Consultant further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

Scrutinized Companies Lists: The Consultant certifies that it and those related entities of respondent as defined by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725 of the Florida Statutes, and are not engaged in a boycott of Israel. In addition, if this agreement is for goods or services of one million dollars or more, Contractor certifies that it and those related entities of respondent as defined by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473 of the Florida Statutes and are not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The County may terminate this Contract if Company is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined by section 287.135, Florida Statutes. County may terminate this Contract if Company, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and parent companies, that exist for the purpose of making profit, is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel as set forth in section 215.4725, Florida Statutes.

Accordingly, firms responding to this solicitation shall return with their response an executed copy of the attached "Certification Regarding Prohibition Against Contracting With Scrutinized Companies." Failure to return this executed form with submitted bid/proposal/statement of qualifications will result in the response being deemed non-responsive and eliminated from consideration.

Non-Discrimination: Indian River County will not knowingly do business with vendors or contractors who discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age and/or disability. Through the course of providing services to the County, Contractors shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as well as all other applicable regulations, guidelines and standards. Any person who believes their rights have been violated should report such discrimination to the County's Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator through the office of the County Attorney.

E-Verify: Consultant must be registered with and use, at their sole expense, the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (www.e-verify.gov) to confirm the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees,

as required by Section 448.095, F.S. Owner, contractor, and subcontractors may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system. Consultant is responsible for obtaining proof of E-Verify registration for all subcontractors/subconsultants. This requirement applies to any provider of services or goods.

Local Preference: Indian River County has no local ordinance or preferences, as set forth in section 255.0991(2), Florida Statutes, in place, therefore no preference prohibited by that section will be considered in the acceptance, review or award of this solicitation.

Regulations: It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA and / or other Federal or State of Florida rules, regulations, or other requirements, as each may apply.

Interpretations: No oral interpretations will be made to any Consultant as to the meaning of the RFP documents. Every request for such an interpretation shall be made in writing, addressed and forwarded to Indian River County (purchasing@ircgov.com) ten (10) or more days before the date fixed for opening of the RFP. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee. Every interpretation made to Consultants will be in the form of an Addendum, which if issued, will be sent promptly as is practical to all persons to whom RFP documents have been issued. All such Addenda shall become part of the RFP documents. Further, it shall be the responsibility of each Consultant, prior to submitting their Proposal, to contact Indian River County's Purchasing Division at (772) 226-1416 to determine if addenda were issued and to make such addenda a part of their Proposal.

Applicable Law and Venue: Contract(s) resulting from this RFP and all rights and duties of the parties hereto shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, including but not limited to the provisions of the Florida Uniform Commercial Code Chapters 671-679 F.S., for any terms and conditions not specifically stated in this solicitation and resulting agreement. Venue for any lawsuit brought by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of this Contract shall be in Indian River County, Florida, or, in the event of a federal jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Conflict of Interest: Any entity submitting a bid, proposal, qualifications or entering into a contract with the County shall disclose any relationship that may exist between the contracting entity and a County Commissioner or a County Employee. The relationship with a County Commissioner or a County Employee that must be disclosed is as follows: *father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandparent, or grandchild*. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity. The disclosure of relationships shall be a sworn statement made on a County approved form. Failure to submit the form will be cause for rejection of the bid or proposal.

Prohibition Against Contingent Fees: If a contract is entered resulting from this request for qualifications, it shall include a prohibition against contingent fees statement, as required by FS 255.087.

Right to Protest: Any actual or prospective responding Consultant who is aggrieved in connection with a competitive selection process may protest to the Purchasing Manager. The protest shall be submitted to the Purchasing Manager in writing within seven (7) calendar days after the bidder or proposer knows or should have known of the facts giving rise to the protest. If the protest is not resolved by mutual agreement, the Purchasing Manager shall promptly issue a decision in writing, after consulting the Department and the Office of the County Attorney.

Committee Meetings: Notice of committee meetings will be posted to the RFP’s listing on Demandstar.com and Vendor Registry, both available through the County’s web site (www.ircgov.com/departments/budget/purchasing). Any portion of a meeting pursuant to a competitive solicitation, at which negotiation strategies are discussed, a vendor makes an oral presentation, or answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation is exempt from the Public Meeting requirements in Chapter 286.011 (per Chapter 286.0113(1)(b)1).

Awards: The County reserves the right to cancel the solicitation, reject any and all Proposals or waive any irregularity or technicality in submittals received. The County reserves the right to not make any award(s) under this solicitation.

Termination by the County: The County reserves the right to terminate a contract by giving thirty (30) days’ notice, in writing, of the intention to terminate, if at any time the Consultant fails to abide by or fulfill any of the terms and conditions of the contract. The County also reserves the right to terminate this contract for convenience of the County and / or with or without cause.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations: Consultant agrees that they will comply with all Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations applicable to the production, sale, and delivery of the goods or the furnishing of any labor or services called for by this solicitation and resulting agreement, and any provisions required thereby to be included herein shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference. Noncompliance may be considered grounds for termination of contracts.

Insurance:

The Consultant shall provide, prior to execution of the contract, the insurance required under this section for approval by the County. Firm’s insurance shall be primary. The County shall be named as an additional insured for both General Liability and Automobile Liability. The awarded firm shall maintain the following limits of insurance during the term duration of this agreement.

General Liability

- Each Occurrence \$500,000
- Fire Damage-any one fire \$50,000
- Medical Expenses-any one person \$5,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury \$500,000
- General Aggregate \$500,000
- Combined Single Limit \$500,000

Automobile Liability – Combined Single Limit \$500,000

Worker's Compensation as required by the State of Florida

- Each accident \$100,000
- Each Disease – Each employee \$100,000
- Each disease – policy limit \$500,000

Professional Liability Insurance

- \$1,000,000 per occurrence
- \$2,000,000 aggregate combined single limit
- \$5,000 maximum deductible per claim

The policy shall cover the firm, all employees, and/or volunteers, and all independent contractors, subcontractors and professional contractual persons hired or retained by contractor.

All above insurance policies shall be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A-VII. The insurer chosen shall also be licensed to do business in Florida. The insurance policies procured shall be "Claims Made" policies or as generally available on the open insurance market.

The Insurance Carriers shall supply Certificates of Insurance evidencing such coverage to the Indian River County Risk Management Department prior to the execution of this Agreement.

The insurance companies selected shall send written verification to the Indian River County Risk Management Department that they will provide 30 days written notice to the Indian River County Department of Risk Management of its intent to cancel or terminate.

Indian River County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any and all any technicalities or irregularities.

PROPOSAL PRICING FORM– RFP 2023003 - Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and Manatee Protection Plan Update

Proposer submits the following prices for the work described in this solicitation:

Deliverable	Total Not to Exceed Cost
State-mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)	\$
Updated Manatee Protection Plan (MPP)	\$
Total Proposal Price	\$

The following loaded hourly rates are used to determine the total not to exceed cost for each deliverable, and facilitate progress payments during the course of work:

Position/Role	Hourly Rate	Hours for EAR	Total Cost for EAR
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
Total Deliverable Cost for EAR (must equal the sum of all columns and must be the same as the amount provided in the Deliverable Table above)			\$

Position/Role	Hourly Rate	Hours for MPP	Total Cost for MPP
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
Total Deliverable Cost for MPP (must equal the sum of all columns and must be the same as the amount provided in the Deliverable Table above)			\$

The undersigned hereby certifies that they have read and understand the contents of this solicitation and agree to furnish at the prices shown above all of the services specified in the RFP document, subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications and attachments hereto. Failure to have read all the provisions of this solicitation shall not be cause to alter any resulting contract or request additional compensation.

Name of Firm

Address

Authorized Signature

City, State, Zip Code

Title

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Phone

Date Signed

E-mail

FIRM INFORMATION

Communications concerning this proposal shall be addressed to:

Company Name			
Tax ID Number		W-9	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Contact Name		Phone	
Title		Email	
Address			

The following addenda are hereby acknowledged:

Addendum Number	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

1. How many years has your organization been providing these services? _____

2. List State of Florida Registration Number(s): _____

3. List government agencies and private firm(s) with whom you have completed similar work:

Agency/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Services Provided: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Agency/Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Services Provided: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Agency/Firm Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____
 Services Provided: _____

 Dates of Service: _____

Agency/Firm Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____
 Services Provided: _____

 Dates of Service: _____

4. Date Registered with e-Verify.gov: _____ Certificate # _____

5. List all litigation cases during the past three (3) years in which the Contractor has been a named party.

Use additional sheets, as necessary.

Year filed	Case number	Venue	Description

**SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 105.08, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CODE, ON DISCLOSURE OF
RELATIONSHIPS**

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This sworn statement **MUST** be submitted with Bid, Proposal or Contract No. 2023003
for Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and Manatee Protection Plan Update

2. This sworn statement is submitted by: _____

(Name of entity submitting Statement)

whose business address is:

_____ and its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

3. My name is _____
(Please print name of individual signing)

and my relationship to the entity named above is _____

4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Section 105.08, Indian River County Code, means:

The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of the entity.

5. I understand that the relationship with a County Commissioner or County employee that must be disclosed as follows:

Father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, grandparent, or grandchild.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. [Please indicate which statement applies.]

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the

entity, have any relationships as defined in section 105.08, Indian River County Code, with any County Commissioner or County employee.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents, who are active in management of the entity have the following relationships with a County Commissioner or County employee:

Name of Affiliate or entity	Name of County Commissioner or employee	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ (name of person making statement).

(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTRACTING WITH SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

(This form **MUST** be submitted with your response)

I hereby certify that neither the undersigned entity, nor any of its wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to s. 215.4725 of the Florida Statutes, or are engaged in a boycott of Israel.

In addition, if this solicitation is for a contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, I hereby certify that neither the undersigned entity, nor any of its wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose of making profit are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473 of the Florida Statutes, or are engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria as defined in said statute.

I understand and agree that the County may immediately terminate any contract resulting from this solicitation upon written notice if the undersigned entity (or any of those related entities of respondent as defined above by Florida law) are found to have submitted a false certification or any of the following occur with respect to the company or a related entity: (i) it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, or (ii) for any contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or it is found to have been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Name of Respondent: _____

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

Title: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned Firm certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION
INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**

(1) The CONSULTANT certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Signature of Proposer's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Proposer's Authorized Official

Date

Sample Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, (hereinafter called OWNER) and _____ (hereinafter called CONSULTANT). OWNER and CONSULTANT, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - WORK

CONSULTANT shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Work is generally described as follows:

- Task 1. Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)
- Task 2. Manatee Protection Plan Update

ARTICLE 2 - THE PROJECT

The Project for which the Work under the Contract Documents may be the whole or only a part is generally described as follows:

Project Name: Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) and Manatee Protection Plan Update
RFP Number: 2023003
Project Address: 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL, 32960

ARTICLE 3 - CONTRACT TIMES

3.01 Time of the Essence

- A. All time limits for Milestones, if any, Substantial Completion, and completion and readiness for final payment as stated in the specifications are of the essence of the Agreement.

3.02 Days to Achieve Substantial Completion, Final Completion and Final Payment

- A. The Work will be completed and ready for final payment on or before the 120th day after the date when the Contract Times commence to run.

ARTICLE 4 - CONTRACT PRICE

4.01 OWNER shall pay CONSULTANT for completion of the Work an amount in current funds equal to the sum of the amounts determined pursuant to paragraph 4.01.A and summarized in paragraph 4.01.B, below:

- A. For all Work, at the prices stated in CONSULTANT's Price Proposal, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- B. THE CONTRACT SUM subject to additions and deductions provided in the Contract Documents:

Numerical Amount: \$ _____

Written Amount: _____

ARTICLE 5 - PAYMENT PROCEDURES

5.01 Progress Payments.

- A. The OWNER shall make progress payments to the CONSULTANT on the basis of the approved partial payment request as recommended by County staff in accordance with the mutually agreed to schedule milestones and the provisions of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Florida Statutes section 218.70 et. seq.

5.02 Pay Requests.

- A. Each request for a progress payment shall contain the CONSULTANT’S certification. All progress payments will be on the basis of progress of the work measured by the schedule of values established, or in the case of unit price work based on the number of units completed.

5.03 Paragraphs 5.01 and 5.02 do not apply to construction services work purchased by the County as OWNER which are paid for, in whole or in part, with federal funds and are subject to federal grantor laws and regulations or requirements that are contrary to any provision of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act. In such event, payment and retainage provisions shall be governed by the applicable grant requirements and guidelines. 5.01 Method of Payment

ARTICLE 6 - INDEMNIFICATION

6.01 CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the CONSULTANT and persons employed or utilized by the CONSULTANT in the performance of the Work.

ARTICLE 7 - CONSULTANT’S REPRESENTATIONS

7.01 In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement CONSULTANT makes the following representations:

- A. CONSULTANT has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other related data identified in the Invitation to Bid documents.
- B. CONSULTANT is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
- C. CONSULTANT has given OWNER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that CONSULTANT has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by OWNER is acceptable to CONSULTANT.

- D. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.
- E. CONSULTANT is registered with and will use the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (www.e-verify.gov) to confirm the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees for the duration of this agreement, as required by Section 448.095, F.S.. CONSULTANT is also responsible for obtaining proof of E-Verify registration and utilization for all subcontractors.

ARTICLE 8 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

8.01 Contents

A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:

- (1) This Agreement;
- (2) Certificate(s) of Liability Insurance;
- (3) Request for Proposals 2023003;
- (4) Addenda (numbers to , inclusive);
- (5) CONSULTANT'S submitted proposal, including all attached forms;
- (6) The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto:
 - a) Written Amendments;
 - b) Work Change Directives;
 - c) Change Order(s).

ARTICLE 9 - MISCELLANEOUS

9.01 Terms

A. Terms used in this Agreement will have the meanings indicated in the Request for Proposals.

9.02 Assignment of Contract

A. No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Agreement will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

9.03 Successors and Assigns

A. OWNER and CONSULTANT each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

9.04 Severability

- A. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon OWNER and CONSULTANT, who agree that the Contract Documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

9.05 *Venue*

- A. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any lawsuit brought by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of this Agreement shall be in Indian River County, Florida, or, in the event of a federal jurisdiction, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

9.06 *Public Records Compliance*

- A. Indian River County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The CONSULTANT shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. Specifically, the CONSULTANT shall:

- (1) Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- (2) Upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law.
- (3) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the CONSULTANT does not transfer the records to the County.
- (4) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the CONSULTANT or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the CONSULTANT transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the contract, the CONSULTANT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the CONSULTANT keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the CONSULTANT shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

- B. **IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

(772) 226-1424

publicrecords@ircgov.com

**Indian River County Office of the County Attorney
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960**

- C. Failure of the CONSULTANT to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

Article 11: TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- A. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute a default by CONSULTANT and shall provide the OWNER with a right to terminate this Contract in accordance with this Article, in addition to pursuing any other remedies which the OWNER may have under this Contract or under law:
- (1) if in the OWNER's opinion CONSULTANT is improperly performing work or violating any provision(s) of the Contract Documents;
 - (2) if CONSULTANT neglects or refuses to correct defective work or replace defective parts or equipment, as directed by the Engineer pursuant to an inspection;
 - (3) if in the OWNER's opinion CONSULTANT's work is being unnecessarily delayed and will not be finished within the prescribed time;
 - (4) if CONSULTANT assigns this Contract or any money accruing thereon or approved thereon; or
 - (5) if CONSULTANT abandons the work, is adjudged bankrupt, or if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a trustee or receiver is appointed for CONSULTANT or for any of his property.
- B. OWNER shall, before terminating the Contract for any of the foregoing reasons, notify CONSULTANT in writing of the grounds for termination and provide CONSULTANT with ten (10) calendar days to cure the default to the reasonable satisfaction of the OWNER.
- C. If the CONSULTANT fails to correct or cure within the time provided in the preceding Sub-Article B, OWNER may terminate this Contract by notifying CONSULTANT in writing. Upon receiving such notification, CONSULTANT shall immediately cease all work hereunder and shall forfeit any further right to possess or occupy the site or any materials thereon; provided, however, that the OWNER may authorize CONSULTANT to restore any work sites.
- D. The CONSULTANT shall be liable for:
- (1) any new cost incurred by the OWNER in soliciting bids or proposals for and letting a new contract; and
 - (2) the difference between the cost of completing the new contract and the cost of completing this Contract;
 - (3) any court costs and attorney's fees associated with any lawsuit undertaken by OWNER to enforce its rights herein.
- E. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: OWNER may at any time and for any reason terminate CONSULTANT's services and work for OWNER's convenience. Upon receipt of notice of such termination CONSULTANT shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue the work and immediately cease ordering of any materials, labor, equipment, facilities, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Contract. Upon such termination CONSULTANT shall be entitled to payment only as follows:

- (1) the actual cost of the work completed in conformity with this Contract and the specifications; plus,
- (2) such other costs actually incurred by CONSULTANT as are permitted by the prime contract and approved by the OWNER.

CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to any other claim for compensation or damages against the County in the event of such termination.

F. TERMINATION IN REGARDS TO F.S. 287.135: TERMINATION IN REGARDS TO F.S. 287.135: CONSULTANT certifies that it and those related entities of CONSULTANT as defined by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725 of the Florida Statutes, and are not engaged in a boycott of Israel. In addition, if this agreement is for goods or services of one million dollars or more, CONSULTANT certifies that it and those related entities of CONSULTANT as defined by Florida law are not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473 of the Florida Statutes and are not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

OWNER may terminate this Contract if CONSULTANT is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined by section 287.135, Florida Statutes.

OWNER may terminate this Contract if CONSULTANT, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and parent companies that exist for the purpose of making profit, is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel as set forth in section 215.4725, Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONSULTANT have signed this Agreement in duplicate. One counterpart each has been delivered to OWNER and CONSULTANT. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by OWNER and CONSULTANT or on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on _____, 20__ (the date the Agreement is approved by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, which is the Effective Date of the Agreement).

OWNER:

CONSULTANT:

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY _____

By: _____
TBD, Chairman

By: _____
(CONSULTANT)

By: _____
Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Attest _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

Address for giving notices:

Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court and Comptroller

License No. _____
(Where applicable)

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk
(SEAL)

Agent for service of process: _____

Designated Representative:
Name: Rebeca A. Guerra, AICP, LEED-AP, CPD
Title: Director, Information Technology
Address: 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960
Phone: 772-226-1258
Email: rguerra@ircgov.com

Designated Representative:
Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

(If CONSULTANT is a corporation or a partnership, attach evidence of authority to sign.)

Exhibit A – Price Proposal

(we'll add the awarded proposer's price proposal here in the final agreement.)