

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

#### **CONTRACT AWARD COVERPAGE**

**TO:** BU-GATA DATE ISSUED: 12/7/2022

4324 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET N. CONTRACT NO: 22-CPHD-RFP-499

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22203 CONTRACT TITLE: TENANT OUTREACH SERVICES

### THIS IS A NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT AND NOT AN ORDER. NO WORK IS AUTHORIZED UNTIL THE VENDOR RECEIVES A VALID COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER ENCUMBERING CONTRACT FUNDS.

The contract documents consist of the terms and conditions of AGREEMENT No. 22-CPHD-RFP-499, including any attachments or amendments thereto.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023** 

**EXPIRES**: JANUARY 31, 2024

RENEWALS: FOUR (4) ONE (1) YEAR RENEWALS REMAINING FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2024 TO JANUARY 31, 2028

**COMMODITY CODE(S)**: 95253

**LIVING WAGE:** N

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

AGREEMENT No. 22-CPHD-RFP-499

#### **EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT:**

NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE SHALL RECEIVE ANY SHARE OR BENEFIT OF THIS CONTRACT NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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#### PURCHASING DIVISION AUTHORIZATION

Kaylin Schreiber Title: Procurement Officer Date: 11/21/2022



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

#### AGREEMENT NO. 22-CPHD-RFP-499

THIS AGREEMENT is made, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, BU-GATA, 4324 4<sup>th</sup> Street N., Arlington, Virginia 22201 ("Contractor"), a Virginia nonstock corporation 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

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 tenant outreach services. 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 February 1, 2023 and must be completed no later than January 31, 2024 ("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 (4) additional 12-month periods, from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2028 (each a "Subsequent Contract Term"). The Initial Contract Term and any Subsequent Contract Term(s) are together the "Contract Term".

#### 5. CONTRACT AMOUNT

This is a fixed-price contract. The Contractor agrees that the total payment for the Work will not exceed \$150,000 per year, regardless of the number of hours spent in the performance of the Work.

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.

#### 6. PAYMENT

If the County makes a partial payment, it will retain 5% of the estimate upon which the partial payment is based until completion and final acceptance of the Work.

#### 7. 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.

#### 8. 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.

#### 9. 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.

#### 10. 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.

#### 11. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES/NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF CONTRACTOR

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

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

#### 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. COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR CONTRACTORS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the County has taken various steps to protect the welfare, health, safety, and comfort of the workforce and public at large. As part of these steps, the County has implemented various requirements with respect to health and safety including policies with respect to social distancing, the use of face-coverings and vaccine mandates. To protect the County's workforce and the public at large, all employees and subcontractors of the Contractor who are assigned to this Contract, should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Any contractor employee or subcontractor who is not fully vaccinated should be following a weekly testing protocol as established by the Contractor, unless exempt pursuant to a valid reasonable accommodation under state or federal law.

#### 19. **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. <u>Termination for Unsatisfactory Performance</u>. If the County determines that the Contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily, then the County will give the Contractor written notice of such failure(s) and the opportunity to cure them within 15 days or any other period specified by the County ("Cure Period"). If the Contractor fails to cure within the Cure Period, the County may terminate the Contract for failure to provide satisfactory performance by

providing written notice with a termination date. The Contractor must submit any request for termination costs, with all supporting documentation, to the County Project Officer within 30 days after the expiration of the Cure Period. The County may accept or reject the request for termination costs, in whole or in part, and may notify the Contractor of its decision within a reasonable time.

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

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

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

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

#### B. 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.

#### 20. INDEMNIFICATION

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.

#### 21. 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.

#### 22. 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.

#### 23. 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.

#### 24. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

#### 25. 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.

#### 26. 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.

#### 27. 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.

#### 28. 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.

#### 29. 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.

#### 30. 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.

#### 31. REPORT STANDARDS

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

Whenever possible, reports must avoid unnecessary attachments or documents or superfluous use of paper (e.g. separate title sheets or chapter dividers)

#### 32. 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.

#### 33. 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.

#### 34. AMENDMENTS

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

#### 35. 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.

#### **36. 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.

#### 37. 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.

#### 38. ARBITRATION

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

#### 39. 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.

#### 40. 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.

#### 41. 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.

#### 42. 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.

#### 43. 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 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

#### 44. 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.

#### 45. 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.

#### 46. 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:

Saul Reyes, Executive Director BU-GATA 4324 4<sup>th</sup> Street N. Arlington, Virginia 22203 Phone: (703) 465-5570

Email: saul.reyes@bu-gata.org

#### TO THE COUNTY:

Rolda Nedd, Project Officer Arlington County, Virginia 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500 Arlington, Virginia 22201

Phone: (703) 228-3823 Email: rnedd@arlingtonva.us

#### 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

#### 47. 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 <a href="mailto:business@arlingtonva.us">business@arlingtonva.us</a>.

#### 48. NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

#### 49. LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

The Contractor must comply with Executive Order 13166, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and make reasonable efforts to ensure that as part of the services that it provides, adequate communication services, including interpretation and translation, are available to persons who have limited English proficiency. If such services are not included in the Contract's scope of services and pricing, the Contractor will use a County-contracted service provider, and the County will make arrangements with a County-contracted service provider and pay the fees.

#### 50. ADA COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

#### 51. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

- a. <u>Workers Compensation</u> Virginia statutory workers compensation (W/C) coverage, including Virginia benefits and employer's liability with limits of \$500,000/500,000/500,000. The County will not accept W/C coverage issued by the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund, Towson, MD.
- b. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with \$2,000,000 annual aggregate covering all premises and operations and including personal injury, completed operations, contractual liability, independent contractors, and products liability. The general aggregate limit must apply to this Contract. Evidence of contractual liability coverage must be typed on the certificate.
- c. <u>Business Automobile Liability</u> \$1,000,000 combined single-limit (owned, non-owned and hired).
- d. <u>Additional Insured</u> The County and its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees and agents must be listed as additional insureds on all policies except workers compensation and automotive and professional liability; and the additional insured endorsement must be typed on the certificate.
- e. <u>Cancellation</u> If there is a material change or reduction in or cancellation of any of the above coverages during the Contract Term, the Contractor must notify the Purchasing Agent immediately and must, with no lapse in coverage, obtain replacement coverage that is consistent with the terms of this Contract. Not having the required insurance throughout the Contract Term is grounds for termination of the Contract.
- f. <u>Claims-Made Coverage</u> Any "claims made" policy must remain in force, or the Contractor must obtain an extended reporting endorsement, until the applicable statute of limitations for any claims has expired.
- 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.

#### **52. 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	BU-GATA
AUTHORIZED Laylin Suriber SIGNATURE: 2513E5002A3A4DE	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:  DocuSigned by:  12DF899FBFCB450
NAME: Kaylin Schreiber	NAME:
TITLE: Procurement Officer	TITLE: _Executive Director
DATE:	DATE:

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Contractor shall provide support in the following service areas: tenant outreach, housing counseling, eviction prevention, relocation assistance and general renter education services.

The County's goal is for the Contractor to deliver services that will help maintain and further develop an informed renter community that is knowledgeable and empowered to exercise their rights and understand their role in maintaining housing stability. The Contractor shall meet or exceed the minimum Performance and Outcome Measures included as Attachment A to this Scope of Services.

The Contractor must meet quarterly with Department of Human Services (DHS) and Community Planning and Housing Department (CPHD) representatives to provide updates and collaborate on the following key services:

#### I. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

The Contractor shall conduct outreach to educate tenants regarding their rights and responsibilities under federal, state and local laws, which includes the following services:

- A. Collaborate with County staff to provide information on securing or maintaining rental units for residents, including providing one-on-one counseling for housing assistance programs, lease negotiation, budgeting for rent payments, tenant rights and responsibilities, and how to access local resources and services;
- B. Provide information on securing and/or maintaining rental housing;
- C. Provide information on specific projects involving condominium conversions, development, rehabilitation and relocation in multifamily properties, with a particular focus on low- and moderate-income tenants;
- D. Develop and distribute educational materials to tenants and landlords on <u>safe and code-compliant housing</u>;
- E. Assist tenants with the development of new tenant associations and help build the capacity of existing tenant associations;
- F. Provide education and counseling on fair housing laws; and
- G. Support County staff in developing and coordinating community events that focus on affordable housing and homeownership.

#### II. RENTAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

The Contractor shall at a minimum:

- A. Facilitate conflict resolution between tenants and landlords;
- B. Monitor and identify multifamily residential projects undergoing rehabilitation, redevelopment or condominium conversion;
- C. Collaborate with the County's relocation staff to ensure adherence with relocation guidelines;
- D. Determine displaced tenant household needs with specific reference to seniors, disabled persons, and families with school aged children;
- E. Assist displaced tenants with translation and interpretation services;
- F. Act as a housing relocator for tenants displaced as a result of sale or conversion of units;
- G. Maintain a referral list of rental complexes and services for distribution; and
- Work with relevant County and non-County agencies to provide housing and social service

referrals.

#### III. EVICTION PREVENTION

The Contractor shall consult with County departments, including but not limited to DHS, and CPHD to determine what types of services are needed to empower tenants to reduce the threat of eviction, in accordance with the Eviction Prevention Outreach included in Attachment B, including:

- A. Tenant counseling to prevent eviction;
- B. Identifying other resources to address and prevent eviction; and
- C. Making information on eviction resources readily available for persons facing eviction.

#### **STAFFING**

The Contractor must hire staff that has experience in housing counseling issues, community outreach, or relevant education. Depending on the applicant's experience or education, BU-GATA must train staff on VRLTA, Arlington County Housing policies and programs, conflict resolution, and issues related to relocation and eviction prevention.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reporting and invoicing for this Contract must include specifics on the activities carried out: the total number of clients served, number of workshops/meetings prepared and implemented, the hours of service provided, and location of workshops. Upon request by the County, the Contractor must provide information on clients served (coded to protect clients' identity).

The work conducted should include as much as possible door-to-door or direct face to-face services

## ATTACHMENT A MINIMUM PERFORMANCE AND OUTCOME MEASURES

#### **Outreach and Education**

- 1. Outcome: Renters are more knowledgeable about tenant rights and responsibilities, and processes necessary to obtain and maintain housing.
  - 100 renters will meet with BU-GATA staff one-on-one; at least 70% will have a positive outcome
  - Number of community events and workshops held in coordination with other providers with attendance of 15-20 or more participants.
  - Organize and implement at least 2 Know Your Rights workshops to provide continuing community education with an average attendance of 15-20 participants
  - Hold workshops and meetings based on need or as crisis arises in a complex, with an average attendance of 15-20 participants.
  - Develop and distribute educational materials on safe and code-compliant housing, fair housing and tenants' rights using various formats e.g., videos, print materials and make available on the organization's website.
- 2. Outcome: Formation of at least one tenant association or resident council to mediate, facilitate discussions with tenants and property managers to address tenant concerns.

Metrics

- At least three meetings held to determine tenants' interest in forming a tenant association or resident council
- Determine organization membership formation including structure, role, communications

#### **Rental Services and Relocation Assistance**

 Outcome: 100 tenants receive services including rental assistance, application approvals; 70% retain housing and remain in Arlington.

Metrics

- Number of renter "cases" handled by BU-GATA staff and list of referrals
- Number of renters that receive relocation services to alternative affordable housing
- Number of renters receiving assistance at by-right properties (identifying and applying for alternative housing)
- Number of households for whom BU-GATA successfully negotiated with rental complexes to resolve issues
- Information will be provided to 120 tenants in projects that have been announced or are in the process of being issued permits. This should include door-to-door contacts. Contact with community members must be documented and reported quarterly.

## 2. Outcome: All Displaced renters affected by by-right relocations, sales or conversions will be offered housing location assistance services.

Metrics

- Share client information (those referred to DHS) with DHS Housing Relocators to avoid duplication
- Attend relocation meetings (Tenant Landlord Commission, developer/landlord tenant meetings) depending on the need of each complex
- Tenant rights information, relocation and other resources will be provided to tenants in projects that have been announced or in the stage of permitting
- At least 70% of renters affected will remain in Arlington

#### **Eviction Prevention**

1. Outcome: Prevent households from eviction.

Metrics:

- Document the number of households that receive counseling to prevent eviction
- Identify resources such as legal and financial assistance to prevent eviction
- Prepare eviction prevention information materials and distribute to tenants receiving eviction notices
- Number of households who benefit from successful negotiations with property management to avoid eviction
- Work with County staff and service providers, such as legal aid to assist households at risk of eviction

### ATTACHMENT B EVICTION PREVENTION OUTREACH

#### BU-GATA's approach shall include three aspects:

- 1. pro-active **KYR workshops** to explain what "eviction prevention" means and what the law dictates now that COVID-19 eviction prevention measures are no longer in place
- BU-GATA shall produce "tenant friendly" information packets that shall include brochures, visually appropriate flyers, short videos, magnets. The information shall be bi-lingual, in both English and Spanish.
- a. Key issues to be addressed: (1) importance of paying rent on time, (2) importance of talking directly to the landlord, (3) importance of documenting payments, conversations with landlords, maintenance requests, etc., (4) why eviction is so costly and how it can be avoided: example: fees are often charged in addition to back rent, (5) explaining why it is important to pay attention to notices that landlords/lawyers send to tenants, (6) what are tenant rights, rent escrow, and how to resolve maintenance issues (7)summary of VRLTA issues that can affect a tenant's lease and length of tenancy (month-to-month leases, no just cause for eviction, number of people allowed to live in a unit, etc.)
- b. What to do when a tenant has an emergency or reason for not paying rent: (1) importance of being pro-active a month before rent is due not waiting until the last minute, (2) what resources are available to a tenant before an emergency kicks in
- 2. Receiving an eviction notice, 21/30 notice, or late fee notice
- a. BU-GATA shall respond to an individual case which will include a meeting/conversation with the tenant and landlord
- b. BU-GATA shall explore possibilities of accessing resources (financial emergency assistance, legal, food assistance, medical assistance, etc.), depending on a tenant's particular needs
- 3. Providing assistance when a tenant receives a notice to appear in court
- a. BU-GATA shall explain reasons a tenant must appear in court when he/she receives a notice
- b. Provide eviction prevention information, resources, and referrals to County and service providers for legal and financial assistance to prevent evictions

## EXHIBIT B CONTRACTOR PRICING

Cost Proposal: Pricing for each of the following items must be inclusive of all costs (i.e.,		
travel, overhead, etc.)		
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DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL COST (\$)	
Outreach and Education to educate tenants on their rights and responsibilities under federal, state and local laws	\$72,950.00	
Rental Services and Assistance to tenants and landlords and		
County departments	\$72,950.00	
Eviction Prevention – consult with County departments including but not limited to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development to determine what types of services are needed to empower tenants to reduce the threat of eviction	\$4,100.00	
Additional and optional services #1		
Additional and optional services #2		