

Solicitation GEN2126726Q1

Request for Qualifications: Library of Bond Underwriters

Bid Designation: Public



Broward County Board of County Commissioners

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Bid Title **Request for Qualifications: Library of Bond Underwriters**

Bid Start Date **Jul 25, 2023 2:42:01 PM EDT**
Bid End Date **Aug 15, 2023 2:00:00 PM EDT**
Question &
Answer End Date **Aug 8, 2023 5:00:00 PM EDT**

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Contract Duration **3 years**
Contract Renewal **2 annual renewals**
Prices Good for **Not Applicable**

Bid Comments **Scope of Services:**
The Finance and Administrative Services Department seeks to create a Library of Bond Underwriters to assist Broward County in the marketing and sale of bonds to meet financing requirements for Airport, Port, Water and Sewer, Convention Center/Convention Center Hotel, General Obligation, Special Obligation and all other debt.

Goal Participation:
This solicitation is open to the general marketplace. Refer to the **Special Instructions to Vendors** for additional information.

Shortlisting:
It's the County's intent to qualify (shortlist) five to ten (5 - 10) firms/underwriters for the Library of Bond Underwriters. Refer to the **Scope of Services** for additional information.

License Requirements:
In order to be considered a responsible vendor for the Scope of Services set forth in this solicitation, the Vendor must be a Registered Broker Dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). Refer to **Special Instructions to Vendors** for additional information.

Ownership Disclosure:
Broward County is collecting entity ownership information for Vendors. This is for informational purposes **only** and the data will be used for Broward County's research on possible contracting opportunity disparities. The forms will be maintained separately from all other records of this solicitation and will be accessible only by authorized personnel. The information provided will **not** be used in determining whether the Vendor will receive a contract award.

Submit the form **only** through the link provided below. Do not submit the form as part of Vendor's response in Periscope S2G.

Link to form submittal:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bK6DIlqAAk-YoYFUwLNb_QO08OimCJJIm51T-

IR0ZEJUOTk0QU1MODBBMDJTRTJBQVgyM0FMQIZQWCQIQCN0PWcu&wdLOR=cED1B08DE-1E81-4CFA-8756-295B0AF3D926

In accordance with Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not request documentation or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor or give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

Questions and Answers:

The County provides a specified time for Vendors to ask questions and seek clarification regarding the requirements of the solicitation. All questions or clarification inquiries must be submitted through Periscope S2G by the date and time referenced in the solicitation document (including any addenda). The County will respond to all questions via Periscope S2G.

Submittals: Vendor MUST submit its solicitation response electronically and MUST confirm its submittal in order for the County to receive a valid response through Periscope S2G, Supplier-to- Government. Refer to the **Purchasing Division website** or contact Periscope S2G, Supplier-to- Government for submittal instructions. It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to assure its response is submitted and received through Periscope S2G, Supplier-to-Government by the date and time specified in the solicitation. The County will not consider solicitation responses received by other means. **Vendors are encouraged to submit their responses in advance of the due date and time specified in the solicitation document. In the event that the Vendor is having difficulty submitting the solicitation document through Periscope S2G, Supplier-to-Government, immediately notify the Purchasing Agent and then contact Periscope S2G, Supplier-to- Government for technical assistance.**

**Added on Aug 4, 2023:
ADDENDUM NO. 1**

The Evaluation Criteria Response Form is replaced in its entirety (non-fillable). Please submit responses in a non-locked file format and upload responses in Periscope S2G, under line one.

**Added on Aug 4, 2023:
ADDENDUM NO. 2**

The Evaluation Criteria Response Form is replaced in its entirety (reformatted, no content change).

Addendum # 1

New Documents	Evaluation Criteria, GEN2126726Q1, Library of Bond Underwriters.pdf		
Removed Documents	Evaluation Criteria Response Form, GEN2126726Q1.pdf		
Previous Q & A End Date	Aug 4, 2023 5:00:00 PM EDT	New Q & A End Date	Aug 8, 2023 5:00:00 PM EDT

Addendum # 2

New Documents	Evaluation Criteria, GEN2126726Q1, Library of Bond Underwriters.pdf		
Removed Documents	Evaluation Criteria, GEN2126726Q1, Library of Bond Underwriters.pdf		

Item Response Form

Item **GEN2126726Q1--01-01 - Library of Bond Underwriters**
Quantity **1 contract**
Prices are not requested for this item.
Delivery Location **Broward County Board of County Commissioners**
FA0001
FINANCE & ADMIN SERVICES DEPT

RM 513 TEL(954)357-7130
115 S ANDREWS AVENUE RM 513
FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33301
Qty 1

Description

Library of Bond Underwriters, per Scope of Services.

Price is **not** a matter of responsiveness and will **not** be considered in the evaluation and rating of the qualified firms. At the time of selection from the established library, the vendor's price for each transaction will be negotiated. Firm(s) will be selected from the established library as deemed in the County's best interest, refer to the Scope of Services for additional information on the selection process.

Scope of Services

Library of Bond Underwriters

The underwriters selected through this solicitation will assist the County in the marketing and sale of bonds to meet financing requirements for Airport, Port, Water and Sewer, Convention Center/Convention Center Hotel, General Obligation, Special Obligation, and all other debt.

It is the County's intent to establish a library of underwriters to fulfill the roles of Senior and Co-Manager for negotiated bond financings for a five-year period. In addition, the firms selected for the library may be asked to provide advice and recommendations to the County on related issues and assist the County in investor relations activities.

It is the County's intent to establish a library of five to ten (5 – 10) qualified bond underwriters. Vendors will be evaluated and selected to be included in the library as per the **Evaluation Criteria**.

After the establishment the library, recommendation(s) for firm assignments will be made on a qualification basis at the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer. Qualifications considered in underwriter assignments include firm experience by credit type, quality of proposals submitted for each transaction, retail sales approach, creative approach to the financing to keep costs to a minimum, underwriter fees and charges, and financing team.

Firm(s) will be selected from the library as deemed in the County's best interest.

- a. At the time of each transaction, a questionnaire will be sent to the library and reviewed by the County.
- b. The Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, in conjunction with the Financial Advisor, will review the responses and make the final recommendation based on a qualitative assessment process (no scoring).
- c. A negotiated Bond Purchase Agreement between each recommended firm and the County will be done for each transaction.
- d. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to the total quantity of individual transactions to be performed under the library. The County reserves the right to issue individual transactions as and when required.

It is the intent of the County to obtain sound, independent and objective advice. Therefore, all Selected Bond Underwriter(s) will be precluded from participating in the County's Financial Advisory Services Library. The County reserves the right to select the firm(s) in the best interest of the County.

The selection of underwriters' counsel shall be at the discretion of the senior managing underwriter. However, it is the policy of Broward County that outside legal counsel that represent Broward County may not be utilized as underwriters' counsel. Broward County Administrative Code Section 18.88 – Conflicts of Interest Policy for Outside Legal Counsel can be accessed through the following link:

https://library.municode.com/fl/broward_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=CH18OPPOBOCOCO PTIVBOPOOT 18.88COINPOOULECO

Standard Instructions to Vendors - Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Letters of Interest

Vendors are instructed to read and follow the instructions carefully, as any misinterpretation or failure to comply with instructions may lead to a Vendor's submittal being rejected.

Vendor **MUST** submit its solicitation response electronically and **MUST** confirm its submittal in Periscope S2G for the response to be deemed valid by the County. Refer to the [Purchasing Division website](#) or contact Periscope S2G for submittal instructions.

A. Responsiveness Criteria:

A Responsive (Vendor) means a vendor who submits a response to a solicitation that the Director of Purchasing determines meets all requirements of the solicitation.

The required information and applicable forms must be submitted with solicitation response, electronically through Periscope SG2 by the solicitation's due date and time. Failure to timely submit may result in Vendor being deemed non-responsive. The County reserves the right to waive minor technicalities or irregularities as is in the best interest of the County in accordance with Section 21.37(b) of the Broward County Procurement Code.

Below are standard responsiveness criteria; refer to **Special Instructions to Vendors** for Additional Responsiveness Criteria requirement(s).

1. Lobbyist Registration Requirement Certification

Refer to **Lobbyist Registration Requirement Certification Form**. The completed form should be submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted within solicitation response, it must be submitted within three business days of County's written request. Failure to timely submit may result in Vendor being deemed non-responsive.

2. Criminal History Screening Practices Certification

Refer to **Criminal History Screening Practices Certification Form**. The completed form should be submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted within solicitation response, it must be submitted within three business days of County's written request. Failure to timely submit may result in Vendor being deemed non-responsive.

3. Addenda

The County reserves the right to amend this solicitation prior to the due date and time specified in the solicitation. Any change(s) to this solicitation will be conveyed through the written addenda process. Only written addenda will be binding. Vendor must follow the instructions carefully and submit the required information and applicable forms, or acknowledge addendum, electronically through Periscope S2G. It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to monitor the solicitation for any changing information, prior to submitting their solicitation response.

B. Responsibility Criteria:

A Responsible (Vendor) means a vendor who is determined to have the capability in all respects to perform fully the requirements of a solicitation, as well as the integrity and reliability that will ensure good faith performance.

When making determinations of responsibility, the Director of Purchasing or the Evaluation Committee (as applicable) may request additional information from any vendor on matters that may affect a vendor's responsibility. The failure of a vendor to provide information requested by the County may result in a determination of non-responsibility. In addition, a vendor may submit information regarding its responsibility; provided, however, that such information shall not be considered if it contradicts or materially alters the information provided by the vendor in its original response to the solicitation.

Failure to provide any of this required information and in the manner required may result in a recommendation by the Director of Purchasing that the Vendor is non-responsible.

Below are standard responsibility criteria; refer to **Special Instructions to Vendors** for Additional Responsibility Criteria requirement(s).

1. **Litigation History**

- a. All Vendors are required to disclose to the County all “material” cases filed, pending, or resolved during the last three (3) years prior to the solicitation response due date, whether such cases were brought by or against the Vendor, any parent or subsidiary of the Vendor, or any predecessor organization. Additionally, all Vendors are required to disclose to the County all “material” cases filed, pending, or resolved against any principal of Vendor, regardless of whether the principal was associated with Vendor at the time of the “material” cases against the principal, during the last three (3) years prior to the solicitation response.

A case is considered to be “material” if it relates, in whole or in part, to any of the following:

- i. A similar type of work that the vendor is seeking to perform for the County under the current solicitation;
 - ii. An allegation of fraud, negligence, error or omissions, or malpractice against the vendor or any of its principals or agents who would be performing work under the current solicitation;
 - iii. A vendor’s default, termination, suspension, failure to perform, or improper performance in connection with any contract;
 - iv. The financial condition of the vendor, including any bankruptcy petition (voluntary and involuntary) or receivership; or
 - v. A criminal proceeding or hearing concerning business-related offenses in which the vendor or its principals (including officers) were/are defendants.
- b. For each material case, the Vendor is required to provide all information identified in the **Litigation History**. Additionally, the Vendor shall provide a copy of any judgment or settlement of any material case during the last three (3) years prior to the solicitation response. Redactions of any confidential portions of the settlement agreement are only permitted upon a certification by the Vendor that all redactions are required under the express terms of a pre-existing confidentiality agreement or provision.
 - c. The County will consider a Vendor’s litigation history information in its review and determination of responsibility.
 - d. If the Vendor is a joint venture, the information provided should encompass the joint venture and each of the entities forming the joint venture.
 - e. A vendor is required to disclose to the County any and all cases(s) that exist between the County and any of the Vendor’s subcontractors/subconsultants proposed to work on this project during the last five (5) years prior to the solicitation response.
 - f. Failure to disclose any material case, including all requested information in connection with each such case, as well as failure to disclose the Vendor’s subcontractors/subconsultants litigation history against the County, may result in the Vendor being deemed non-responsive.

2. **Financial Information**

- a. All Vendors are required to submit the Vendor’s financial statements by the due date and time specified in the solicitation, in order to demonstrate the Vendor’s financial capabilities. If not submitted with solicitation response, it must be submitted within three business days of County’s written request.
- b. Each Vendor shall submit its most recent two years of financial statements for review. The financial statements are not required to be audited financial statements. The annual financial statements shall be in the form of:

- i. Balance sheets, income statements and annual reports; or
- ii. Tax returns; or
- iii. SEC filings.

If tax returns are submitted, ensure it does not include any personal information (as defined under Section 501.171, Florida Statutes), such as social security numbers, bank account or credit card numbers, or any personal pin numbers. If any personal information data is part of financial statements, redact information prior to submitting a response the County.

- c. If a Vendor has been in business for less than the number of years of required financial statements, then the Vendor must disclose all years that the Vendor has been in business, including any partial year-to-date financial statements.
- d. The County may consider the unavailability of the most recent year's financial statements and whether the Vendor acted in good faith in disclosing the financial documents in its evaluation.
- e. Any claim of confidentiality on financial statements should be asserted at the time of submittal. Refer to Standard Instructions to Vendors, Confidential Material/Public Records and Exemptions for instructions on submitting confidential financial statements. The Vendor's failure to provide the information as instructed may lead to the information becoming public.
- f. Although the review of a Vendor's financial information is an issue of responsibility, the failure to either provide the financial documentation or correctly assert a confidentiality

claim pursuant the Florida Public Records Law and the solicitation requirements (Confidential Material/ Public Records and Exemptions section) may result in a recommendation of non-responsiveness by the Director of Purchasing.

3. **Authority to Conduct Business in Florida**

- a. A Vendor must have the authority to transact business in the State of Florida and be in good standing with the Florida Secretary of State. For further information, contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.
- b. The County will review the Vendor's business status based on the information submitted with the solicitation response.
- c. It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to comply with all state and local business requirements.
- d. Vendor should list its active Florida Department of State Division of Corporations Document Number (or Registration No. for fictitious names) in the **Vendor Questionnaire**, Question No. 10.
- e. If a Vendor is an out-of-state or foreign corporation or partnership, the Vendor must obtain the authority to transact business in the State of Florida or show evidence of application for the authority to transact business in the State of Florida, upon request of the County.
- f. A Vendor that is not in good standing with the Florida Secretary of State at the time of a submission to this solicitation may be deemed non-responsible.
- g. If successful in obtaining a contract award under this solicitation, the Vendor must remain in good standing throughout the contractual period of performance.

4. **Affiliated Entities of the Principal(s)**

- a. All Vendors are required to disclose the names of "affiliated entities" of the Vendor's principal(s) over the last five (5) years (from the solicitation opening deadline) that have acted as a prime Vendor with the County. The Vendor is required to provide all information required on the **Affiliated Entities of the Principal(s) Certification** form.

- b. The County will review all affiliated entities of the Vendor's principal(s) for contract performance evaluations and the compliance history with the County's Small Business Program, including CBE, DBE and SBE goal attainment requirements. "Affiliated entities" of the principal(s) are those entities related to the Vendor by the sharing of stock or other means of control, including but not limited to a subsidiary, parent or sibling entity.
- c. The County will consider the contract performance evaluations and the compliance history of the affiliated entities of the Vendor's principals in its review and determination of responsibility.

5. Insurance Requirements

The **Insurance Requirement Form** reflects the insurance requirements deemed necessary for this project. While it is not necessary to have this level of insurance in effect at the time of solicitation response, all Vendors are required to either submit insurance certificates indicating that the Vendor currently carries the level insurance coverages or submit a letter from the insurance carrier indicating Vendor can obtain the required insurance coverages.

C. Additional Information and Certifications

The following forms and supporting information (if applicable) should be completed and submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted with solicitation response, it must be submitted within three business days of County's written request. Failure to timely submit may affect Vendor's evaluation.

1. Vendor Questionnaire and Standard Certifications

Vendors are required to submit detailed information on their firm and certify to the below requirements. Refer to the **Vendor Questionnaire and Standard Certification** and submit as instructed.

- a. Drug-Free Workplace Certification
- b. Non-Collusion Certification
- c. Public Entities Crimes Certification
- d. Scrutinized Companies List Certification

2. Subcontractors/Subconsultants/Suppliers Requirement

If the Subcontractors/Subconsultants/Suppliers Information Form is included in the solicitation, the Vendor shall submit a listing of all subcontractors, subconsultants, and major material suppliers, if any, and the portion of the contract they will perform. Vendors must follow the instructions included on the **Subcontractors/Subconsultants/Suppliers Information Requirement** form and submit as instructed.

D. Standard Agreement Language Requirements

The acceptance of or any exceptions taken to the terms and conditions of the County's Agreement shall be considered a part of a Vendor's solicitation response and will be considered by the Evaluation Committee.

- 1. The applicable Agreement terms and conditions for this solicitation are indicated in the **Special Instructions to Vendors**.
- 2. Vendors are required to review the applicable terms and conditions and submit the **Agreement Exception Form**. The completed form should be submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted with solicitation response, it shall be deemed an affirmation by the Vendor that it accepts the contract terms and conditions stated in the solicitation.
 - b. If exceptions are taken, the Vendor must specifically identify each term and condition with which it is taking an exception. Any exception not specifically listed is deemed waived. Simply identifying a section or article number is not sufficient to state an exception. Provide either a redlined version of

the specific change(s) or specific proposed alternative language. Additionally, a brief justification specifically addressing each provision to which an exception

is taken should be provided.

- c. Submission of any exceptions to the Agreement does not denote acceptance by the County. Furthermore, taking exceptions to the County's terms and conditions may be viewed unfavorably by the Evaluation Committee and ultimately may impact the overall evaluation of a Vendor's submittal.

E. Cone of Silence

1. The Board of County Commissioners updated provisions of the Cone of Silence Ordinance, Section 1-266, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, effective as of April 1, 2022.
2. The County's Cone of Silence Ordinance prohibits all communications, oral or written, relating to a competitive solicitation among vendors/vendor representatives, County Staff, and Commissioner Offices while the Cone is in effect. Communications with Purchasing Division employees, the solicitation's designated Project Manager(s) or designee(s), the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) Small Business Development Specialist Supervisor (954) 357-6400, and others as specifically identified in the Cone of Silence Ordinance are permitted. Additionally, communication is permitted at pre-bid conferences and negotiation meetings, as applicable.
3. The Cone of Silence begins upon the advertisement of an ITB, RFP, RFQ, or RLI. The Cone of Silence terminates when the solicitation is awarded, all responses are rejected, or the Board takes other action which ends the solicitation.
4. Any violations of the Code of Silence Ordinance by any vendor/vendor representative, may be reported to the County's Professional Standards/Human Rights Section. If the County's Professional Standards/Human Rights Section determines that a violation has occurred, a fine shall be imposed as provided in the Broward County Code of Ordinances. At the sole discretion of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, a violation may void an award of the applicable competitive solicitation.
5. Review the Cone of Silence Ordinance, [Section 1-266](#) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, for more detailed information.

F. Evaluation Criteria

1. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate Vendors as per the **Evaluation Criteria**. The County reserves the right to obtain additional information from a Vendor.
2. Unless the Evaluation Criteria is identified in the solicitation as an Additional Responsiveness or Responsibility Requirement (i.e., Special Instructions to Vendors, e.g., pricing, certifications, etc.), a Vendor's failure to respond to evaluation criteria will not be considered a matter of responsiveness or responsibility. Vendors that fail to submit any information and/or documentation required by an evaluation criteria will not be evaluated or scored for the corresponding evaluation criteria.
3. The County is not required to request, consider, or analyze Vendor's Evaluation Criteria responses received after the solicitation response due date; however, the County reserves the right to obtain clarifying information from a Vendor in writing for the Evaluation Committee.
4. For Request for Proposals - the following shall apply:
 - a. The Director of Purchasing may recommend to the Evaluation Committee to short list the most qualified firms prior to the Final Evaluation.
 - b. The Evaluation Criteria identifies points available; a total of 100 points is available.

- c. If the Evaluation Criteria includes a request for pricing, the total points awarded for price is determined by applying the following formula:
$$\frac{(\text{Lowest Proposed Price/Vendor's Price}) \times (\text{Maximum Number of Points for Price})}{1} = \text{Price Score}$$
 - d. After completion of scoring, the County may negotiate pricing as in its best interest.
5. For Requests for Letters of Interest or Request for Qualifications - the following shall apply:
- a. The Evaluation Committee will create a short list of the most qualified firms.
 - b. The Evaluation Committee will either:
 - i. Rank shortlisted firms; or
 - ii. If the solicitation is part of a two-step procurement, shortlisted firms will be requested to submit a response to the Step Two procurement.

G. Demonstrations

Refer to **Special Instructions to Vendors** if Demonstrations are applicable. Vendors determined to be both responsive and responsible to the requirements of the solicitation and/or shortlisted (if applicable), will be required to demonstrate the nature of their offered solution. After receipt of solicitation responses, all Vendors will receive a description of, and arrangements for, the desired demonstration. All Vendors will have equal time for demonstrations, but the question-and-answer time may vary.

In accordance with Section 286.0113, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to the direction of the Broward County Board of Commissioners, demonstrations are closed to only the Vendor's team and County staff.

H. Presentations

Vendors that are determined to be both responsive and responsible to the requirements of the solicitation and/or shortlisted (if applicable) will have an opportunity to make an oral presentation to the Evaluation Committee on the Vendor's approach to this project and the Vendor's ability to perform. The committee may provide a list of subject matter for the discussion. All Vendor's will have equal time to present but the question-and-answer time may vary.

In accordance with Section 286.0113 of the Florida Statutes, and the direction of the Broward County Board of Commissioners, presentations during Evaluation Committee Meetings are closed. Only the Evaluation Committee members, County staff and the vendor and their team scheduled for that presentation will be present in the meeting during the presentation and subsequent question and answer period. Subconsultants partnering with multiple prime vendors may only be present during one presentation/question and answer session.

I. Public Art and Design Program

If indicated in Special Instructions to Vendors, Public Art and Design Program, Section 1-88, Broward County Code of Ordinances, applies to this project. It is the intent of the County to functionally integrate art, when applicable, into capital projects and integrate artists' design concepts into this improvement project. The Vendor may be required to collaborate with the artist(s) on design development within the scope of this request. Artist(s) shall be selected by

Broward County through an independent process. For additional information, contact the Broward County Cultural Division.

J. Evaluation Committee Meetings

Evaluation Committee Meetings are posted on Broward County's [Sunshine Meetings](#) website.

K. Committee Appointment

The committee members appointed for this solicitation are available on the Purchasing Division's website under [Committee Appointment](#).

L. Committee Questions, Request for Clarifications, Additional Information

1. At any committee meeting, the Evaluation Committee members may ask questions, request clarification, or require additional information of any Vendor's submittal or proposal. It is highly recommended Vendors attend to answer any committee questions (if requested), including a Vendor representative that has the authority to bind.
2. Vendor's answers may impact evaluation (and scoring, if applicable). Upon written request to the Purchasing Agent prior to the meeting, a conference call number will be made available for Vendor participation via teleconference. Only Vendors that are found to be both responsive and responsible to the requirements of the solicitation and/or shortlisted (if applicable) are requested to participate in a final (or presentation) Evaluation Committee meeting.

M. Vendor Questions

The County provides a specified time for Vendors to ask questions and seek clarification regarding solicitation requirements. All questions or clarification inquiries must be submitted electronically through Periscope S2G by the Question & Answer due date and time specified in the solicitation document (including any addenda). The County will respond to questions electronically through Periscope S2G.

N. Confidential Material/ Public Records and Exemptions

1. Broward County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Upon receipt, all submittals become "public records" and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Submittals may be posted on the County's public website or included in a public records request response unless there is a declaration of "confidentiality" pursuant to the public records law and in accordance with the procedures in this section.
2. Any confidential material(s) the Vendor asserts is exempt from public disclosure under Florida Statutes must be labeled as "Confidential" and marked with the specific statute and subsection asserting exemption from Public Records. Electronic media, including flash drives, must also comply with this requirement and separate any files claimed to be confidential.
3. To submit confidential material, at least one copy (in print or electronic format) must be submitted in a sealed envelope, labeled "Confidential Matter" with the solicitation number, title, date and the time of solicitation opening to:

Broward County Purchasing Division 115
South Andrews Avenue, Room 212 Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33301

4. Any materials that the Vendor claims to be confidential and exempt from public records must be marked and separated from the submittal. If the Vendor does not comply with these instructions, the Vendor's claim for confidentiality will be deemed as waived.
5. Submitting confidential material may impact full discussion of your submittal by the Evaluation Committee because the Committee will be unable to discuss the details contained in the documents cloaked as confidential at the publicly noticed Committee meeting.

O. Copyrighted Materials

Copyrighted material is not exempt from the Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Submission of copyrighted material in response to any solicitation will constitute a license and permission for the County to use, reproduce, and publish (including both hard copy and electronic copies) as reasonably necessary for the evaluation of the solicitation response by County staff and agents, as well as to make the materials available for inspection or production pursuant to Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

P. State and Local Preferences

If the solicitation involves a federally funded project where the fund requirements prohibit the use of state and/or local preferences, such preferences contained in the Local Preference Ordinance and Broward County Procurement Code will not be applied in the procurement process.

Q. Local Preference

The following local preference provisions shall apply except where otherwise prohibited by federal or state law or other funding source restrictions.

For all competitive solicitations in which objective factors used to evaluate the responses from vendors are assigned point totals:

- a. Five percent (5%) of the available points (for example, five points of a total 100 points) shall be awarded to each locally based business and to each joint venture composed solely of locally based businesses, as applicable;
- b. Three percent (3%) of the available points shall be awarded to each locally based subsidiary and to each joint venture that is composed solely of locally based subsidiaries, as applicable; and
- c. For any other joint venture, points shall be awarded based upon the respective proportion of locally based businesses and locally based subsidiaries' equity interests in the joint venture.

If, upon the completion of final rankings (technical and price combined, if applicable) by the Evaluation Committee, a nonlocal vendor is the highest ranked vendor and one or more Local Businesses (as defined by Section 1-74 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances) are within five percent (5%) of the total points obtained by the nonlocal vendor, the highest ranked Local Business shall be deemed to be the highest ranked vendor overall, and the County shall

proceed to negotiations with that vendor. If impasse is reached, the County shall next proceed to negotiations with the next highest ranked Local Business that was within five percent (5%) of the total points obtained by the nonlocal vendor, if any.

Refer to Section 1-75 of the Broward County Local Preference Ordinance and the **Location Certification Form** for further information.

R. Tiebreaker Criteria

In accordance with Section 21.42(d) of the Broward County Procurement Code, the tiebreaker criteria shall be applied based upon the information provided in the Vendor's response to the solicitation.

In order to receive credit for any tiebreaker criterion, complete and accurate information must be contained in the Vendor's submittal.

1. Location Certification Form;
2. Domestic Partnership Act Certification;
3. Tiebreaker Criteria Form: Volume of Payments Over Five Years

S. Posting of Solicitation Results and Recommendations

The Broward County Purchasing Division's website is the location for the County's posting of all solicitations and recommendation for award and recommendation of rankings. It is the obligation of each Vendor to monitor the website in order to obtain complete and timely information.

T. Review and Evaluation of Responses

An Evaluation Committee is responsible for recommending the most qualified Vendor(s). The process for this procurement may proceed in the following manner:

1. The Purchasing Division delivers the solicitation submittals to agency staff for summarization for the committee members. Agency staff prepares a report, including a matrix of responses submitted by the Vendors. This may include a technical review, if applicable. If a demonstration is required, County will appoint a Technical Review Team ("TRT") to view all Vendor demonstrations. The TRT will be comprised of County staff with specific subject matter expertise. The TRT will review all Vendor demonstrations for compliance with the Demonstration Script. The Project Manager will compile the results of each Vendor's demonstration into a final TRT Report. The TRT Report will be distributed to the Evaluation Committee members prior to the Final Evaluation Meeting.

2. A solicitation may only be awarded to a vendor whose submission is responsive to the requirements of the solicitation. The Director of Purchasing shall determine whether submissions are responsive. For solicitations in which an Evaluation Committee has been appointed, the Director of Purchasing's determination regarding responsiveness is not binding on the Evaluation Committee, which may accept or reject such determination but must state with specificity the basis for any rejection thereof.
3. The Evaluation Committee, with assistance of the Purchasing Division and based on information provided by the applicable County Agencies and the Office of the County

Attorney, shall determine whether vendors who have submitted responsive submissions are responsible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the awarding authority for a solicitation shall have the ultimate authority to determine whether vendors who have submitted responsive submissions are responsible. When making determinations of responsibility, the Director of Purchasing or the Evaluation Committee (as applicable) may request additional information from any vendor on matters that may affect a vendor's responsibility. The failure of a vendor to provide information requested by the County may result in a determination of non-responsibility. In addition, a vendor may submit information regarding its responsibility; provided, however, that such information shall not be considered if it contradicts or materially alters the information provided by the vendor in its original response to the solicitation.

U. Vendor Protest

Part X of the Broward County Procurement Code sets forth procedural requirements that apply if a Vendor intends to protest a solicitation or proposed award of a contract and states in part the following:

1. Any written protest concerning the specifications or requirements of a solicitation (or of any addenda thereto) must be received by the Director of Purchasing within five (5) business days after the applicable solicitation (or addenda) is posted on the Purchasing Division's website.
2. Any written protest concerning a proposed award or ranking must be received by the Director of Purchasing within five (5) business days after the proposed award or ranking is posted on the Purchasing Division's website.
3. Calculation of Days. Unless otherwise expressly stated, all references to "days" mean calendar days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding days that are County holidays. All references to "business days" mean Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding days that are County holidays. In calculating time periods, the day of the event that triggers the time period shall be excluded from the calculation (for example, objections to a ranking must be filed within three (3) business days after the ranking is posted, so an objection to a ranking posted on a Monday must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday). Failure to file a written protest so that it is received by the Director of Purchasing within the timeframes set forth in Part X of the Broward County Procurement Code shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest. A protest submitted to anyone other than the Director of Purchasing shall not be a valid protest.
4. Except as to any protest of the specifications or requirements of a solicitation, as a condition of initiating any protest, the protestor must, concurrently with filing the protest, pay a filing fee for the purpose of defraying the costs in administering the protest in accordance with the scheduled provided below. The filing fee shall be refunded if the protestor prevails in the protest. Failure to timely pay the required filing fee shall render the protest invalid.

<u>Estimated Contract Amount</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>
Mandatory Bid Amount up to \$250,000	\$500
\$250,000 - \$500,00	\$1,000
\$500,001 - \$5 million	\$3,000
Over \$5 million	\$5,000

The estimated contract amount shall be the total bid amount offered by the protesting vendor in its response to the solicitation, inclusive of any contract renewals or extensions. If no bid amount was submitted by the protestor, the estimated contract amount shall be the County's estimated contract price for the procurement. The County will accept a filing fee in the of a money order, certified check, or cashier's check, payable to "Broward County," or other manner of payment approved by the Director of Purchasing.

V. Right To Appeal

The protestor may appeal the Director of Purchasing's denial of the protest with respect to the proposed award of a solicitation in accordance with Part XII of the Broward County Procurement Code. Decisions by the Director of Purchasing with respect to the specifications or requirements of a solicitation may only be appealed to the County Administrator or their designee, who shall determine the method, timing, and process of the appeal and whose decision shall be final.

1. The appeal must be received by the Director of Purchasing within ten (10) days after the date of the determination being appealed.
2. The appeal must be accompanied by an appeal bond by a Vendor having standing to protest and must comply with all other requirements of Part XII of the Broward County Procurement Code.
3. Except as otherwise provided by law, the filing of an appeal is an administrative remedy that must be exhausted prior to the filing of any civil action against the County concerning any subject matter that, had an appeal been filed, could have been addressed as part of the appeal.

W. Rejection of Responses

The Director of Purchasing may reject all responses to a solicitation, even when only one response is received, if the Director of Purchasing determines that doing so would be in the best interest of the County; provided, however, that only the Board may reject all responses to a solicitation where the issuance of the solicitation was approved by the Board.

X. Negotiations

Once a ranking is deemed final, the County shall commence contract negotiations with the top-ranked vendor (or, if provided in the solicitation, with multiple top-ranked vendors simultaneously). If the negotiation does not result in mutually satisfactory contract terms within a reasonable time, as determined by the Director of Purchasing, then the Director of Purchasing may terminate negotiations with the applicable vendor and commence (or continue, if the solicitation provided for negotiation with multiple top-ranked vendors) negotiations with the next- ranked vendor(s) or issue a new solicitation, as the Director of Purchasing determines to be in the best interest of the County.

Y. Submittal Instructions:

1. Broward County does not require any personal information (as defined under Section 501.171, Florida Statutes), such as social security numbers, driver license numbers, passport, military ID, bank account or credit card numbers, or any personal pin numbers, in order to submit a response for ANY Broward County solicitation. DO NOT INCLUDE any personal information data in any document submitted to the County. If any

personal information data is part of a submittal, this information must be redacted prior to submitting a response to the County.

2. Vendor MUST submit its solicitation response electronically through Periscope S2G and MUST confirm its solicitation response in order for the County to receive a valid response through Periscope S2G. It is the Vendor's sole responsibility to assure its response is submitted and received through Periscope S2G by the date and time specified in the solicitation.
3. The County will not consider solicitation responses received by other means. Vendors are encouraged to submit their responses in advance of the due date and the time specified in the solicitation. In the event that the Vendor is having difficulty submitting the solicitation response

electronically through Periscope S2G, immediately notify the Purchasing Agent and then contact Periscope S2G for technical assistance.

4. Vendor must view, submit, and/or accept each of the documents in Periscope S2G. Web-fillable forms can be filled out and submitted through Periscope S2G.
5. After all documents are viewed, submitted, and/or accepted in Periscope S2G, the Vendor must upload additional information requested by the solicitation (i.e. Evaluation Criteria and Financial Statements) in the Item Response Form in Periscope S2G, under line one (regardless if pricing requested). Evaluation Criteria responses should be non-locked file format.
6. If the Vendor is declaring any material confidential and exempt from Public Records, refer to Confidential Material/ Public Records and Exemptions for instructions on submitting confidential material.
7. After all files are uploaded, Vendor must submit and CONFIRM its offer (by entering password) for offer to be received electronically through Periscope S2G.
8. If a solicitation requires an original Proposal Bond (per Special Instructions to Vendors), Vendor must submit in a sealed envelope, labeled with the solicitation number, title, date and the time of solicitation opening to:

Broward County Purchasing Division 115
South Andrews Avenue, Room 212 Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33301

9. A copy of the Proposal Bond should also be uploaded into Periscope S2G; this does not replace the requirement to have an original proposal bond. Vendors must submit the original Proposal Bond, by the due date and time specified in the solicitation.

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Vendors are instructed to read and follow the instructions carefully. Any misinterpretation or failure to comply with instructions may lead to a Vendor's submittal being rejected as nonresponsive.

A. Additional Responsiveness Criteria:

In addition to the requirements set forth in the **Standard Instructions to Vendors**, the following criteria shall also be evaluated in determining responsiveness:

1. Domestic Partnership Act Requirement(s):

The requirements of the Domestic Partnership Act apply to this solicitation. Vendors **must** follow the instructions included in the **Domestic Partnership Act Certification (Requirement and Tiebreaker) Requirements** section and **must** submit the required **Domestic Partnership Act Certification Form** and information as instructed. Failure to submit the Domestic Partnership Act Certification Form by the end date and time specified in the solicitation, shall determine the Vendor to be **non-responsive** to the solicitation Domestic Partnership requirements.

B. Additional Responsibility Criteria:

In addition to the requirements set forth in the **Standard Instructions to Vendors**, the following criteria shall also be evaluated in determining responsibility:

1. Office of Economic and Small Business Development Requirement(s):

No County Business Enterprise (CBE) goal, or Small Business (SBE) reserve, is established in connection with this solicitation.

This solicitation is open to the general marketplace. Refer to **Office of Economic and Small Business Development Procurement Preferences for Broward County Small Business Enterprises and County Business Enterprises** section for additional information.

2. License Requirement(s):

- a. In order to be considered a responsible Vendor for the scope of services set forth in this solicitation, Vendor must be a **Registered Broker Dealer** with the **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)** and the **Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB)** at the time of submittal. Any certificate of competency that meets or exceeds the licensing requirements specified herein, as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the County, will be considered responsible to the licensing requirements of this solicitation.
- b. Vendor should submit satisfactory proof of licensing with its submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Vendor must submit such proof within three (3) business days of County's written request. Vendor may be deemed **non-responsible** for failure to fully comply with the license requirements of this solicitation or non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes to submit.

3. Joint Venture Submittal Requirement(s):

- a. If applicable, A Joint Venture should submit satisfactory proof with its submittal that the Joint Venture, or at least one of the Joint Venture partners, shall be required to possess one of the above licenses (including any specified State registration, if applicable) at the time of submittal. If not submitted with its response, the Joint Venture must submit such proof within three (3) business

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days of County's written request. A Joint Venture may be deemed non-responsive for failure to comply within stated timeframes to submit.

- b. If a Joint Venture is recommended for contract award, it must, within three business days of County's written request, either 1) submit satisfactory proof that the Joint Venture holds the specified license (if applicable) or that a licensed contractor has qualified the Joint Venture, or 2) provide satisfactory proof that the Joint Venture has applied for the specified license (if applicable) or the licensee has applied to qualify the Joint Venture,. The license or qualification, as applicable, in the name of the Joint Venture, must be effective prior to contract execution.

C. Standard Agreement Language Requirement(s):

The following supersedes in its entirety the direction provided in the **Standard Instructions to Vendors, Section D.**

- 1. A Bond Purchase Agreement in a form acceptable to the County Attorney will be approved by the Board of County Commissioners and executed for each bond transaction at the time of sale.

D. Demonstrations:

Not applicable to this solicitation.

E. Presentations:

The Presentation requirements apply to this solicitation. Refer to **Standard Instructions to Vendors, Section H** for additional information and requirements.

F. Public Art and Design Program:

Not applicable to this solicitation.

G. Procurement Authority:

Pursuant to Section 21.33 of the Procurement Code, RFPs, RLIs, and RFQs with an anticipated total value of less than \$500,000 require County Administrator approval.

H. Project Funding Source:

This project is funded in whole or in part by:

County Funds

I. Project Projected Schedule:

Sunshine Meeting(s) apply to this solicitation. Vendors are required to attend the below meeting(s). Refer to the this website [County Commission Sunshine Meetings Notices \(broward.org\)](https://www.broward.org/CountyCommission/SunshineMeetingsNotices) for the date, time, location, meeting type (virtual, etc.), and any change to the below tentative schedule.

Initial Shortlisting or Evaluation Committee Meeting: **To Be Determined**

Final Evaluation Committee Meeting (Sunshine Meeting): **To Be Determined**

J. Project Manager:

Stephen Farmer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Administrative Services Department

Email: sfarmer@broward.org

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Regarding the Evaluation criteria, each firm has a continuing obligation to provide the County with any material changes to the information requested. The County reserves the right to obtain additional information from interested firms.

If you are submitting a response as a joint venture, you must respond to each question for each entity forming the joint venture.

Firm's History

1. Give a brief history of your firm (maximum of one page).

Firm's Key Personnel

2. Identify the key staff to be assigned to this engagement, including their roles and specific credit experience. Provide a brief resume for each including length of tenure with your firm.
3. Does your firm maintain any full-time public finance offices in Florida? If so, provide location, staffing, and contact information and identify which, if any, of these offices that will be involved in providing Underwriter Services.

Firm's Institutional Sales Experience

4. List retail and institutional sales experience for Airport, Port, Water and Sewer, Convention Center/Convention Center Hotel, General Obligation, Certificate of Participation, Special Obligation, Sports Facilities, and all other debt for which your firm served as Senior or Co-Manager in the past 5 years. Separate and subtotal by the type of debt listed above and include role, method of sale, date of issue, issue name, issue size, Rating, TIC, and gross spread.
5. Over the term of this Underwriter Library, Broward County anticipates potential bond issuances across the County's various credits. Given the diversity of County credits, and your understanding of the County's ratings and finances, identify which transactions could be done competitively in normal market conditions and present your marketing strategies for those credits you recommend to be sold via negotiated sale.
6. Describe your marketing plan to achieve the highest local and retail participation. List all retail sales offices located in Broward County.

Firm's Past Performance

7. Provide three case studies for financings completed by your firm within the past 3 years. Describe unique challenges encountered and results and how they could apply to the County.
8. Provide references of three local or statewide issuers for which your firm served as Senior or Co-Manager. Refer to **Vendor Reference Verification Form** and submit as instructed.

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Firm's Approach
9. What strategies would your firm recommend to incorporate into bond issuances in light of the repeal of the advance refunding authority. Describe the potential costs and benefits of each strategy from both the County and the investor's perspective.
10. Describe your firm's ability and willingness to provide credit facilities to the County. Provide examples of credit facilities provided to other Florida local governments.
11. Describe any client educational efforts your firm provides.
12. Provide details on any active SEC or other regulatory investigations of your firm on a firm-wide basis. Provide the results of any past investigations or enforcement actions related to public finance or muni sales activities.

**Procurement Preferences for
Broward County Small Business Enterprises and County Business Enterprises**

This should be returned with the Vendor's submittal and will be used for informational purposes.

In accordance with Broward County Ordinance, Section 1.81, non-reserved solicitations (for certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) or County Business Enterprises (CBEs) and solicitations without any assigned CBE goals, a responding Broward County certified SBE or CBE may be eligible for a procurement preference, in accordance with below:

For Invitations to Bid and Quotation Requests:

If a responsive, responsible bid is received from a certified CBE or SBE that is within ten percent (10%) of the lowest responsive, responsible bid received from a non-certified (SBE or CBE) firm, the SBE or CBE (as applicable) shall be offered the opportunity to match the lowest responsive, responsible bid. If the SBE or CBE firm (as applicable) is responsive and responsible, and matches the lowest responsive, responsible bid, the CBE or SBE firm shall be recommended for award.

For Request for Proposals:

If upon the completion of final rankings by the Evaluation Committee, a non-certified proposer is the highest-ranked proposer, and a responsive, responsible SBE or CBE proposer receives a score that is within five percent (5%) of the score obtained by the non-certified proposer, the highest-ranked responsive, responsible SBE or CBE proposer shall be considered the highest-ranked proposer and shall have the opportunity to proceed to negotiations with the County for award of the contract.

Vendor should indicate below if the firm is a currently certified Broward County SBE and/or CBE firm. If the firm does not indicate it is an SBE or CBE, preference may not be applied based on information received but certification will be verified in the Broward County OESBD [Certified Firm Directory](#). Vendor must be certified at time of solicitation opening (due date).

This does not substitute for certification or application for certification.

- ☐ Firm is a Broward County certified SBE.
- ☐ Firm is a Broward County certified CBE
- ☐ Firm is not a Broward County certified SBE or CBE

Vendor Name

For questions regarding the Broward County SBE and CBE certifications, please contact Office of Economic and Small Business Development at 954-357-6400.

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Vendor Reference Verification Form

Vendor is required to submit completed Reference Verification Forms for previous projects referenced in its submittal. Vendor should provide the **Vendor Reference Verification Form** to its reference organization/firm to complete and return to the Vendor's attention. Vendor should submit the completed Vendor Reference Form with its response by the solicitation's deadline. The County will verify references provided as part of the review process. Provide a minimum of three (3) non-Broward County Board of County Commissioners' references.

VENDOR REFERENCE VERIFICATION FORM

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Reference For (hereinafter, "Vendor"):				
Reference Date:				
Organization/Firm Providing Reference:				
Contact Name:				
Contract Title:				
Contact Email:				
Contact Phone:				
Name of Referenced Project:				
Contract Number:				
Date Range of Services Provide:		Start Date:	End Date:	
Project Amount:				
Vendor's Role in Project:		<input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant/Subcontractor		
Would you use this Vendor again?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If you answered no to the question above, please specify below: (attach additional sheet if needed)				
Description of services provided by Vendor, please specify below: (attach additional sheet if needed)				
Please rate your experience with the referenced Vendor via checkbox:				
	Needs Improvement	Satisfactory	Excellent	Not Applicable
Vendor's Quality of Service:				
Responsive:	□	□	□	□
Accuracy:	□	□	□	□
Deliverables:	□	□	□	□
Vendor's Organization:				
Staff Expertise:	□	□	□	□
Professionalism:	□	□	□	□
Turnover:	□	□	□	□
Timeliness of:				
Project:	□	□	□	□
Deliverables:	□	□	□	□
Project completed within budget:	□	□	□	□
Cooperation with:				
Your Firm:	□	□	□	□
Subcontractor(s)/Subconsultant(s):	□	□	□	□
Regulatory Agency(ies):	□	□	□	□
<i>All information provided to Broward County is subject to verification. Vendor acknowledges that inaccurate, untruthful, or incorrect statements made in support of this response may be used by the County as a basis for rejection, rescission of the award, or termination of the contract and may also serve as the basis for debarment of Vendor pursuant to the Broward County Procurement Code.</i>				
THE SECTION BELOW IS FOR COUNTY USE ONLY				
Verified via: <input type="checkbox"/> Email		Verified by:	Division:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal			Date:	

VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE AND STANDARD CERTIFICATIONS
Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Letters of Interest

The completed form, including acknowledgment of the standard certifications and should be submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted with solicitation response, it must be submitted within three business days of County's written request. Failure to timely submit may affect Vendor's evaluation.

If a response requires additional information, the Vendor should upload a written detailed response with submittal; each response should be numbered to match the question number. The completed questionnaire and attached responses will become part of the procurement record. It is imperative that the person completing the Vendor Questionnaire be knowledgeable about the proposing Vendor's business and operations.

1. Legal business name:

2. Doing Business As/ Fictitious Name (if applicable):

3. Federal Employer I.D. no. (FEIN):

4. Dun and Bradstreet No.:

5. Website address (if applicable):

6. Principal place of business address:

7. Office location responsible for this project:

8. Telephone no.:

Fax no.:

9. Type of business (check appropriate box):

Corporation (specify the state of incorporation):

☐

Sole Proprietor

☐

Limited Liability Company (LLC)

☐

Limited Partnership

☐

General Partnership (State and County Filed In)

☐

Other – Specify

☐

10. List [Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations](#) document number (or registration number if fictitious name):

11. List name and title of each principal, owner, officer, and major shareholder:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

12. AUTHORIZED CONTACT(S) FOR YOUR FIRM:

Name:

Title:

E-mail:

Telephone No.:

Name:

Title:

E-mail:

Telephone No.:

13. Has your firm, its principals, officers or predecessor organization(s) been debarred or suspended by any government entity within the last three years? If yes, specify details in an attached written response. ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Has your firm, its principals, officers or predecessor organization(s) ever been debarred or suspended by any government entity? If yes, specify details in an attached written response, including the reinstatement date, if granted. ☐ Yes ☐ No
15. Has your firm ever failed to complete any services and/or delivery of products during the last three (3) years? If yes, specify details in an attached written response. ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Is your firm or any of its principals or officers currently principals or officers of another organization? If yes, specify details in an attached written response. ☐ Yes ☐ No
17. Have any voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy petitions been filed by or against your firm, its parent or subsidiaries or predecessor organizations during the last three years? If yes, specify details in an attached written response. ☐ Yes ☐ No
18. Has your firm's surety ever intervened to assist in the completion of a contract of have Performance and/or Payment Bond claims been made to your firm or its predecessor's sureties during the last three years? If yes, specify details in an attached written response, including contact information for owner and surety. ☐ Yes ☐ No
19. Has your firm ever failed to complete any work awarded to you, services and/or delivery of products during the last three (3) years? If yes, specify details in an attached written response. ☐ Yes ☐ No
20. Has your ever been terminated from a contract within the last three years? If yes, specify details in an attached written response. ☐ Yes ☐ No
21. Living Wage solicitations only: In determining what, if any, fiscal impact(s) are a result of the Ordinance for this solicitation, provide the following for informational purposes only. Response is not considered in determining the award of this contract.
- Living Wage had an effect on the pricing. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- If yes, Living Wage increased the pricing by: %.

22. Participation in Solicitation Development:

- ☐ I have not participated in the preparation or drafting of any language, scope, or specification that would provide my firm or any affiliate an unfair advantage of securing this solicitation that has been let on behalf of Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

- ☐ I have provided information regarding the specifications and/or products listed in this solicitation that has been let on behalf of Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

If this box is checked, provide the following: Name of Person the information was provided:

Title:

Date information provided:

For what purpose was the information provided?

Drug-Free Workplace Requirements Certification:

Section 21.23(f) of the Broward County Procurement Code requires awards of all competitive solicitations requiring Board award be made only to firms certifying the establishment of a drug free workplace program.

- ☐ The Vendor hereby certifies that it has established a drug free workplace program in accordance with the requirements of Section 1-71, et. Seq., of the Broward County Code of Ordinances (Procurement From Businesses With Drug-Free Workplace Program).

Non-Collusion Certification:

Vendor shall disclose, to their best knowledge, any Broward County officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee as defined in Section 112.3135 (1) (c), Florida Statutes, who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the Vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement. Any Broward County officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement. Failure of a Vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the Broward County Procurement Code.

The Vendor hereby certifies that: (select one)

- ☐ The Vendor certifies that this offer is made independently and free from collusion; or
- ☐ The Vendor is disclosing names of officers or employees who have a material interest in this procurement and is in a position to influence this procurement. Vendor must include a list of name(s), and relationship(s) with its submittal.

Public Entities Crimes Certification:

In accordance with Public Entity Crimes, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit on a contract: to provide any goods or services; for construction or repair of a public building or public work; for leases of real property to a public entity; and 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 s.

287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Vendor hereby certifies that: (check box)

- ☐ The Vendor certifies that no person or affiliates of the Vendor are currently on the convicted vendor list and/or has not been found to commit a public entity crime, as described in the statutes.

Scrutinized Companies List Certification:

Any company, principals, or owners on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List is prohibited from submitting a response to a solicitation for goods or services in an amount equal to or greater than \$1 million.

The Vendor hereby certifies that: (check each box)

- ☐ The Vendor, owners, or principals are aware of the requirements of Sections 287.135, 215.473, and 215.4275, Florida Statutes, regarding Companies on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; and
- ☐ The Vendor, owners, or principals, are eligible to participate in this solicitation and are not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; and
- ☐ If awarded the Contract, the Vendor, owners, or principals will immediately notify the County in writing if any of its principals are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities

in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List.

I hereby certify the information provided in the Vendor Questionnaire and Standard Certifications:

*AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE/NAME

TITLE

DATE

Vendor Name:

* I certify that I am authorized to sign this solicitation response on behalf of the Vendor as indicated in Certificate as to Corporate Principal, designation letter by Director/Corporate Officer, or other business authorization to bind on behalf of the Vendor. As the Vendor's authorized representative, I attest that any and all statements, oral, written or otherwise, made in support of the Vendor's response, are accurate, true and correct. I also acknowledge that inaccurate, untruthful, or incorrect statements made in support of the Vendor's response may be used by the County as a basis for rejection, rescission of the award, or termination of the contract and may also serve as the basis for debarment of Vendor pursuant to PART XI of the Broward County Procurement Code. I certify that the Vendor's response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a response for the same items/services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I also certify that the Vendor agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of this solicitation, acknowledge and accept all of the solicitation pages as well as any special instructions sheet(s).

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT CERTIFICATION

The completed should be submitted with the solicitation response but must be submitted within three business days of County's request. Vendor may be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

The Vendor certifies that it understands if it has retained a lobbyist(s) to lobby in connection with a competitive solicitation, it shall be deemed non-responsive unless the firm, in responding to the competitive solicitation, certifies that each lobbyist retained has timely filed the registration or amended registration required under Broward County Lobbyist Registration Act, Section 1-262, Broward County Code of Ordinances; and it understands that if, after awarding a contract in connection with the solicitation, the County learns that the certification was erroneous, and upon investigation determines that the error was willful or intentional on the part of the Vendor, the County may, on that basis, exercise any contractual right to terminate the contract for convenience.

The Vendor hereby certifies that: (select one)

- ☐ It has not retained a lobbyist(s) to lobby in connection with this competitive solicitation; however, if retained after the solicitation, the County will be notified.
- ☐ It has retained a lobbyist(s) to lobby in connection with this competitive solicitation and certified that each lobbyist retained has timely filed the registration or amended registration required under Broward County Lobbyist Registration Act, Section 1-262, Broward County Code of Ordinances.

It is a requirement of this solicitation that the names of any and all lobbyists retained to lobby in connection with this solicitation be listed below:

Name of Lobbyist:

Lobbyist's Firm:

Phone:

E-mail:

Name of Lobbyist:

Lobbyist's Firm:

Phone:

E-mail:

Authorized Signature/Name

TITLE

Vendor Name

DATE

Revised May 1, 2021

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP ACT CERTIFICATION

The Domestic Partnership Act, Sections 16 ½ - 150 through 16 ½ -165, Broward County Code of Ordinances (the "Act") requires any Vendors contracting with the County, in an amount over \$100,000 provide benefits to registered domestic partners of its employees, on the same basis as it provides benefits to employees' spouses, with certain exceptions as provided by the Act.

Refer to applicable section below based on solicitation type. Failure to submit this form by stated timeframes will deem the Vendor nonresponsive to the solicitation or ineligible for the Domestic Partnership tiebreaker, as applicable.

For Invitation for Bids:

The completed and signed form should be returned with the Vendor's submittal. If not provided with the submittal, the Vendor must submit this form within three business days after County's request. A Vendor shall be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

For Request for Proposals (RFPs), Request for Letters of Interest (RLIs), or Request for Qualifications (RFQs):

For the solicitation types referenced in this section, this form can be used for multiple purposes. For solicitations that contain Competitive Consultants' Negotiation Act (CCNA) requirements, this form will be used for tiebreaker criterion only.

1. Domestic Partnership Responsiveness Requirement

If Domestic Partnership is a requirement of the solicitation (refer to Special Instructions to Vendors), this completed and signed form should be returned with the Vendor's submittal. If not provided with the submittal, the Vendor must submit this form within three business days after County's request. A Vendor shall be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

2. Domestic Partnership Tiebreaker

To be eligible for the Domestic Partnership tiebreaker, **the Vendor must currently offer the Domestic Partnership benefit and the completed and signed form must be returned at the time of solicitation submittal.** Vendors who fail to comply with this submittal deadline will not be eligible for the Domestic Partnership tiebreaker.

For all submittals over \$100,000.00, the Vendor, by virtue of the signature below, certifies that it is aware of the requirements of Broward County's Domestic Partnership Act, Sections 16-½ -150 through 16 ½ - 165, Broward County Code of Ordinances; and certifies the following: (check only one below).

- ☐ 1. The Vendor currently complies with the requirements of the County's Domestic Partnership Act and provides benefits to Domestic Partners (as defined in the Act) of its employees on the same basis as it provides benefits to employees' spouses.
- ☐ 2. The Vendor will comply with the requirements of the County's Domestic Partnership Act at time of contract award and for the duration of the contract by providing benefits to Domestic Partners (as defined in the Act) of its employees on the same basis as it provides benefits to employees' spouses.
- ☐ 3. The Vendor will not comply with the requirements of the County's Domestic Partnership Act at time of award.

- ☐ 4. The Vendor does not need to comply with the requirements of the County's Domestic Partnership Act at time of award because the following exception(s) applies: **(check only one below)**.

- ☐ The Vendor employs less than five (5) employees.
- ☐ The Vendor does not provide benefits to employees' spouses.
- ☐ The Vendor is a governmental entity.
- ☐ The Vendor is a religious organization, association, society, or any non-profit charitable or educational institution or organization operated, supervised, or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association, or society.
- ☐ The Vendor provides an employee the cash equivalent of benefits. (Attach an affidavit in compliance with the Act stating the efforts taken to provide such benefits and the amount of the cash equivalent).
- ☐ The Vendor cannot comply with the provisions of the Domestic Partnership Act because it would violate the laws, rules or regulations of federal or state law or would violate or be inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant or contract with the United States or State of Florida. (Indicate the law, statute or regulation and attach explanation of its applicability).

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Authorized Signature/Name

Title

Vendor

Date

Revised January 24, 2023

LITIGATION HISTORY FORM

The completed form(s) should be returned with the Vendor's submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Vendor must submit within three business days of County's request. Vendor may be deemed non-responsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

- ☐ There are no material cases for this Vendor; or
- ☐ Material Case(s) are disclosed below:

Is this for a: (check type) <input type="checkbox"/> Parent, <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary, or <input type="checkbox"/> Predecessor Firm?	If Yes, name of Parent/Subsidiary/Predecessor: <input type="text"/>
	Or No <input type="checkbox"/>
Party	
Case Number, Name, and Date Filed	<input type="text"/>
Name of Court or other tribunal	<input type="text"/>
Type of Case	Bankruptcy <input type="checkbox"/> Civil <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Regulatory <input type="checkbox"/>
Claim or Cause of Action and Brief description of each Count	<input type="text"/>
Brief description of the Subject Matter and Project Involved	<input type="text"/>
Disposition of Case (Attach copy of any applicable Judgment, Settlement Agreement and Satisfaction of Judgment.)	Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Settled <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissed <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment Vendor's Favor <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment Against Vendor <input type="checkbox"/> If Judgment Against, is Judgment Satisfied? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Opposing Counsel	Name: <input type="text"/> Email: <input type="text"/> Telephone Number: <input type="text"/>

Vendor Name:

Revised May 1, 2021

CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING PRACTICES CERTIFICATION FORM

The completed and signed form should be returned with Vendor's submittal. If Vendor does not provide it with the submittal, Vendor must submit the completed and signed form within three business days after County's request. Vendor shall be deemed nonresponsive for failure to fully comply within stated timeframes.

Section 26-125(d) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Criminal History Screening Practices") requires that a Vendor seeking a contract in the amount of \$100,000 or more with Broward County shall certify that it has implemented, or will implement upon award of the contract, policies, practices, and procedures regarding inquiry into the criminal history of an applicant for employment, including a criminal history background check of any such person, that preclude inquiry into an applicant's criminal history until the applicant is selected as a finalist and interviewed for the position. The requirement in the preceding sentence shall apply only to positions located within the United States that will foreseeably perform work under a contract with Broward County. The failure of Vendor to comply with Section 26-125(d) at any time during the contract term shall constitute a material breach of the contract, entitling Broward County to pursue any remedy permitted under the contract and any other remedy provided under applicable law. If Vendor fails to comply with Section 26-125(d) at any time during the contract term, Broward County may, in addition to all other available remedies, terminate the contract and Vendor may be subject to debarment or suspension proceedings consistent with the procedures in Chapter 21 of the Broward County Administrative Code.

By signing below, Vendor certifies that it is aware of the requirements of Section 26-125(d), Broward County Code of Ordinances, and certifies the following: (check only one below).

☐ Vendor certifies that, for positions located within the United States that will foreseeably perform work under a contract with Broward County, it has implemented, or will implement upon award of the contract, policies, practices, and procedures regarding inquiry into the criminal history of an applicant for employment, including a criminal history background check of any such person, that preclude inquiry into an applicant's criminal history until the applicant is selected as a finalist and interviewed for the position.

☐ Vendor is exempt from the requirements of Section 26-125(d) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances because Vendor is required by applicable federal, state, or local law to conduct a criminal history background check in connection with potential employment at a time or in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this section, or because Vendor is a governmental agency.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE/ NAME:

VENDOR NAME:

TITLE:

DATE:

Revised June 17, 2022

AGREEMENT EXCEPTION FORM

The completed form(s) should be submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted with solicitation response, it shall be deemed an affirmation by the Vendor that it accepts contract terms and conditions stated in the solicitation.

The Vendor must provide on the form below, any and all exceptions it takes to the contract terms and conditions stated in the solicitation, including all proposed modifications to the contract terms and conditions or proposed additional terms and conditions. Additionally, a brief justification specifically addressing each provision to which an exception is taken should be provided.

☐ There are no exceptions to the contract terms and conditions state in this solicitation; or

☐ The following exceptions are taken to the contract terms and conditions state in this solicitation:
(use additional forms as needed; separate each Article/ Section number)

Term or Condition Article / Section	Insert proposed modifications to the contract terms and conditions or proposed additional terms and condition	Provide brief justification for proposed modifications
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Vendor Name:

Revised May 1, 2021

AFFILIATED ENTITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL(S) CERTIFICATION

The completed form should be submitted with the solicitation response. If not submitted with solicitation response, it must be submitted within three business days of County's request. Failure to timely submit may result in Vendor being deemed non-responsive.

- a. All Vendors are required to disclose the names and addresses of "affiliated entities" of the Vendor's principal(s) over the last five (5) years (from the solicitation opening deadline) that have acted as a prime Vendor with the County.
- b. The County will review all affiliated entities of the Vendor's principal(s) for contract performance evaluations and the compliance history with the County's Small Business Development Program, including County Business Enterprise (CBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goal attainment requirements. "Affiliated entities" of the principal(s) are those entities related to the Vendor by the sharing of stock or other means of control, including but not limited to a subsidiary, parent or sibling entity.
- c. The County will consider the contract performance evaluations and the compliance history of the affiliated entities of the Vendor's principals in its review and determination of responsibility.

The Vendor hereby certifies that: (select one)

- ☐ No principal of the proposing Vendor has prior affiliations that meet the criteria defined as "Affiliated entities"
- ☐ Principal(s) listed below have prior affiliations that meet the criteria defined as "Affiliated entities"

Principal's Name:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Names of Affiliated Entities:	<input type="text"/>
Principal's Name:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Names of Affiliated Entities:	<input type="text"/>
Principal's Name:	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
Names of Affiliated Entities:	<input type="text"/>
Authorized Signature Name:	<input type="text"/>
Title:	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Name:	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>

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LOCATION CERTIFICATION

Refer to applicable sections for submittal instructions. Failure to submit required forms or information by stated timeframes will deem vendor ineligible for local preference or location tiebreaker.

Broward County [Code of Ordinances, Section 1-74](#), et seq., provides certain preferences to Local Businesses, Locally Based Businesses, and Locally Based Subsidiaries, and the [Broward County Procurement Code](#) provides location as the first tiebreaker criteria. Refer to the ordinance for additional information regarding eligibility for local preference.

For Invitation for Bids:

To be eligible for the Local Preference best and final offer ("BAFO") and location tiebreaker, the Vendor **must** submit this fully completed form and a copy of its Broward County local business tax receipt **at the same time it submits its bid. Vendors who fail to comply with this submittal deadline will not be eligible for either the BAFO or the location tiebreaker.**

For Request for Proposals (RFPs), Request for Letters of Interest (RLIs), or Request for Qualifications (RFQs):

For Local Preference eligibility, the Vendor **should** submit this fully **completed form and all Required Supporting Documentation** (as indicated below) at the time Vendor submits its response to the procurement solicitation. If not provided with submittal, the Vendor **must** submit within three business days after County's written request. Failure to submit required forms or information by stated timeframes will deem the Vendor ineligible for local preference.

To be eligible for the location tiebreaker, **the Vendor must submit this fully completed form and a copy of its Broward County local business tax receipt at the same time it submits its response.** Vendors who fail to comply with this submittal deadline will not be eligible for the location tiebreaker.

The undersigned Vendor hereby certifies that (check the box for only one option below):

☐ **Option 1:** The Vendor is a **Local Business**, but does not qualify as a **Locally Based Business** or a **Locally Based Subsidiary**, as each term is defined by [Section 1-74, Broward County Code of Ordinances](#). The Vendor further certifies that:

- A. It has continuously maintained, for at least the one (1) year period immediately preceding the bid posting date (i.e., the date on which the solicitation was advertised),
- a physical business address located within the limits of Broward County, listed on the Vendor's valid business tax receipt issued by Broward County (unless exempt from business tax receipt requirements),
 - in an area zoned for the conduct of such business,
 - that the Vendor owns or has the legal right to use, and
 - from which the Vendor operates and performs on a day-to-day basis business that is a substantial component of the goods or services being offered to Broward County in connection with the applicable competitive solicitation (as so defined, the "Local Business Location").

If Option 1 selected, indicate **Local Business Location**:

☐ **Option 2:** The Vendor is both a **Local Business** and a **Locally Based Business** as each term is defined by Section 1-74, Broward County Code of Ordinances. The Vendor further certifies that:

- A. The Vendor has continuously maintained, for at least the one (1) year period immediately preceding the bid posting date (i.e., the date on which the solicitation was advertised),
- i. a physical business address located within the limits of Broward County, listed on the Vendor's valid business tax receipt issued by Broward County (unless exempt from business tax receipt requirements),
 - ii. in an area zoned for the conduct of such business,
 - iii. that the Vendor owns or has the legal right to use, and
 - iv. from which the Vendor operates and performs on a day-to-day basis business that is a substantial component of the goods or services being offered to Broward County in connection with the applicable competitive solicitation as so defined, the "Local Business Location";
- B. The Local Business Location is the primary business address of the majority of the Vendor's employees as of the bid posting date, and/or the majority of the work under the solicitation, if awarded to the Vendor, will be performed by employees of the Vendor whose primary business address is the Local Business Location;
- C. The Vendor's management directs, controls, and coordinates all or substantially all of the day-to-day activities of the entity (such as marketing, finance, accounting, human resources, payroll, and operations) from the Local Business Location;
- D. The Vendor has not claimed any other location as its principal place of business within the one (1) year period immediately preceding the bid posting date; and
- E. Less than fifty percent (50%) of the total equity interests in the business are owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more entities with a principal place of business located outside of Broward County. The Vendor certifies that the total equity interests in the owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more entities with a principal place of business Vendor located outside of Broward County is .

If Option 2 selected, indicate **Local Business Location**:

☐ **Option 3:** The Vendor is both a **Local Business** and a **Locally Based Subsidiary** as each term is defined by Section 1-74, Broward County Code of Ordinances. The Vendor further certifies that:

- A. The Vendor has continuously maintained:
- i. for at least the one (1) year period immediately preceding the bid posting date (i.e., the date on which the solicitation was advertised),
 - ii. a physical business address located within the limits of Broward County, listed on the Vendor's valid business tax receipt issued by Broward County (unless exempt from business tax receipt requirements),
 - iii. in an area zoned for the conduct of such business,
 - iv. that the Vendor owns or has the legal right to use, and
 - v. from which the Vendor operates and performs on a day-to-day basis business that is a substantial component of the goods or services being offered to Broward County in connection with the applicable competitive solicitation (as so defined, the "Local Business Location");
- B. The Local Business Location is the primary business address of the majority of the Vendor's employees as of the bid posting date, and/or the majority of the work under the solicitation, if awarded to the Vendor, will be performed by employees of the Vendor whose primary business address is the Local Business Location;
- C. The Vendor's management directs, controls, and coordinates all or substantially all of the day-to-day activities of the entity (such as marketing, finance, accounting, human resources, payroll, and operations) from the Local Business Location;
- D. The Vendor has not claimed any other location as its principal place of business within the one (1) year period immediately preceding the bid posting date; and
- E. At least fifty percent (50%) of the total equity interests in the business are owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more entities with a principal place of business located outside of Broward County. The Vendor certifies that the total equity interests in the Vendor owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more entities with a principal place of business located outside of Broward County is .

If Option 3 selected, indicate **Local Business Location**:

- ☐ **Option 4:** The Vendor is a **joint venture** composed of one or more Local Businesses, Locally Based Businesses, or Locally Based Subsidiaries, as each term is defined by Section 1-74, Broward County Code of Ordinances. Fill in blanks with percentage equity interest or list "N/A" if section does not apply. The Vendor further certifies that:

- A. The proportion of equity interests in the joint venture owned by **Local Business(es)** (each Local Business must comply with all of the requirements stated in Option 1) is % of the total equity interests in the joint venture; and/or
- B. The proportion of equity interests in the joint venture owned by **Locally Based Business(es)** (each Locally Based Business must comply with all of the requirements stated in Option 2) is % of the total equity interests in the joint venture; and/or
- C. The proportion of equity interests in the joint venture owned by **Locally Based Subsidiary(ies)** (each Locally Based Subsidiary must comply with all of the requirements stated in Option 3) is % of the total equity interests in the joint venture.

If Option 4 selected, indicate the Local Business Location(s) (es) on separate sheet.

- ☐ **Option 5:** Vendor is not a Local Business, a Locally Based Business, or a Locally Based Subsidiary, as each term is defined by Section 1-74, Broward County Code of Ordinances.

Required Supporting Documentation (in addition to this form): Option 1 or 2 (**Local Business or Locally Based Business**):

1. Broward County local business tax receipt.

Option 3 (Locally Based Subsidiary)

1. Broward County local business tax receipt.
2. Documentation identifying the Vendor's vertical corporate organization and names of parent entities if the Vendor is a Locally Based Subsidiary.

Option 4 (joint venture) composed of one or more Local Business(es), Locally Based Business(es), or Locally Based Subsidiary(ies):

1. Broward County local business tax receipt(s) for each Local Business(es), Locally Based Business(es), and/or Locally Based Subsidiary(ies).
2. Executed joint venture agreement, if the Vendor is a joint venture.
3. If joint venture is comprised of one or more Locally Based Subsidiary(ies), submit documentation identifying the vertical corporate organization and parent entities name(s) of each Locally Based Subsidiary.

If requested by County (any option):

1. Written proof of the Vendor's ownership or right to use the real property at the Local Business Location.
2. Additional documentation relating to the parent entities of the Vendor.
3. Additional documentation demonstrating the applicable percentage of equity interests in the joint venture, if not shown in the joint venture agreement.
4. Any other documentation requested by County regarding the location from which the activities of the Vendor are directed, controlled, and coordinated.

By submitting this form, the Vendor certifies that if awarded a contract, it is the intent of the Vendor to remain at the Local Business Location address listed below (or another qualifying Local Business Location within Broward County) for the duration of the contract term, including any renewals or extensions. (If nonlocal Vendor, leave Local Business Location blank.)

Indicate Local Business Location:

True and Correct Attestations:

Any misleading, inaccurate, or false information or documentation submitted by any party affiliated with this procurement may lead to suspension and/or debarment from doing business with Broward County as authorized by the Broward County Procurement Code. The Vendor understands that, if after contract award, the County learns that any of the information provided by the Vendor on this was false, and the County determines, upon investigation, that the Vendor's provision of such false information was willful or intentional, the County may exercise any contractual right to terminate the contract. The provision of false or fraudulent information or documentation by a Vendor may subject the Vendor to civil and criminal penalties.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE/NAME:

TITLE:

VENDOR NAME:

DATE:

Revised May 1, 2021

VOLUME OF PREVIOUS PAYMENTS ATTESTATION FORM

The completed and signed form should be returned with the Vendor's submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Vendor must submit within three business days of County's request. Failure to timely submit this form and supporting documentation may affect the Vendor's evaluation.

This completed form MUST be included with the Vendor's submittal at the time of the opening deadline to be considered for a Tie Breaker criterion (if applicable).

Points assigned for Volume of Previous Payments will be based on the amount paid-to-date by the County to a prime Vendor **MINUS** the Vendor's confirmed payments paid-to-date to approved certified County Business Enterprise (CBE) firms performing services as Vendor's subcontractor/subconsultant to obtain the CBE goal commitment as confirmed by County's Office of Economic and Small Business Development. Reporting must be within five (5) years of the current solicitation's opening date.

Vendor must list all received payments paid-to-date by contract as a prime vendor from Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Reporting must be within five (5) years of the current solicitation's opening date.

Vendor must also list all total confirmed payments paid-to-date by contract, to approved certified CBE firms utilized to obtain the contract's CBE goal commitment. Reporting must be within five (5) years of the current solicitation's opening date.

In accordance with Section 21.41(h)(4) and 21.42(d)(3) of the Broward County Procurement Code, the Vendor with the lowest dollar volume of payments previously paid by the County over a five-year period from the date of the submittal opening will receive the Tie Breaker.

The Vendor attests to the following:

Item No.	Project Title	Contract No.	Department/ Division	Date Awarded	Prime: Paid to Date	CBE: Paid to Date
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						

Grand Total

Has the Vendor been a member/partner of a Joint Venture firm that was awarded a contract by the County?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, Vendor must submit a **Joint Vendor Volume of Work Attestation Form**.

Vendor Name:

Authorized Signature/Name

Title

Date

VOLUME OF PREVIOUS PAYMENTS ATTESTATION FORM FOR JOINT VENTURE

If applicable, this form and additional required documentation should be submitted with the Vendor's submittal. If not provided with submittal, the Vendor must submit within three business days of County's request. Failure to timely submit this form and supporting documentation may affect the Vendor's evaluation.

If a Joint Venture, the payments paid-to-date by contract provided must encompass the Joint Venture and each of the entities forming the Joint Venture. Points assigned for Volume of Previous Payments will be based on the amount paid-to-date by contract to the Joint Venture firm **MINUS** all confirmed payments paid-to-date to approved certified CBE firms utilized to obtain the CBE goal commitment. Reporting must be within five (5) years of the current solicitation's opening date. Amount will then be multiplied by the member firm's equity percentage.

In accordance with Section 21.41(h)(4) and 21.42(d)(3) of the Broward County Procurement Code, the Vendor with the lowest dollar volume of payments previously paid by the County over a five-year period from the date of the submittal opening will receive the Tie Breaker.

The Vendor attests to the following:

Item No.	Project Title	Contract No.	Department/ Division	Date Awarded	JV Equity Percent	Prime: Paid to Date	CBE: Paid to Date
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							

Grand Total

Vendor is required to submit an executed Joint Venture agreement(s) and any amendments for each project listed above. Each agreement must be executed prior to the opening date of this solicitation.

Vendor Name:

Authorized Signature/Name

Title

Date

Revised May 1, 2021

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTSProject: Underwriter Library ServicesAgency: Finance and Administrative Services Department

TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	MINIMUM LIABILITY LIMITS		
				Each Occurrence	Aggregate
GENERAL LIABILITY - Broad form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial General Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premises-Operations <input type="checkbox"/> XCU Explosion/Collapse/Underground <input type="checkbox"/> Products/Completed Operations Hazard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractual Insurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broad Form Property Damage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Contractors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury Per Occurrence or Claims-Made: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Per Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Claims-Made Gen'l Aggregate Limit Applies per: <input type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Loc. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bodily Injury		
			Property Damage		
			Combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
			Personal Injury		
			Products & Completed Operations		
AUTO LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hired <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any Auto, If applicable <i>Note: May be waived if no driving will be done in performance of services/project.</i>			Bodily Injury (each person)		
			Bodily Injury (each accident)		
			Property Damage		
			Combined Bodily Injury and Property Damage	\$500,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIABILITY / UMBRELLA Per Occurrence or Claims-Made: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Per Occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Claims-Made <i>Note: May be used to supplement minimum liability coverage requirements.</i>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORKER'S COMPENSATION <i>Required if the vendor comes on-site to provide services.</i>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Each Accident	STATUTORY LIMITS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY			Each Accident	\$100,000	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (ERRORS & OMISSIONS)	N/A		Each Claim:	\$2,000,000	
			*Maximum Deductible:	\$100,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIME / EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY			Each Claim:		

Description of Operations: "Broward County" shall be listed as Certificate Holder and endorsed as an additional insured for liability, except as to Professional Liability. County shall be provided 30 days written notice of cancellation, 10 days' notice of cancellation for non-payment. Contractors insurance shall provide primary coverage and shall not require contribution from the County, self-insurance or otherwise. Any self-insured retention (SIR) higher than the amount permitted in this Agreement must be declared to and approved by County and may require proof of financial ability to meet losses. Contractor is responsible for all coverage deductibles unless otherwise specified in the agreement. For Claims-Made policies insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least three (3) years after completion of the contract of work. *Waiver of subrogation is required for Workers Compensation if any portion of the work/services will be performed on County Property.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

Broward County
 115 South Andrews Avenue
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Digitally signed by
 COLLEEN A. POUNALL
 Date: 2023.04.10
 16:01:19 -04'00'
 Risk Management Division

Summary of Vendor Rights Regarding Broward County Competitive Solicitations

The purpose of this document is to provide vendors with a summary of their rights to object to or protest a proposed award or recommended ranking of vendors in connection with Broward County competitive solicitations. These rights are fully set forth in the Broward County Procurement Code, available here: <https://www.broward.org/purchasing>.

1. Right to Object

For Requests for Proposals (RFP), Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) or Requests for Letters of Interest (RLI), vendors may object in writing to a proposed recommendation of ranking made by an Evaluation Committee. Objections must be filed within three (3) business days after the proposed recommendation of ranking (if applicable) is posted on the Purchasing Division's website. The written objection must comply with the requirements stated in Section 21.42(h) of the Procurement Code. Failure to timely and fully meet any requirement will result in the loss of a right to object.

2. Right to Protest

For Invitations to Bid (ITBs), RFP, RFQ, and RLIs, vendors may protest the specifications or requirements of a solicitation (or of any addenda). Protests must be received in writing by the Director of Purchasing within five (5) business days after the applicable solicitation (or addenda) is posted on the Purchasing Division's website.

For ITBs, vendors may protest a recommendation for award made by the Broward County Purchasing Division. For RFPs, RFQs, and RLIs, vendors may protest a final recommendation of ranking made by an Evaluation Committee. In all cases, protests must be filed in writing within five (5) business days after a recommended ranking or recommendation for award is posted on the Purchasing Division's website.

Any protest must comply with requirements stated in Part X of the Procurement Code, including a filing fee (if applicable). Failure to timely and fully meet any requirement will result in a loss of protest rights.

Vendors may appeal the denial of a protest. Section 21.81 of the Procurement Code identifies all other matters that may be appealed. Appeals may require payment of an appeal bond. Appeals must comply with requirements stated in Part XII of the Procurement Code. Failure to timely and fully meet any requirement will result in a loss of appeal rights.

Cone of Silence:

The Board of County Commissioners recently updated provisions of the Cone of Silence Ordinance, Section 1-266, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, effective as of April 1, 2022.

The County's Cone of Silence Ordinance prohibits all communications, oral or written, relating to a competitive solicitation among vendors/vendor representatives, County Staff, and Commissioner Offices while the cone is in effect. Communications with Purchasing Division employees, the solicitation's designated Project Manager(s) or designee(s), the Office of Economic and Small Business (OESBD) Small Business Development Specialist Supervisor (954-357-6400), and others as specifically identified in the Cone of Silence Ordinance are permitted. Additionally, communication is permitted at pre-bid conferences and negotiation meetings, as applicable.

The Cone of Silence begins upon the advertisement of an ITB, RFP, RFQ, or RLI. The Cone of Silence terminates when the solicitation is awarded, all responses are rejected, or the Board takes other action which ends the solicitation.

Any violations of the Code of Silence Ordinance by any vendor/vendor representative, may be reported to the County's Professional Standards/Human Rights Section. If the County's Professional Standards/Human Rights Section determines that a violation has occurred, a fine shall be imposed as provided in the Broward County Code of Ordinances. At the sole discretion of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, a violation may void an award of the applicable competitive solicitation.

Review the Cone of Silence Ordinance, Section 1-266 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, for more detailed information.

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