

RFP REGISTRATION

You MUST register using this form in order to receive notice of any addenda to these documents. Please fax the completed form to the Procurement Division as soon as possible. It is the vendor's responsibility to verify if addenda have been issued.

RFP Number and Title: 25-597, Construction Manager at Risk – New Agricultural Center Complex

Description: Select a qualified Contractor to provide Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) services for the preconstruction and construction phase services of a new Agricultural (AG) Center complex.

Receiving Period: Prior to **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

Bid Opening: **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** or as soon as possible thereafter.

This form is for RFP registration only. Please scroll down for additional information.

Special Instructions: A **MANDATORY** pre-proposal meeting will be held Thursday, August 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at the Polk County Administration building, located at 330 W. Church St, Procurement Conference Room, Room 150, Bartow, FL 33830. An authorized representative or agent of the Proposer must be present at this meeting in person or via conference call, as evidenced by their signature on the meeting's sign-in sheet, or the Proposers Proposal will be considered non-responsive. Those attending via video conference will be added to the sign in sheet by the Procurement office during the video conference. The Zoom Meeting ID: 845 3187 8845.

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and must be sent to Tabatha Shirah, Procurement Analyst, via email at tabathashirah@polk-county.com. All questions must be received by, **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

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Carefully complete this form and return it to the Procurement Division via e-mail to procurement@polk-county.net. You must submit one form for each solicitation that you are registering for.

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Proposers must submit their proposal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the receiving date. Proposals must be submitted in a “sealed” parcel or electronically through Polk County’s secure website, Kiteworks. Proposals will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on the receiving date.

Sealed Parcel Submittal:

If you are submitting a sealed parcel proposal submit one (1) original marked ORIGINAL and five (5) copies marked COPY of the proposal in a sealed parcel to the Procurement Division. The parcel should be labeled “RFP #25-597, Construction Manager at Risk – New Agricultural Center Complex” and marked with the proposer’s name and address. The Proposals may be mailed or delivered to:

**Polk County Procurement Division
330 West Church Street, Room 150
Bartow, FL 33830**

To assist with labeling the sealed parcel, please cut along the outer border and affix this label. Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the proposal where requested.

Sealed Proposal. DO NOT OPEN	
RFP Number	25-597
RFP Title	Construction Manager at Risk – New Agricultural Center Complex
Due Date/Time:	August 27, 2025, prior to 2:00 pm
Submitted by:	
Deliver To:	Polk County Procurement Division 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida 33830

Proposals may be mailed, express mailed or hand delivered. It is the Proposers responsibility to ensure their package is delivered to the Procurement Division prior to 2:00 p.m. on the Receiving date and time referenced above. Proposals delivered at 2:00 p.m. or later will not be accepted.

Electronic Proposals Submittal:

All prospective Proposers that are interested in submitting their proposals electronically can do so via the County’s secure electronic submittal website, Kiteworks. Proposers must email tabathashirah@polk-county.net at least 48 hours prior to opening to receive a link to upload their submittal. Please only upload your documents as a PDF or Excel file for the Cost Tab, if applicable. Please use the name convention of your files as follow:

“RFP 25-597 Tab 1”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 2”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 3”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 4”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 5”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 6”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 7”

“RFP 25-597 Tab 8”

“RFP 25-597 Submittal Documents”

For more instructions, a video tutorial has been produced to further explain the electronic solicitation submittal process. It can be found by clicking here for RFP Submittals: https://youtu.be/vkn_7AHgioE. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Tabatha Shirah at tabathashirah@polk-county.net.

Procurement recommends that Proposers submitting electronically double check the documents submitted into Kiteworks to ensure all requested tab information has been uploaded. Failure to upload the requested tab information may result in the proposal being deemed nonresponsive.

POLK COUNTY
Procurement Division
Fran McAskill
Procurement Director
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 25-597

Construction Manager at Risk – New Agricultural Center Complex

Sealed proposals will be received in the Procurement Division, **Wednesday, August 27, 2025, prior to 2:00 p.m.**

Attached are important instructions and specifications regarding responses to this Request for Proposal (the “RFP”). The failure of a responding proposer (a “Proposer”) to follow these instructions could result in Proposer disqualification from consideration for a contract to be awarded pursuant to this RFP.

This document is issued by Polk County (the “County”) which is the sole distributor of this RFP and all addenda and changes to the RFP documents. The County shall record its responses to inquiries and provide any supplemental instructions or additional documents pertaining to this RFP in the form of written addenda to the RFP. The County shall post all such addenda, together with any other information pertaining to this RFP, on the County’s website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/>. It is the sole responsibility of each Proposer to review the website prior to submitting a responsive proposal (a “Proposal”) to this RFP to ensure that that the Proposer has obtained all available instructions, addenda, changes, supporting documents, and any other information pertaining to this RFP.

The County is not responsible for any solicitations issued through subscriber, publications, or other sources not connected with the County and the Proposer should not rely on such sources for information regarding the RFP solicitation.

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and must be sent to Tabatha Shirah, Procurement Analyst, via email at tabathashirah@polk-county.net. All questions must be received by **Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

Proposers and any prospective proposers shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to this RFP with any member of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners or any employee of Polk County other than the County Procurement Director or the individual designated above. This prohibition begins with the issuance of the Request for Proposal and ends upon execution of the final contract. Any such communication initiated by a Proposer or prospective proposer shall be grounds for disqualifying the offender from consideration for a contract to be awarded pursuant to this RFP and for contracts to be awarded pursuant to RFPs or Requests for Bid that the County may issue in the future.

A Proposer’s responsive Proposal to this RFP may be mailed, express mailed, or hand delivered to:

Polk County Procurement Division
330 West Church Street, Room 150
Bartow, Florida 33830

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The intent of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to select an experienced Contractor to provide Construction Management At Risk (CMAR) services for the preconstruction, including the preparation and submission of a guaranteed maximum price (GMP), and construction phase services for a new Polk County Agricultural Center Complex including all services required to construct a main arena, two stall barns, paddock area, restrooms, concession area, maintenance building, RV & trailer parking, site development, storm water systems, utility service construction and connections, accompanying access entrance drives, surface parking areas, landscaping and other structures as required for a fully functional Ag Center Complex.

Furthermore, the County has selected The Lunz Group for the design, preconstruction phase services (inclusive of bid/award), and construction phase.

It is the intent of the County to select and negotiate a CMAR agreement with one CMAR company as the prime contractor. The County will negotiate a fee schedule for the selected CMAR Company once an RFP selection committee recommendation has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Polk County's Selection Process for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services is in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act ("CCNA"). The Selection Committee will review the qualifications of all submitting firms.

All services must be performed in accordance with applicable Federal, State and Local regulations.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The successful proposer shall utilize an open book approach to the project, resulting in a fixed cost and provide a GMP with full disclosure of actual costs to the county. Other responsibilities include value engineering, constructability reviews and recommendations; attend design and other applicable conferences, pre-bid meetings, pre-award meetings, and construction progress meetings. The successful company shall also provide administrative services, supervision and accepted accounting principles throughout the complete project.

The selection of the CMAR Contractor will be based upon criteria outlined herein under Evaluation of Proposals. Companies that are not experienced in providing CMAR services will not be considered for selection. The county's agreement with the selected Contractor will be a job specific contract for CMAR services. When the fee for pre-construction phase services is agreed to by the Facilities Division, a purchase order will be issued for the amount of the pre-construction phase fee. When the GMP is agreed to by the Facilities Management Division, an Agenda Item will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval. After GMP approval, a purchase order will be issued for the amount of the GMP.

The CMAR services will include, but are not limited to, the following work categories necessary to permit and construct the new Buildings:

- a. Attend and participate in all design progress/review meetings.
- b. Participate in all Buildings modeling reviews and reporting.
- c. Provide GMP estimating for schematic design (SD), design development (DD), and construction document (CD) level design documents.
- d. Provide constructability design reviews and reporting.
- e. Provide value engineering design reviews and reporting.
- f. Provide master project scheduling and reporting services
- g. Coordinate and conduct all pre-bid meetings.
- h. Provide competitive subcontracting bidding services.
- i. Schedule and coordinate all bid openings.
- j. Provide bid tabulation results and a GMP.
- k. Provide all Buildings permitting services.
- l. Provide all construction services.
- m. Provide demolition services(if applicable).
- n. Coordinate and attend all construction progress coordination meetings.
- o. Coordinate and participate in all closeout documentation requirements and meetings.
- p. Provide all warranty services.

The Estimated total cost for this project is \$21.2 million, with estimated construction at \$18.5 million.

It is anticipated that the design and permitting phase will take six (6) months and the construction phase will take twelve (12) to fourteen (14) months.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Prime contractor must be a State of Florida Certified General Contractor (GC) and should provide proof of current general contractors' license(s) with their submittal.
2. Prime contractor must have been in business under the same name or EIN number for a minimum of 10 years.
3. Bidders must possess a Polk County Local Business Tax Receipt (f/k/a Business License) in order to do business with the County. A copy of such license must be provided to the Procurement Division before award is made to the successful bidders
4. Prime contractor must have CMAR experience.

AGREEMENT

The term of the resulting CMAR agreement will be negotiated as part of Elevation Level 4, contract negotiations.

SUBMITTAL

Submittals should not contain information in excess of that requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the issues of this RFP. The responses should be in the same order as the selection and evaluation procedures. Proposals are to be printed double-sided. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other presentations beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective submittal to this solicitation are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the proposer's lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive visual aids, and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired, unless specifically requested. The proposal submittals should be contained within a three (3) ring binder (original and each copy in separate binders). Each submittal should contain:

Tab 1, Executive Summary:

(Items a-e: Maximum two (2) pages)

- a) Name, company name, telephone number, and email address.
- b) State the number of years in business as the same company/firm.
- c) State the number of full time employees.
- d) Provide a copy of your current State of Florida General Contractors license.
- e) Describe and explain any litigation, major disputes, contract defaults, or liens experienced in the last ten (10) years.

Tab 2, Approach to the Project (30 Points)

(Maximum three (3) pages)

- a) Define in detail the components of job specific pre-construction services and the responsibility of the Construction Manager for each component of this phase including budget estimating, value engineering, constructability recommendations and master project schedule.
- b) Detailed approach to the CM's competitive bidding for subcontracts, other cost of the work, general conditions cost summary, CM fee negotiations, GMP compilation, etc.
- c) Owner direct purchase and sales tax savings approach to the project.
- d) Approach to the management and construction of the project.
- e) CM's approach to quality workmanship and contract compliance control measures.

Tab 3, Experience and Expertise, Personnel & Technical Resources (25 Points)

- I. Provide a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) similar CMAR projects performed for public entities which best illustrate the experience of the prime Contractor and current staff. (List no more than five (5) projects completed within the last ten (10) years.) (Maximum of one (1) page only per project). For each project please provide:
 - a) Name and location of the projects.
 - b) The nature of the Contractor's responsibility on the projects.

- c) Project Owner's representative name, address and phone number.
 - d) Date projects were completed or are anticipated to be completed.
 - e) Size of projects (gross S.F. and/or area of construction).
 - f) Cost of projects (construction cost).
 - g) List of change orders, including dollar amount, which were the result of unforeseen circumstances or design errors/oversights; and any time extensions created as a result of the change order
 - h) Work for which your staff was responsible (self performed).
 - i) Project manager, superintendent and other key professionals involved in the projects
- II. Provide an organizational chart of the firm's team highlighting the key individuals who will work on this project as identified above.
- III. Provide brief resumes of key personnel to be assigned to the project including but not limited to the items in the list below. (Maximum one (1) page per resume.) Identify project related capability of in-house staff and indicate the adequate depth and abilities of the organization that it can draw upon as needed. This will include management, technical, and support staff. (Indicate whether office or field related.)
- a) Name and current position held by the person.
 - b) Job assignment for other projects.
 - c) Percentage of time to be assigned full time to this project
 - d) How many years have they worked with this Contractor?
 - e) How many years have they worked with other Contractors?
 - f) Experience:
 - 1. Types of projects.
 - 2. Size of projects (dollar value of project).
 - 3. What were the specific project involvements?
 - g) List degrees, certifications, and registrations.

Tab 4, Scheduling and Cost Control (20 Points)

(Maximum three (3) pages plus the sample schedule)

The Contractor's scheduling system and cost control system should be described. Methods for assuring subcontractors adherence to schedule should be highlighted.

- a) Describe the Contractor's use of computer-generated schedules for the management of construction.
- b) Indicate the level of detail to define schedules. Describe methods for managing the processing of shop drawings. Define means and methods for managing and responding to requests for Information (RFI's) and Architect's Supplemental Instructions (ASI's).
- c) Indicate the Contractor's approach to project scheduling and coordination of subcontractors.

- d) Describe the Contractor's method for holding projects within budget. Provide one example.
- e) Attach a sample schedule that illustrates your overall scheduling capabilities.
- f) Attach sample of the cost control reports.
- g) Provide a written narrative regarding your approach to the project as it relates to cost control for items outside of the "cost of the work". Fees associated with this category are as follows; Preconstruction phase services, general conditions, CM fee and bond. Include fee percentages in your response as general information for a project of this size. Information regarding fee percentages are general in nature and are not considered as a final offer for a proposed contract.

Tab 5, Is the Contractor a "Polk County Entity"? (5 Points)

- If the Contractor is a Polk County Entity then five (5) points will be allocated for this tab
- Provide documentation of the Contractors' headquarters and local offices, if any, and the amount of time the Contractor has been located at each such local office. Please also indicate the number of employees at the local office.
- Proposers will be allocated points if they meet the following Polk County Government definition of Polk County Entity.
- The term "Polk County Entity" means any business having a physical location within the boundaries of Polk County, Florida, at which employees are located and business activity is managed and controlled on a day to day basis. Additionally, the business must have been located within the boundaries of Polk County for a minimum of 12 months prior to the date the applicable solicitation is issued. This requirement may be evidenced through a recorded deed, an executed lease agreement, or other form of written documentation acceptable to the County. The County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to verify the foregoing requirements.

Tab 6, Is the Contractor a "Certified Woman or Minority Business Enterprise"? (5 Points)

- Polk County Board of County Commissioners has a long standing commitment to encouraging the utilization of Women and Minority Businesses that do business with the County as vendors. To that end we encourage all of our Contractors to utilize W/MBE sub-contractors where at all possible, irrespective of a company's certification status.
- If the Contractor is a Woman or Minority owned business then five (5) points will be allocated for this tab.
- Proposers will be allocated points if they are a certified W/MBE as evidenced by providing the documentation described below.
- If the Proposer has a certified W/MBE status, provide documentation of the Contractors' certified W/MBE status as defined by the Florida Small and Minority

Business Act and as defined in Polk County's Purchasing Procedures. Polk County's Purchasing Procedures recognize the following to meet the requirement of a certified W/MBE status:

- Valid W/MBE Certification from one of the following:
 - Florida Minority Supplier Development Council
 - Women Business Enterprise National Council
 - The State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity
 - Florida Department of Transportation
 - U. S. Small Business Administration
 - Federal Aviation Authority
 - Other Florida governmental agencies

Certifications from other governmental agencies will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Tab 7, Timely Completions of Projects (5 Points)

- Describe the Contractors' current and future projected workload. Describe specifically the Contractors' daily ability to handle each aspect of the scope of services described herein. (Limit response to two (2) pages maximum)

Tab 8, Surveys of Past Performance (10 Points)

- Provide reference surveys from past clients for the projects identified under Tab 3.
- Completed surveys. (See Exhibit 1) Procurement will take the average of all surveys and score as follows:
 - Average Score between 9-10 10 Points
 - Average Score between 7-8 8 Points
 - Average Score between 5-6 6 Points
 - Average Score between 3-4 4 Points
 - Average Score between 1-2 2 Points
 - Average Score of 0 0 Points

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with this section and all applicable County procurement policies and procedures.

The County shall appoint a selection committee (the "Selection Committee") that will be responsible for evaluating and scoring/ranking the Proposals in accordance with this Section.

The County will use a competitive selection process based on the Elevation Levels described in this Section. At Elevation Levels 2 and 3, the Selection Committee will score and/or rank the Proposals as applicable.

Selection of a final Proposal will be based upon the following steps and factors:

Elevation Level 1 (Procurement Requirements Assessment)

- The County Procurement Division shall review all Proposals for conformance with RFP guidelines and detailed submittal requirements. At the County's discretion, non-conforming Proposals may be eliminated from further consideration and conforming Proposals shall be elevated to Elevation Level 2.
- Procurement will distribute Proposals and evaluation criteria to the Selection Committee.
- The Selection Committee may convene to review questions that arise during individual member review of submitted Proposals before Elevation Level 2 or Elevation Level 3, to allow for questions, clarifications, explanations, or other discussion to be held before the review of Proposals is completed.

Elevation Level 2 (Selection Committee Evaluation)

Procurement shall score each Proposal on the following evaluation criteria:

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| • Local (Tab 5) | 5 points |
| • W/MBE Certification (Tab 6) | 5 Points |
| • Surveys of Past Performance (Tab 8) | 10 points |
| Subtotal Points | 20 Points |

by the process stated under each corresponding Tab description

Each Selection Committee member shall score each Proposal on the following evaluation criteria:

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| • Approach to Project (Tab 2) | 30 Points |
| • Experience and Expertise (Tab 3)
Personnel and Technical Resources | 25 Points |
| • Scheduling and Cost Control (Tab 4) | 20 Points |
| • Timely Completion of Projects (Tab 7) | 5 Points |
| Subtotal Points | 80 Points |

by the following process:

Each Selection Committee member shall determine which of the following descriptions applies to each of the foregoing evaluation criteria:

EXCELLENT (1.0): Of the highest or finest quality; exceptional; superior; superb; exquisite; peerless.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described specifically how and what will be accomplished in such a manner that exhibited an exceptional and superior degree of understanding, skill, and competency, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver far beyond expectation.

VERY GOOD (0.8): To a high degree; better than or above competent and/or skillful.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described specifically how and what will be accomplished in such a manner that exhibited a very high degree of understanding, skill, and competency, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver beyond expectation.

GOOD (0.6): Having positive or desirable qualities; competent; skilled; above average.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described specifically how and what will be accomplished in such a manner that exhibited a skillful and above-average degree of understanding, skill, and competency, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver at the expected level.

FAIR (0.4): Average; moderate; mediocre; adequate; sufficient; satisfactory; standard.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that satisfied the requirements and described sufficiently how and what will be accomplished in a manner that exhibited an adequate and average degree of understanding, skill, and competency, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver at a level slightly below expectation.

POOR (0.2): Inadequate; lacking; inferior in quality; of little or less merit; substandard; marginal.

The Proposer provided information for a given criteria that did not satisfy the requirements and described in an inadequate manner how and what will be accomplished. The information provided simply reiterated a requirement, contained inaccurate statements or references, lacked adequate information, or was of inferior quality. The facts included in the narrative (including all supporting documentation, diagrams, drawings, charts, and schedules, etc.) demonstrate the Proposer's ability to perform and deliver at a substandard and inferior level.

UNACCEPTABLE (0.0):

The Proposer failed to provide any information for a given criteria, provided information that could not be understood, or did not provide the information for a given category as requested.

After a Selection Committee member has determined the description applicable for each evaluation criterion, the total points available for such criterion shall be multiplied by the factor associated with the applicable description to produce the number of points

allocated for that evaluation criterion. For example, a Selection Committee member classifies the “Experience and Expertise” criterion (which shall be worth 25 points for the purpose of this example) as “Very Good” (which is a description factor multiplier of 0.8). The points that Selection Committee member allocated for that evaluation criterion would be 20, calculated as follows: 25 available points x 0.8 applicable description factor multiplier = 20 points.

A Selection Committee member’s total score for each Proposal shall equal the sum of the total points allocated for each evaluation criteria.

When all Selection Committee members have completed their proposal evaluations, the individual Selection Committee member’s total scores for each Proposal will be added together to produce a final score for each Proposal.

Procurement will confirm the calculations for the final score for each Proposal. Then, Procurement shall publish a rank-ordered listing of the Proposals to the Selection Committee with the Proposal receiving the highest point as the highest-ranked Proposal.

In accordance with Section 287.055(4)(a), Florida Statutes, if there are three (3) or more Proposers in Elevation Level 2, the Selection Committee must elevate no fewer than the three highest scored of such Proposers to Elevation Level 3 for interviews. If there are only two Proposers in Elevation Level 2, the Selection Committee must elevate those two Proposers to Elevation Level 3 for interviews. If there is only one Proposer in Elevation Level 2, then the Selection Committee may collectively decide if they would like to elevate the Proposer to Elevation Level 3 for interviews or if they would like to recommend the Board authorize staff to enter into Contract Negotiations with the Proposer. In the latter case, after Board approval to authorize staff to negotiate a contract, the Proposer will then be elevated to Elevation Level 4 for contract negotiations.

Elevation Level 3 (Proposer Interviews)

The Selection Committee are required to conduct interviews of the Proposers that it has elevated from Elevation Level 2 to Elevation Level 3.

During an interview, elevated Proposers may be requested to make a presentation focusing on their qualifications, approach to the project and the ability to furnish the required services. The Selection Committee members will have an opportunity to inquire about any aspect of the RFP and the Proposer’s Proposal. After all elevated Proposer interviews, each Selection Committee member will individually rank the Proposers in numerical order beginning at number 1 for the Proposer deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. In accordance with Section 287.055(4)(b), Florida Statutes, in determining whether a Proposer is qualified, each Selection Committee member shall consider such factors as:

- Ability of Personnel

- Whether a Proposer is a certified minority business enterprise
- Past performance
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads
- Volume of work previously awarded to each Proposer by the County

Procurement shall receive and compile each Selection Committee member's ranking of each Proposer, and then publish a rank-ordered listing of Proposers to the Selection Committee, based on the combined average rankings given each Proposer. The Selection Committee members will then collectively decide if they would like to recommend the Board, or if applicable the County manager, authorize staff to enter into Contract Negotiations with all Proposers elevated to Proposer Interviews, starting with the highest-ranked Proposer. After Board or County Manager approval, as applicable, to authorize staff to negotiate a contract, the highest-ranked Proposer will then be elevated to Elevation Level 4, Contract Negotiations.

Elevation Level 4 (Contract Negotiations)

If after negotiating for a reasonable time period the parties cannot agree on a contract, the County shall, in its sole discretion, terminate further contract negotiations with that Proposer. Procurement shall notify the Selection Committee that contract negotiations with the elevated Proposer have terminated. The Selection Committee shall then determine whether to recommend to the Board to approve contract negotiations with the next-highest-ranked Proposer, and so on. If the Selection Committee decides not to recommend contract negotiations with the next-highest-ranked Proposer, or if the County determines there is no other Proposer with whom the County can successfully negotiate a contract, then the RFP Selection Process shall terminate.

After contract negotiations with a Proposer are successfully completed pursuant to Elevation Level 4, the Selection Committee shall recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that it selects such Proposer to provide the services as outlined in the Agreement. The Board of County Commissioners shall make the final decision whether to enter into an Agreement with a Proposer.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

BID OPENING

Proposers may attend the Bid Opening in person or via conference call by dialing (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 327 647 2818. A listing of all proposers will be posted to Procurement's website as soon as possible after bid opening.

COMMUNICATIONS

After the issuance of any Request for Proposal, prospective proposers shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the Request for Proposal with the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, or any employee of Polk County other than the Procurement Director or as directed in the cover page of the Request for Proposal. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any Request for Proposal and ends upon execution of the final contract. Such communications initiated by a proposer shall be grounds for disqualifying the offending proposer from consideration for award of the proposal and/or any future proposal.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Vendor shall maintain at all times the following minimum levels of insurance and shall, without in any way altering its liability, obtain, pay for, and maintain insurance for the coverage and amounts of coverage not less than those set forth below. All insurance shall be written with an insurer licensed to do business in the State of Florida; rated "A VIII" or better by A.M. Best Rating Company for Class VIII financial size category.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury, death, property damage, and personal injury resulting from any one occurrence, including the following coverages: Completed Operations, Broad Form CG. Policy shall include coverage for all contractual liability that Vendor has agreed to herein and may not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Products/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability or Cross Liability coverage. Policy shall include the following sublimits:

Products Completed Operations: \$1,000,000 / \$2,000,000

Personal and Advertising Injury: \$1,000,000

Medical Expenses: \$10,000

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury, death and property damage resulting from any one occurrence, including all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles and shall be primary to any other available insurance.

Workers' Compensation Insurance: Vendor shall maintain Workers' Compensation statutory benefits coverage for all employees, agents, volunteers, and subcontractors as required under Florida Statutes, including those that may be required by any applicable federal statute.

Employers Liability Insurance: Vendor shall maintain the following limits:

Each Accident	\$1,000,000
Disease – Each Employee	\$1,000,000
Disease – Policy Limit	\$1,000,000

Professional Services Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance: \$2,000,000 combined single limit of liability, to include, but not limited to, design and engineering, as applicable.

The County shall be named as an additional insured for all work being performed for Polk County for General Liability and Automobile Liability. For General Liability, Additional Insured status must apply to both ongoing and completed operations. General Liability should be on a primary and non-contributory basis. All policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County. Limits of liability may be obtained using any combination of primary and excess policies, with all excess policies following form of the underlying primary policy.

The certificate holder must be Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, 330 W Church St, Rm 150, Bartow, Florida 33830. An original certificate of insurance must be on file in the Procurement Division before a purchase order will be issued. The County shall receive 30 days advance notice of non-renewal, cancellation or material change to any policy under this agreement.

INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor, to the extent permitted by law, shall indemnify, defend (by counsel reasonably acceptable to County), protect and hold the County, and its officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all, claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, penalties, forfeitures, damages, losses, and expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred during negotiation, through litigation and all appeals therefrom) including, without limitation, those pertaining to the death of or injury to any person, or damage to any property, arising out of or resulting from (i) the failure of Contractor to comply with applicable laws, rules or regulations, (ii) the breach by Contractor of its obligations under any Agreement with the County entered into pursuant to this solicitation, (iii) any claim for trademark, patent, or copyright infringement arising out of the scope of Contractor's performance or nonperformance of the Agreement, or (iv) the negligent acts, errors or omissions, or intentional or willful misconduct, of Contractor, its professional associates, subcontractors, agents, and employees; provided, however, that Contractor shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the County with respect to any such claims or damages arising out of the County's sole negligence. The obligations imposed by this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

The Contractor declares and warrants that neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's affiliates, as that term is defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, are subject to the restrictions in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, regarding the commission of a public entity crime. If during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor or any affiliate is convicted of a public entity crime or is otherwise prohibited from performing work for or transacting business with the County pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, then the Contractor shall be in material default of this Agreement, and in such case, the County shall have the rights and remedies as provided herein.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The County is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The County is committed to equal opportunity employment effort; and expects Contractors that do business with the County to have a vigorous affirmative action program.

WOMEN/MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OUTREACH

The County hereby notifies all Proposers that W/MBE's are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any request for proposal by the County and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin.

AFFIRMATION

By submitting their proposal, the Proposer affirms that the proposal is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, Contractor or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; the Proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other person to submit a false or sham proposal; the Proposer has not solicited or induced any person, Contractor or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal; and the Proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain for him/herself any advantage over other persons or over the County.

DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Neither the County nor its representative(s) shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with preparation of a submittal to the RFP. Proposers should prepare their proposals simply and economically, providing a straightforward and concise description of the proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP.

ADDENDA

The County may record its responses to inquiries and any supplemental instructions in the form of written addenda. The addenda will be posted on the County's website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/>. It is the sole responsibility of the proposers to check the website to ensure that all available information has been received prior to submitting a proposal.

CODE OF ETHICS

If any proposer violates or is a party to a violation of the code of ethics of Polk County or the State of Florida, with respect to this proposal, such proposer may be disqualified from performing the work described in this proposal or from furnishing the goods or services for which the proposal is submitted and shall be further disqualified from bidding on any future proposals for work, goods, or services for the County.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Preference shall be given to businesses with Drug Free Workplace (DFW) programs. Whenever two or more proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received by the County for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a proposal received from a business that has provided a statement that it is a DFW shall be given preference in the award process.

APPLICABLE LAWS AND COURTS

This RFP and any resulting agreements shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Florida and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought only in the courts of Polk County, State of Florida or the Middle District of Florida, Hillsborough County, Florida. The proposer shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

CONTRACT

All contracts are subject to final approval of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners or County Manager, as applicable. Persons or Contractors which incur expenses or change position in anticipation of a contract prior to the Board's approval do so at their own risk.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

A proposal shall be binding upon the offeror and irrevocable by it for 120 calendar days following the proposal opening date. Any proposal in which offer or shortens the acceptance period may be rejected.

ADDITION/DELETION

The County reserves the right to add to or delete any item from this proposal or resulting agreements when deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

INVOICING AND PAYMENT: The successful proposer shall submit a properly certified invoice to the County at the contract prices. **An original invoice shall be submitted to the appropriate User Division.** The proposer shall include the contract number and/or the purchase order number on all invoices. The proposer's Project Manager or any authorized officer shall, by affidavit, attest to the correctness and accuracy of all charges. Invoices will be processed for payment when approved by the appropriate Division's Project Manager or designee. The County's payment of an invoice shall not constitute evidence of the County's acceptance of the Proposers performance of the Service or the County's acceptance of any work.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (Public Records Law) and except as may be provided by other applicable State and Federal Law, all proposers should be aware that Request for Proposals and the submittals thereto are in the public domain. However, the proposers are **required to identify specifically** any information contained in their proposals which they consider confidential and/or proprietary and which they believe to be exempt from disclosure, **citing specifically the applicable exempting law**. Proposers should provide a redacted copy of proposal with submittal.

All proposals received from proposers in response to this Request for Proposal will become the property of the County and will not be returned to the proposers. In the event of contract award, all documentation produced as part of the contract will become the exclusive property of the County.

REVIEW OF PROPOSAL FILES

In accordance with Chapter 119.071 of the Florida Statutes, the submittals received for this Request for Proposal are exempt from review for thirty (30) days after the Bid Opening Date or at Recommendation of Award, whichever event occurs first.

Should the RFP be cancelled and re-solicited for any reason, proposal submittals shall remain exempt from disclosure for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months or at Recommendation of Award of the subsequent solicitation.

RFP PROTEST: Any proposer desiring to file a protest, with respect to a recommended award of any RFP, shall do so by filing a written protest. The written protest must be in the possession of the Procurement Division within three (3) working days of the Notice of Recommended Award mailing date. All proposers who submitted a proposal will be sent a Notice of Recommended Award, unless only one proposal was received.

A copy of the protest procedures may be obtained from the Polk County Procurement Division or can be downloaded from the County's website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/protest-procedures/>.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROTEST PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TIME FRAMES PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS ESTABLISHED BY POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE PROPOSER'S RIGHT TO PROTEST AND ANY RESULTING CLAIM.

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN(S)

The vendor agrees that unauthorized aliens shall not be employed nor utilized in the performance of the requirements of this solicitation. The County shall consider the employment or utilization of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a). Such violation shall be cause for unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County. As part of the response to this solicitation, the successful Contractor will complete and submit the attached form "AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS."

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-Verify)

A. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this Section which are defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, shall have the meaning ascribed in said statute.

B. Pursuant to Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes, the contractor hereto, and any subcontractor thereof, must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the contractor or subcontractor. The contractor acknowledges and agrees that (i) the County and the contractor may not enter into this Agreement, and the contractor may not enter into any subcontracts hereunder, unless each party to this Agreement, and each party to any subcontracts hereunder, registers with and uses the E-Verify system; and (ii) use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System and compliance with all other terms of this Certification and Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., is an express condition of this Agreement, and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of this Agreement.

C. By entering into this Agreement, the contractor becomes obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes but is not limited to utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees, and requiring all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this Agreement, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute or Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat., the subcontract must be terminated immediately. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., such termination is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If this Agreement is terminated for a violation of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., by the contractor, the contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of 1 year after the date of termination. The contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of this Agreement. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to allow intentional discrimination of any class protected by law.

LIMITATIONS

The County reserves the right to revise, amend or withdraw this proposal at any time to protect its interest. Proposers will not be compensated by the County for costs incurred in preparation of responses to this RFP.

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS: Each party shall be responsible for its own legal and attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any dispute or any litigation arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, including attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred for any appellate or bankruptcy proceedings.

Prohibition Against Considering Vendor Interests: In accordance with Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not (i) request documentation of or consider a Vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the

Vendor is a responsible vendor; or (ii) give preference to a Vendor based on the Vendor's social, political, or ideological interests

PUBLIC RECORD LAWS

- a) The Contractor acknowledges the County's obligations under Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution and under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request and comply in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement. The Contractor further acknowledges that the constitutional and statutory provisions control over the terms of this Agreement. In association with its performance pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall not release or otherwise disclose the content of any documents or information that is specifically exempt from disclosure pursuant to all applicable laws.
- b) Without in any manner limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent applicable, the Contractor acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records, and shall:
 1. keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services required under this Agreement;
 2. upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records or his/her designee, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
 3. ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the term of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the County; and
 4. upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.
- c) **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER
POLK COUNTY
330 WEST CHURCH ST.
BARTOW, FL 33830
TELEPHONE: (863) 534-7527
EMAIL: RML0@POLK-COUNTY.NET**

Scrutinized Companies and Business Operations Certification; Termination.

A. Certification(s).

- i. By its execution of this Agreement, the Vendor hereby certifies to the County that the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, nor is the Vendor engaged in a boycott of Israel, nor was the Vendor on such List or engaged in such a boycott at the time it submitted its bid, proposal, quote, or other form of offer, as applicable, to the County with respect to this Agreement.
- ii. Additionally, if the value of the goods or services acquired under this Agreement are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), then the Vendor further certifies to the County as follows:
 - a) the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
 - b) the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
 - c) the Vendor is not engaged in business operations (as that term is defined in Florida Statutes, Section 287.135) in Cuba or Syria; and
 - d) the Vendor was not on any of the Lists referenced in this subsection A(ii), nor engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria when it submitted its proposal to the County concerning the subject of this Agreement.
- iii. The Vendor hereby acknowledges that it is fully aware of the penalties that may be imposed upon the Vendor for submitting a false certification to the County regarding the foregoing matters.

B. Termination. In addition to any other termination rights stated herein, the County may immediately terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- i. The Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection A (i) above, or the Vendor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- ii. The Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection A(ii) above, or the

Vendor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and the value of the goods or services acquired under this Agreement are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

Proposers Incorporation Information

(Submittal Page)

The following section should be completed by all bidders and submitted with their bid submittal:

Company Name: _____

DBA/Fictitious Name (if applicable): _____

TIN #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Note: Company name must match legal name assigned to the TIN number. A current W9 should be submitted with your bid submittal.

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Organization (select one type)

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Non-Profit
- Sub Chapter
- Joint Venture
- Corporation
- LLC
- LLP
- Publicly Traded
- Employee Owned

State of Incorporation: _____

The Successful vendor must complete and submit this form prior to award. The Successful vendor must invoice using the company name listed above.

EXHIBIT 1

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PREPARE AND SEND PERFORMANCE SURVEYS

The objective of this process is to identify the past performance of the Contractor submitting a proposal package. This is accomplished by sending survey forms to past customers. The customers should return the forms directly to the Contractor. The Contractor is to include all surveys in their proposal package.

Sending the Survey

The surveys shall be sent to all clients for whom the Contractor has identified under Tab 3. Surveys should correlate to all projects identified under Tab 3.

If more surveys are included, then Procurement will only use those identified under Tab 3.

1. The Contractor shall complete the following information for each customer that a survey will be sent

CLIENT NAME	Name of the company that the work was performed for (i.e. Hillsborough County).
FIRST NAME	First name of the person who will answer customer satisfaction questions.
LAST NAME	Last name of the person who will answer customer satisfaction questions.
PHONE NUMBER	Current phone number for the reference (including area code).
EMAIL ADDRESS	Current email address for the reference.
PROJECT NAME	Name of the project (CMAR Services for Hillsborough County Ag Center), Etc.
COST OF SERVICES	Cost of services (\$1,000,000)
DATE COMPLETE	Date when the services were completed. (i.e. 5/31/2022)

2. The Contractor is responsible for verifying that their information is accurate prior to submission for references.

3. The survey must contain different services/projects. You cannot have multiple people evaluating the same job. However, one person may evaluate several different jobs.

4. The past projects can be either completed or on-going.

5. The past client/owner must evaluate and complete the survey.

Preparing the Surveys

1. The Contractor is responsible for sending out a performance survey to the clients that have been identified under Tab 3. The survey can be found on the next page.
2. The Contractor should enter the past clients' contact information, and project information on each survey form for each reference. The Contractor should also enter their name as the Contractor being surveyed.
3. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring all references/surveys are included in their submittal under Tab 8
4. Polk County Procurement may contact the reference for additional information or to clarify survey data. If the reference cannot be contacted, there will be no credit given for that reference.

Survey Questionnaire – Polk County

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To: _____ (Name of Person completing survey)
 _____ (Name of Client Company/Contractor)
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Total Annual Budget of Entity _____

Subject: Past Performance Survey of Similar work:

Project name: _____

Name of Vendor being surveyed: _____

Cost of Services: Original Cost: _____ Ending Cost: _____

Contract Start Date: _____ Contract End Date: _____

Rate each of the criteria on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing that you were very satisfied (and would hire the Contractor /individual again) and 1 representing that you were very unsatisfied (and would never hire the Contractor /individual again). Please rate each of the criteria to the best of your knowledge. If you do not have sufficient knowledge of past performance in a particular area, leave it blank.

NO	CRITERIA	UNIT	SCORE
1	Ability to manage cost	(1-10)	
2	Ability to maintain project schedule (complete on-time/early)	(1-10)	
3	Quality of workmanship	(1-10)	
4	Professionalism and ability to manage	(1-10)	
5	Close out process	(1-10)	
6	Ability to communicate with Client's staff	(1-10)	
7	Ability to resolve issues promptly	(1-10)	
8	Ability to follow protocol	(1-10)	
9	Ability to maintain proper documentation	(1-10)	
10	Appropriate application of technology	(1-10)	
11	Overall Client satisfaction and comfort level in hiring	(1-10)	
12	Ability to offer solid recommendations	(1-10)	
13	Ability to facilitate consensus and commitment to the plan of action among staff	(1-10)	

Printed Name of Evaluator _____

Signature of Evaluator: _____

Please fax or email the completed survey to: _____

Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws

POLK COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 A(E) {SECTION 274A(E) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT (“INA”)}

POLK COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(E) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 274A(E) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY POLK COUNTY.**

BIDDER ATTEST THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

State of: _____

County of: _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____ (*name*) as _____ (*title of officer*) of _____ (*entity name*), on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Printed Name of Notary Public: _____

Notary Commission Number and Expiration: _____

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-VERIFY) CERTIFICATION

(Florida Statutes, Section 448.095)

PROJECT NAME: RFP 25-597, Construction Manager at Risk – New Agricultural Center Complex

The undersigned, as an authorized officer of the contractor identified below (the “**Contractor**”), having full knowledge of the statements contained herein, hereby certifies to Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the “**County**”), by and on behalf of the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as related to the contract entered into by and between the Contractor and the County on or about the date hereof, whereby the Contractor will provide labor, supplies, or services to the County in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration (the “**Contract**”), as follows:

1. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this Certification which are defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, shall have the meaning ascribed in said statute.

2. Pursuant to Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes, the Contractor, and any subcontractor under the Contract, must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor or subcontractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that (i) the County and the Contractor may not enter into the Contract, and the Contractor may not enter into any subcontracts thereunder, unless each party to the Contract, and each party to any subcontracts thereunder, registers with and uses the E-Verify system; and (ii) use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System and compliance with all other terms of this Certification and Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., is an express condition of the Contract, and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract.

3. By entering into the Contract, the Contractor becomes obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes but is not limited to utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees, and requiring all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of the Contract, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute or Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat., the subcontract must be terminated immediately. If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., such termination is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If the Contract is terminated for a violation of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of 1 year after the date of termination. The Contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of the Contract. Nothing in this Certification shall be construed to allow intentional discrimination of any class protected by law.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:
By: _____
PRINTED NAME: _____
Its: _____

CONTRACTOR:
By: _____
PRINTED NAME: _____
Its: _____

August 12, 2025

POLK COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
ADDENDUM #1

RFP 25-597, Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) – New Agricultural Center Complex

This addendum is issued to clarify, add to, revise and/or delete items of the RFP Documents for this work. This Addendum is a part of the RFP Documents and acknowledgment of its receipt should be noted on the Addendum.

Contained within this addendum: Questions and answers.

Tabatha Shirah

Tabatha Shirah

Procurement Analyst

Procurement Division

This Addendum sheet should be signed and returned with your submittal. This is the only acknowledgment required.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Addendum #1

Question 1: Can the County allow us to submit Polk County Survey Questionnaires that were solicited and completed by our clients for previous Polk County RFP's?

Answer 1: 1) Yes, surveys from prior RFP submittals may be used if they meet the following criteria.

- i. The survey questions are the same
- ii. The scope of work of the prior RFP survey you are submitting is similar to the scope of the work of this RFP.
- iii. The survey submitted is for one of the projects identified under Tab 3.
- iv. If submitting a survey from a prior RFP, please manually strike through the RFP number and name on the top of the survey and write in the appropriate RFP number and name that matches the RFP you are submitting a proposal for.

Question 2: The RFP states that the proposal must be submitted in a 3-ring binder. Would Polk County accept a spiral-bound format instead, provided that all requested tabs and documentation are included and clearly organized?

Answer 2: Spiral-bound is acceptable format.

Question 3: 1) Electronic submissions via Kiteworks, are we still required to submit one original and five hard-copy binders, or may we submit only the electronic package? 2) The RFP lists separate Tabs in PDF format. Should we upload five individually labeled PDFs (e.g. "RFP 25-599 Tab 1.pdf"), or combine everything into one bookmarked PDF?

Answer 3: 1) For electronic submissions via Kiteworks, only the electronic package is required. Hard copies are required only for non-electronic submissions.
2) Individual labeled PDF's for each Tab.

Question 4: Want to confirm that Exhibit 1 is not required to be included with each survey questionnaire, and that it is only provided as a reference for completing the top portion of the survey?

Answer 4: Exhibit 1 is detailed instructions on how to prepare and send performance surveys. It is not to be submitted with questionnaire.

Question 5: 1) Regarding Tab 6 of this RFP, please advise if proposers will be allocated points for inclusion of MBE sub-consultants.

2) We've noticed several municipalities removing this particular qualification from the scoring criteria and our request is if the County would give any consideration to doing so?

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Addendum #1

- Answer 5:** 1) Yes proposers will be allocated points for women or minority business enterprises as defined in Tab 6 on page 10 & 11 of Bid Package.
2) The County does not intend to remove this scoring criteria at this time.

Question 6: List of the contractors that attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting?

Answer 6: Attendance for the pre-proposal meeting is posted on the RFP's webpage. Which you can access at the following link: www.polk-county.net/bid-form/rfp-25-597/

Question 7: Address for project site?

Answer 7: The site is located on County owned property at 2200 Homeland-Garfield Road, Bartow, Florida 33830.