



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #03-2023

CITY OF BELLE GLADE FORENSIC AUDIT SERVICES

**PURCHASING DIVISION
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BELLE GLADE, FL 33430-3900**



NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Sealed proposal packages shall be received by the City of Belle Glade Office of the City Clerk on the date, time, and location listed below, at which time all qualification packages submitted shall be publicly announced. Proposals packages received after the designated time and date shall be rejected as non-responsive.

RFP Number:	03-2023
RFP Name:	CITY OF BELLE GLADE FORENSIC AUDIT SERVICES
RFP Advertising Date:	February 15 th , 2023
RFP Closing Date/Time:	April 3 rd , 2023 at 3:00PM.
Pre-Proposal Meeting:	A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting and record capacity inspection will be held at the City of Belle Glade City Commission Chambers and Finance Department located in City Hall, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West, Belle Glade, FL 33430-3900 on March 13th, 2023 at 10:00AM. All potential bidders are encouraged to attend.
Contact Person:	Neil Appel, C.P.M., Purchasing Manager
Email	nappel@belleglade-fl.com Start all email subject lines with the RFP number for faster recognition.
Questions Deadline	3/22/2023 at 3:00PM
Submit RFP to::	City of Belle Glade Office of the City Clerk 110 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., West Belle Glade, FL 33430-3900
RFP Scope of Work:	To conduct a forensic audit for the City of Belle Glade. See Scope of Services for details.
Proposed Shortlist Date:	4/20/2023 at 9:00AM in the City Commission Chambers Tentative
Proposed Interview Date	5/3/2023 at 10:00AM in the City Commission Chambers Tentative
Proposed Award Date	5/2023

RFP Documents may be obtained from the Purchasing Website <https://www.bellegladegov.com/rfps> Proposers who obtain solicitation documents from other sources than the Purchasing Division are cautioned that the solicitation package may be incomplete. Furthermore, all addenda shall be posted on the Purchasing Division website. Proposers obtaining bid documents from the Purchasing Division website must check the website daily to download their addenda.

Proposers shall submit **ONE (1) MARKED ORIGINAL, FIFTEEN (15) PHOTOCOPIES, AND ONE (1) THUMB DRIVE OF THE COMPLETED SUBMITTAL PACKAGE** in a sealed package to the address listed above. The Project Name, RFP Number, and time and date of the RFP opening shall be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope. Facsimile or electronic responses shall not be accepted.

Proposers may not withdraw their RFP for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the day set for the closing of RFPs.

CAUTION: It is the proposer's responsibility to ensure that proposals are received in the Office of the City Clerk prior to the date and time specified above. Receipt of a proposal in any other City office does not satisfy this requirement and shall be rejected as non-responsive. **Meeting dates are subject to change according to the needs of the City.**

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities, reject any and all proposals that are incomplete, conditional, non-responsive, or which contain additions not allowed for; to reject any or all PROPOSALS in whole or in part with or without cause; to re-advertise for proposals, to award in whole or in part to one or more Proposers, and to accept the proposal which best serves the City.

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SECTION 1-DEFINITIONS

1. **CONTRACT:** The written agreement for performance of the Scope of Work according to the terms and conditions established by the Request for Proposals/PROPOSALS and entered into between the City and the successful Proposer.
2. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:** The Staff member that is designated as the representative of the CITY concerning the contract documents.
3. **CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT:** A separate and distinguishable business entity participating or seeking to participate in the performance of a contract.
4. **CITY:** The City of Belle Glade, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and its individual and collective departments, divisions, managers, staff, and facilities.
5. **EVALUATION/EVALUATION COMMITTEE):** City staff and/or outside consultants assigned to evaluate the submitted PROPOSALS per Commission policy.
6. **PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** A meeting held prior to the date of the proposal submittal, which disseminates to all proposers in attendance information to assist them in submitting a bid or proposal including, but not limited to, information regarding the requirements of the City.
7. **PROCUREMENT** Buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring any goods and/or services for public purposes in accordance with the law, rules, regulations and procedures intended to provide for the economic expenditure of public funds. For the purpose of this policy, procurement refers to those goods and/or services, except professional services, solicited by the Purchasing Division pursuant to City and State Commission of Education requirements.
8. **PROPOSER:** Any individual, firm, or corporation submitting a proposal for this project, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative. For the purpose of this RFP Proposer shall mean the same thing as the BIDDER.
9. **“PROVIDER”, “BIDDER”, “CONTRACTOR”, OR “SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER” OR “CONSULTANT”:** The firm or individual receiving an award as a result of this Request for Proposal. Said terms may be used interchangeably while retaining the same meaning.
10. **PURCHASING DIVISION:** The Purchasing Division of the City of Belle Glade.
11. **PROPOSALS/PROPOSAL:** shall refer to any Offer(s) submitted in response to this Request for PROPOSALS.
12. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, RFP”, OR PROPOSAL:** means a solicitation of responses for goods and/or services for which the scope of work, specifications or contractual terms and conditions cannot reasonably be closely defined. Evaluation of a proposal is based on prior established criteria which may include but may not be totally limited to price.

It includes all exhibits and attachments as approved by the City, and addenda or change orders issued by the Purchasing Division. In addition, these terms are used interchangeably in this Request for PROPOSALS while retaining the same meaning.

13. **RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, OFFERER, QUOTER, OR RESPONDENT** An individual or business which has submitted a bid, offer, proposal, PROPOSALS, quotation, or response, and which has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which shall give reasonable assurance of good faith and performance.



- 14. RESPONSIVE BIDDER, OFFERER, QUOTER, OR RESPONDENT, VENDOR, CONTRACTOR** means an individual or business that has submitted a bid, offer, proposal, quotation or response, that conforms in all material respects to the solicitation
- 15. SUBCONTRACTOR/ SUB-CONSULTANT:** Any person, firm, entity, or organization, other than the employees of the successful Proposer, who contract with the successful proposer to furnish labor, or labor and materials, in connection with the Work or Services to the City, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf of the successful proposer.
- 16. WORK, SERVICES, PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR ENGAGEMENT:** All matters that shall be required to be done by the successful Proposer in accordance with the Scope of Work, and the Terms and Conditions of this RFP.
- 17. VENDOR:** An actual or potential supplier of goods and/or services interchangeable with the term bidder, Consultant, and/or contractor.



SECTION 3 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City of Belle Glade (City) is seeking qualified certified public accounting firms to perform a forensic audit of its financial records (including all expenditure and revenue funds) for the fiscal years ending September 30th, 2021 and September 30th, 2022.

The City was incorporated in 1945 and is the largest city within the 2,862,00-acre subtropical Everglades in the heartland of Florida. Belle Glade has five elementary schools, 1 middle school, 1 high school, and a private school as well as a campus of Palm Beach State College.

In addition, Belle Glade has a local theater, the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, that has been providing the community with quality arts and entertainment since 1982 and a local museum, the Lawrence E. Will Museum of the Glades.

The City is located in Palm Beach County, Florida, serving a population of just under eighteen thousand citizens, with an annual operating budget of approximately twenty nine million dollars (\$28,000,000).

The City provides the following services to its residents:

- Police and Fire Rescue;
- Construction and maintenance of streets, bridges, storm drainage, public parks, City Hall and other City facilities as well as community and recreational facilities;
- City planning, zoning, and building code regulation and enforcement;
- Garbage Collection.

The City has its own retirement system for its employees.

Funds to be audited:

The City utilizes the following fund types:

Governmental Funds:

- General Fund
- Capital Projects Fund
- CRA Fund
- Infrastructure Surtax Fund
- American Rescue Plan
- Stormwater Utility Fund
- Garbage/Solid Waste Fund
- Marina Fund
- Revolving Loan Fund

The selected Auditing firm must provide Certified Public Accountants (CPA), who are also Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) and have specific experience in auditing governmental entities.

The Forensic Auditors ("Auditors") will perform an investigative accounting review of the financial records of the City for the FY 2020 - 2021 and FY 2021 – 2022 on all financial transactions including, but not limited to, deposits, payments, financial records using auditing, quantitative methods and related skills to determine:

Whether the combined financial records of City present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and the changes in financial position and cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (GAAP);



Whether the City has complied with laws and regulations that may have a material effect upon the financial statements; and

Whether fraud, including theft (cash, inventory and fraudulent payments); corruption (conflict of interest, bribery and extortion); or financial statement fraud (misstatements of the financials of the City); and other illegal financial activities occurred.

The auditors will analyze, interpret and summarize the City's internal accounting controls and accounting procedures, compile financial evidence, suggests computer applications to manage the information collected and communicate their findings, with recommendations, in the form of reports and/ or presentations to the Director of Finance, City Manager and the City Commission. The examination and reports must be in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

In the required reports on internal controls, the forensic auditing team must communicate any reportable conditions found during the audit. Non-reportable conditions discovered by auditors shall be reported in a separate letter to management, which shall be referred to in the reports on internal controls.

The team must identify if fraud has been committed, how long it has been going on, the parties involved, quantify the financial loss, and provide fraud prevention methods.

The forensic auditing team must report any significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

The forensic reporting team must also identify and report all material weaknesses.

Forensic auditors shall be required to make an immediate, written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal acts of which they become aware to the City Manager and the Director of Finance.

Specific Deliverables to the City

A Report on the combined financial records of the City fair representation, in all material respects, of the financial position and the changes in financial position and cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (GAAP).

A Report on Compliance of City with applicable laws and Regulations

A Report of any finding of fraud, including theft (cash, inventory and fraudulent payments); corruption (conflict of interest, bribery and extortion); or financial statement fraud (misstatements of the financials of the City); and other illegal financial activities within City.

The auditors will also format, publish, and produce a photo ready copy of the following documents: Ten copies of Basic Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for each of the fiscal years audited.

City's Responsibilities

City staff will prepare the final trial balances of all funds administered by City.

City staff will produce the confirmation letters that are mailed by the auditors.

City staff will be available to assist the auditors in locating records or preparing audit schedules. All requests will first be directed to the Director of Finance or his/her designee.

City will provide the auditor with reasonable workspace, desks, and chairs. The auditors will also be furnished access to telephones, facsimile machines, and photocopying machines.



Coordination with the City's Director of Finance

All Forensic Accounting Services shall be performed and coordinated through the Director of Finance. The selected firm shall perform all requested services in cooperation, consultation, and coordination with the City's Director of Finance.



SECTION 4 – PROPOSALS

The City of Belle Glade (hereinafter referred to as the City), is accepting submittals from qualified firms or individuals to provide services per the scope of work. Since the CITY must make a determination of a Consultant's qualifications prior to their employment, the qualifications package of this Request for Proposals shall be used by the City to make this determination. Additionally, evaluation points shall be assigned to information contained in the package to aid in reducing the total number of submittals to a short-list of firms. Short-listed firms may be invited to make presentations and / or be interviewed for final evaluation.

Qualification submittals shall be considered from qualified firms or individuals whose experience includes successful work in similar projects. Also, the firm must have a sufficient number of qualified staff in the applicable disciplines to complete the work in the time required and in accordance with State of Florida statutes and standards, if applicable.

SECTION 5 – SUBMITTAL INFORMATION: HOW, WHEN & WHERE

5.1 Qualification packages shall be submitted in a sealed envelope [labeled with the Proposer's name, contact information, and the Request for Qualification (RFP) Number]. The original and each copy shall be identified as follows: RFP Number, RFP Name, Due Date/Time.

5.2 All responses to the, RFP must be submitted on 8½" by 11" paper, neatly typed on one side only, with normal margins and spacing. One (1) bound one-sided original, FIFTEEN (15) bound copies (a total of sixteen (16) sets) and one (1) thumb drive of the complete submittal must be received by the closing date and time. The original and all copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

5.3 All sealed proposals must be received and time stamped in the Purchasing Office, either by mail or hand delivery, **on or before the date and time referenced above**. Any proposals received **after** the due date and time shall be rejected as non-responsive. The official time shall be measured by the time stamp in the Purchasing Division. All packages must be clearly marked with the RFP number, time and date of opening.

5.4 Responses to the RFP must be signed in ink by an authorized officer of the proposing firm, who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the Proposer. The submittal of a Statement of proposals by the Proposer will be considered by the City as constituting an Offer by the Proposer to perform the required services.

5.5 Neither the City nor its representatives shall be liable for any expenses incurred in connection with preparation of a response to this RFP. All Submittals should be prepared to provide a straightforward and concise description of the respondents' proposals and ability to meet the RFP requirements.

5.6 Failure to respond to all of the questions in the RFP package may result in the submittal being considered non-responsive. In order for the City to make a determination of proposals, a complete package must be submitted.

5.7 If you propose to joint venture or use outside professional services for any of the project requirements all such information must be included in the Submittal Package. Do not have individual "team" firms send in their own submittals.

5.8 All firms must be clearly identified in your submittal, and their ability to perform assigned responsibilities must be demonstrated.

SECTION 6 - TERM OF CONTRACT:

6.1 The City anticipates awarding a single contract for this project. The awarded consultant is required to enter into an Agreement within twenty (10) days of its receipt of the final negotiated draft of the Agreement from



the City. The Agreement will incorporate this RFQ, the Consultant's proposal (or sections thereof) and the terms and conditions negotiated by the parties.

6.2 The Agreement will contain performance based criteria and milestone timelines for deliverable items.

SECTION 7 – INQUIRIES

7.1 Inquiries concerning Qualification Submittals should be made in writing via email (preferred, with attachments using Word software) or facsimile and directed as follows:

City of Belle Glade Purchasing Division
Attn: Purchasing Manager
110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd W.
Belle Glade Fl., 33430-3900
nappel@belleglade-fl.com

7.2 CONTACT WITH THE CITY'S ELECTED OFFICIALS OR CITY PERSONNEL OTHER THAN THE PURCHASING DIVISION CONTACT REGARDING THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION AND ELIMINATION FROM THE SELECTION PROCESS.

SECTION 8 - SELECTION PROCEDURE

8.1 The Selection Procedure is a two (2) step process.

STEP 1

The evaluation committee (herein after called EC) shall be responsible for short-listing the most qualified firms. The EC may also, at its sole discretion, request additional or clarifying information (through the Purchasing Manager) from any responder. The EC may expressly request such information to remedy any incomplete response but will not be obligated to do so. Failure to provide the information could result in the rejection of the responder's proposal. The occurrence or absence of such a request shall not be cause for objection by any responder.

STEP 2

Shortlisted firms may be invited to appear in front of the EC and/ or City Commission for oral presentations and/ or discussions on its proposals and methodology.

Proposer understands that if a team is short listed and selected to be interviewed and /or to make oral presentations to the EC and/or the Commission, only the team members evaluated in the written submissions may present or be interviewed. The firm principal can accompany the team, and if not a team member, introduce the team. Any changes to the team at the oral presentations/interviews shall result in that team's disqualification.

Negotiations shall begin as follows:

A tentative contract shall be negotiated with the most qualified firm for professional services at compensation which the City Commission's designee(s) determine(s) is fair, competitive, and reasonable. In making such determination, the City Commission's designee(s) shall conduct a detailed analysis of the cost of the professional services required in addition to considering their scope and complexity. For any lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional service contract that exceeds the maximum amount established by F.S. 287.017 for Category Four, the City Commission shall require the firm receiving the award to execute a **Truth-In-Negotiation Certificate** (form attached) stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. Any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required shall contain a provision that the original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the City Commission determines the contract price was increased due to



inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the contract.

For project specific RFP's, the EC reserves the right to negotiate an agreement individually based upon ranking to reach an agreement; for continuing services type agreements, the EC reserves the right to negotiate concurrently with selected firms, whereby one or multiple firms will then be recommended to the City Commission for award. The City may act only through the City Commission. The proposer may not rely on any representations by the City other than as approved by official action of the City Commission.

8.2 The City reserves the right to award single or multiple contracts if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals packages. With all factors considered, awards will be made to respondent(s) whose proposals are deemed, in the sole discretion of the City, to best serve the public interest of the City.

8.3 The Submittal Package (or sections thereof) of the successful respondent(s) shall be incorporated in any Contract that ensues.

8.4 Any contract(s) resulting from this RFP shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The selected consultant(s) will also be required to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and contract provisions.

8.5 The City reserves the right to retain proposals and use ideas from them.

SECTION 9- REJECTION CRITERIA

Submittals shall be rejected as non-responsive if any of the following criteria exist (this list is not all-inclusive):

9.1 All questions, instructions, and forms in the Qualification package have not been properly completed so as to not be able to render an evaluation.

9.2 The RFP response is found to have concealed or contained false and/or misleading information.

9.3 The City did not receive the RFP package prior to the submittal deadline.

9.4 Your firm is not licensed with the Florida Secretary of State to do business in Florida. **You must submit a State of Florida Certificate of Status for your firm.**

9.5 The Qualification package signature page is not properly executed.

9.6 Substitution of (SF) 330/255/254 (or similar form) or resumes for Tab #3, Key Personnel/Engagement Team, and Tab#5, Capabilities/ Specific Related Experience of the Firm.

9.7 Submitting a Compilation Financial Statement if a financial statement is required.

SECTION 10 - WAIVERS

The City in its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, accept any Qualification packages or any combination of proposals or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in proposals received and may, at its sole discretion, request a re-qualification, when in its sole judgment, it will best serve public interest.

SECTION 11 - EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

11.1 The City reserves the right to contact any of the firms listed in this RFP (e.g., listed in past performance, etc.) or to call any entity to check past performance whether listed in the submittal or not.



11.2 The City EC shall be comprised of staff and additional consultants if necessary. This committee shall evaluate the qualifications, rank the firms, and may recommend the top ranked firms for oral presentations/ interviews.

11.3 The Qualifications/Proposals shall be evaluated as follows:

Criteria	Max Points
Key Personnel / Proposed Engagement Team	20
Capabilities/ Specific Related Experience of the Firm	20
Financial Capacity	10
Overall Understanding and Methodology	25
Cost	20
References	5
Responsiveness	Point Deduct
MAXIMUM POINTS	100 POINTS

11.4 To obtain the best possible score it is important that the Project Team Staffing Experience and Related Experience of the Firm portions of the Package specifically address the advertised major area/classes of work, and any special requirements that may be listed. Do not submit resumes in lieu of completing these portions of the RFP.

SECTION 12 - ADDENDA

12.1 If revisions become necessary, the City will provide written addenda through the City website at least five working days prior to the opening date. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure it is received.

12.2 If addenda are issued, please acknowledge under Section 1.12 that you have received any addenda.

SECTION 13 - INSURANCE

The Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement insurance of the types and subject to the limits set forth below. The Consultant shall also provide the City with evidence of this insurance in the form of Certificates of Insurance which shall be subject to the City's approval for adequacy. The City shall be an Additional Insured on policies of Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Auto Liability with respect to all claims arising out of the work performed under this Agreement. The City shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice of any material changes or cancellations of the policies. If sub-contractors are used by the Consultant, it shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that all its sub-contractors comply with all the insurance requirements contained herein relating to such sub-contractors.

Except as otherwise stated, the amounts and types of insurance shall conform to the following minimum requirements:

13.1 WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Workers' Compensation insurance coverage to apply for all employees for Florida statutory limits. Coverage B, Employers Liability, shall be written for a minimum liability at \$500,000.00 per occurrence.

13.2 COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Commercial General Liability insurance on an occurrence basis for a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, \$2,000,000.00 general aggregate, for claims of bodily injury including death, property damage and personal injury. Contractual Liability coverage shall be included.



13.3 COMMERCIAL AUTO LIABILITY

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Business Commercial Auto Liability for claims of bodily injury and property damage for minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit.

13.4 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

The Consultant shall provide and maintain during the life of this Agreement, at his, its or their own expense, Professional Liability insurance on a claims made basis for a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 coverage.

13.5 OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The General Liability and Auto Liability policies shall contain or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

The City, its Officers, Officials, Employees, Agents, and Volunteers are to be covered as additional insured's for any and all liability arising out of the Consultant's performance of this Agreement, or out of automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Consultant. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on scope of protection offered to the City, its Officers, Officials, Employee, Agents and Volunteers.

The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its Officers, Officials, Employees, Agents and Volunteers for Consultant's activities. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its Officers, Officials, Employees, Agents, or Volunteers shall be in excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the City, its Officers, Officials, Employees, Agents, or Volunteers.

The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom a claim is made, or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of insurer's liability.

SECTION 14 - INDEMNIFICATION

The Consultant covenants and agrees at all times to save, hold, and keep harmless the City, its Officials, Employees, and Agents, and indemnify the City, its Officials, Employees, and Agents, against any and all claims, demands, penalties, judgments, court costs, reasonable attorney's fees for personal injury and loss of property to the extent arising out of or in any way connected or arising out of the Consultant's negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful conduct in the performance of this Agreement. The Consultant hereby acknowledges that the payments made under this Agreement include specific consideration for the indemnification herein provided.

It is the specific intent of the parties hereto that the foregoing indemnification complies with Florida Statute 725.06 (Chapter 725).

The Consultant, without exemption, shall indemnify and hold harmless, the CITY, its employees, representatives and elected officials from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or item manufactured by the Consultant. Further, if such a claim is made, or is pending, the Consultant may, at its option and expense, procure for the CITY the right to use, replace, or modify the item to render it non-infringing. If none of the alternatives are reasonably available, the CITY agrees to return the article on request to the Consultant and receive reimbursement. If the Consultant used any design, device or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood, without exception, that the Contract prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or materials in any way involved in the work.

**SECTION 15 - PROHIBITION ON CONTINGENCY FEES.**

The resulting contract with the selected proposer shall contain the following prohibition against contingent fees:

Proposer warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the firm to solicit or secure this agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the firm any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement." For the breach or violation of this provision, the City shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or consideration.

SECTION 16 – PUBLIC RECORDS:

Upon receipt, all proposals and information submitted with each qualification become "public record", property of the City and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law). In order to possibly be exempt from disclosure, offerors must invoke the specific exemptions to disclosure provided by law in their qualification by providing the specific statutory authority for the claimed exemption, identifying the data or other materials to be protected, and stating the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary. Any resulting contract may be reviewed by any person after the contract has been executed by the City. The City has the right to use any or all information/material submitted in response to this RFP and/or any resulting contract from it. Disqualification of an offeror does not eliminate this right. In accordance with section 119.0701, Fla. Stat. any resulting contract shall include a provision that requires the contractor, if applicable, to comply with public records laws, specifically to:

16.1 Keep and maintain public records that would be required by the City in order to perform the service.

16.2 Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City 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.

16.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.

16.4 Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor upon termination of the Contract Documents and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

16.5 The contract shall also provide that if a contractor does not comply with a public records request, the City shall enforce the contract provisions in accordance with the contract.

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 CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AT 561-992-2218, OR E-MAIL JFIGUEROA@BELLEGLADE-FL.COM , OR 110 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD WEST, BELLE GLADE FL, 33430.

**SECTION 17 - PALM BEACH COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL:**

In accordance with Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009, proposals submitted, and contracts negotiated pursuant to this RFP may be subject to investigation and/or audit by the Palm Beach County Inspector General. Prospective offerors should review Palm Beach County ordinance number 2011-009 in order to be aware of their rights and/or obligations under such ordinance.

SECTION 18 - SUB-CONTRACTING/MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION:

The CITY strongly encourages the use of Minority/Woman owned business enterprises for participation as associates, joint ventures, prime proposers, and sub-proposers in contracting opportunities.

SECTION 19 – LOCAL PREFERENCE:

There is no local preference application for this solicitation.

SECTION 20 – DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

In accordance with section 287.087, Florida Statutes, preference shall be given to proposers with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two (2) or more Proposals, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received by the City for the procurement of commodities of contractual services, a Proposal received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. In order to receive such preference, the Proposer shall complete and submit with its Proposal the certification attached hereto as **Attachment C “Drug-Free Workplace Form”**.

SECTION 21 – PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

In accordance with section 287.133, Florida Statutes, any person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods and/or services to a public entity; may not submit a proposal, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount in section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. The Proposer shall complete and submit with its Proposal **Attachment B “Public Entity Crime Statement”**.

SECTION 22 – ANTI-COLLUSION

The Proposer certifies, through the submittal of its Qualifications/Proposal, that this Qualifications/Proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity submitting a qualifications/proposal for the same services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. No premiums, rebates, or gratuities are permitted with, prior to, or after any provisions of services. If there is reason to believe that a violation of this provision exists, the City may reject proposals, terminate the resulting contract and/or prohibit the violator from bidding on future City projects. The Proposer shall complete and submit with its Proposal **Attachment A “Non-Collusion Affidavit”**.

SECTION 23 –CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CODE OF ETHICS

This RFP is subject to the State of Florida Code of Ethics and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. Accordingly, there are prohibitions and limitations on the employment of City officials and employees and contractual relationships providing a benefit to the same. Firms are highly encouraged to review these Codes in order to ensure compliance with the same. If any proposer violates or is a party to a violation of an applicable Code of Ethics, such proposer may be disqualified from performing the work described in this RFP or from



furnishing the goods or services for which this RFP is submitted and may be further disqualified from bidding on any future RFPs (or other procurement requests and invitations) for work or for goods or services for the City.

The award of a contract under this RFP is subject to any and all applicable conflict of interest provisions found in Florida Statutes. The Proposer shall complete and submit with its Proposal **Attachment D "Conflict of Interest Form"** attached hereto.

SECTION 24 – E-VERIFY

If awarded a contract, pursuant to Section 448.095(2), Florida Statutes, beginning on January 1, 2021, the Developer shall:

1. Register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and require all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) to register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all the subcontractors' newly hired employees;
2. Secure an affidavit from all subcontractors (providing services or receiving funding under this Agreement) stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien;
3. Maintain copies of all subcontractor affidavits for the duration of this Agreement;
4. Comply fully, and ensure all of its subcontractors comply fully, with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes;
5. Be aware that a violation of Section 448.09, Florida Statutes (Unauthorized aliens; employment prohibited) shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement; and
6. Be aware that if the City terminates this Agreement under Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes, the Developer may not be awarded a public contract for at least 1 year after the date on which the Agreement is terminated and will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of the Agreement.

SECTION 25 – SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

24.1 Proposer submitting a response must certify that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List and are not engaged in the boycott of Israel. Pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the City may immediately terminate a resulting contract at its sole option if the Proposer or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Proposer or any of its subcontractors, are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the contract.

24.2 If the contract that may result from this RFP is for one million dollars or more, the Proposer must certify that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Section 287.135, the City may immediately terminate a resulting contract at its sole option if the Proposer, or any of its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Proposer or any of its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or are or have been engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of resulting contract.

24.3 The Proposer agrees to observe the above requirements for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of work under the contract.

24.4 As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), Florida Statutes, if federal law ceases to authorize the above-stated contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.



24.5 The Proposer shall complete and submit with its Proposal **Attachment E "Scrutinized Companies Certification Form"** attached hereto.

SECTION 26 – DISCLOSURE AND DISCLAIMER

The information contained herein is provided solely for the convenience of responding firms. It is the responsibility of a firm to assure itself that information contained herein is accurate and complete. Neither the City, nor its advisors provide any assurances as to the accuracy of any information in this RFP. Any reliance on the contents of this RFP, or on any communications with City representatives or advisors, shall be at each firm's own risk. Firms should rely exclusively on their own investigations, interpretations and analyses in connection with this matter. The RFP is being provided by the City without any warranty or representation, express or implied, as to its content, accuracy or completeness and no firm or other party shall have recourse to the City if any information herein contained shall be inaccurate or incomplete. No warranty or representation is made by the City that any proposals conforming to these requirements will be selected for consideration, negotiation or approval.

Any recipient of this RFP who responds hereto fully acknowledges all the provisions of this Disclosure and Disclaimer and agrees to be bound by the terms hereof. Any proposal submitted pursuant to this RFP is at the sole risk and responsibility of the firm submitting such qualifications.

SECTION 27 – PROTESTS

Protests shall be handled in accordance with protest procedures set forth in the City's Purchasing Code, section 2-431 of the Code of Ordinances. Venue for any dispute regarding this RFP shall be in Palm Beach County, Florida.

**SECTION 28 - SUBMITTAL PACKAGE**

Submit this portion of the Request for proposals as your firms proposals Package. Complete the following information exactly as shown including numbering and tabbing sections. This information is vital for the City to rate your firm, as your evaluation and ranking will be based on the information supplied below along with any other information required by the City.

The Proposer acknowledges and understands that the information contained in response to this Qualification Statement shall be relied upon by the City in awarding the contract and such information is warranted by Proposer to be true. The discovery of any omission or misstatement that materially affects the Proposer's proposals to perform under the contract shall cause the City to reject the proposals package, and if after the award, to cancel and terminate the award and/or contract.

Responses to Tab #'s 1-10 should not exceed 50 pages. Points may be deducted for Responses that exceed fifty (50) pages. Insurance Forms, City Forms and Licenses are not included in the page count.

TAB #1 **Consultant Profile:** Complete the following Information

- 1.1. If a corporation, complete the following:
 - 1.1.1. Firm name, address, and phone number: (specify if different than parent company)
 - 1.1.2. Address of proposed office in charge (including Phone No., Fax No., and **email address**)
 - 1.1.3. Type of firm: corporation, individual, other; If corporation, complete the following:
 - 1.1.4. Date incorporated
 - 1.1.5. State of incorporation
 - 1.1.6. Date authorized to do business in Florida
 - 1.1.7. President, Vice President, Secretary
 - 1.1.8. Authorized representative, phone, fax and email
 - 1.1.9. Federal Employers Identification Number
- 1.2. If partnership, complete the following:
 - 1.2.1 Firm name, address, and phone number: (specify if different than parent company)
 - 1.2.2 Address of proposed office in charge (including Phone No. And Fax No., email address)
 - 1.2.3. Date organized, Type: General, Limited
 - 1.2.4 Names and addresses of Partners
 - 1.2.5 Authorized representative, phone, fax and email
 - 1.2.6 Federal Employers Identification Number
- 1.3 Does your firm employ CPA staff also certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) ? Attach the CFF certifications to Tab# 10.
- 1.4 Insurance
 - 1.4.1 Submit under Tab #10
 - 1.4.2. Submit proof of all insurances, Liability, Auto, Workers Comp, etc.
 - 1.4.3. Submit number and amount of claims currently against this insurance
- 1.5 What will be your turnaround time for written responses to City inquiries?
- 1.6 How much advance notice do you need to appear at the City for meetings?
- 1.7 List and describe all bankruptcy petitions (voluntary or involuntary) which have been filed by or against the Proposer, its parent or subsidiaries or predecessor organizations during the past ten (10) years. Include in the description the disposition of each such petition.



1.8 List all claims, arbitrations, administrative hearings and lawsuits brought by or against the Proposer or its predecessor organizations(s) during the last ten (10) years. The list shall include all case names; case, arbitration or hearing identification numbers; the name of the project over which the dispute arose; and a description of the subject matter of the dispute.

1.9 List and describe all criminal proceedings or hearings concerning business related offenses in which the Proposer, its principals or officers or predecessor organization(s) were defendants. Include all case and docket numbers, dates in question, case name.

1.10 Has the Proposer, its principals, officers or predecessor organization(s) been CONVICTED OF A Public Entity Crime, debarred or suspended from bidding by any government during the last five (5) years? If so, provide details including Vendor number, date suspended/convicted, agency involved. Please note number 1.11.1

1.10.1 Public Entity Crimes: Pursuant to F.S. 287.133 as amended: a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Proposal on a Contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Proposal on a Contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in F.S. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

1.10.2 The City will not intentionally award publicly-funded contracts to any contractor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions contained in U.S.C. Section 1324a (e) [Section 274A9e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)]. The City shall consider the employment by any contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the INA. Such a violation by the Recipient of the employment provisions contained in Section 274A(e) of the INA shall be grounds for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the City.

1.11 Circumstances and status of any disciplinary actions taken or pending against the firm or any partners or employees of the firm by State regulatory bodies or professional organizations during the past three (3) years

1.12 Is your firm required to submit a State of Florida Certificate of Status for your firm? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please attach to Tab#10.

1.13 If applicable: I have received addenda #_____ through addenda# _____.

TAB #2 Letter of Transmittal:

Provide a statement addressing why your firm would be in the best position to deliver the required services. (Limit to two (2) pages.)

Tab #3 Key Personnel / Proposed Engagement Team :

The names of key personnel, their respective titles, periods of service with the firm. Include:

3.1 Name and Title-**INDICATE WHICH STAFF WILL BE A PROPOSED PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS.**

3.2 Duties and Responsibilities

3.3 Dates of Service

3.4 List related forensic audit Experience on Municipal/Public Entity engagements of comparable size and complexity.

3.5 Education including continuing education within the preceding two years as defined by the U.S. General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards.

3.6 Professional Certification or License submit under Tab #10.

Availability: Brief statement of the availability of key personnel of the firm that will be available to perform auditing tasks during the term of this contract.



TAB #4 Recent/Current/Projected Workload-Staff Adequacy (LIST FOR APPLICANT FIRM'S OFFICE IN CHARGE, ADD LINES AD NEEDED).

Specify Number of Staff as follows:

CPA Staff: Certified Financial Forensics (CFF) Staff Other Licensed Personnel

	Engagement	Total Contract Fee	Percent Completed	Total Remaining Fees to be Paid to Firm	Staff Assigned
1.					
			Totals		
Total number of professional and technical staff including licensed personnel.					
Total \$ Per staff					

List for each project currently under contract whether work has started or not including contracts as a consultant to another firm

- 4.1 Total fee to the applicant firm for the project
- 4.2 Total fees remaining to be paid to the applicant firm
- 4.3 Specify number of professional and technical staff including licensed personnel,
- 4.4 Divide the total fees remaining to be paid by the number of professional and technical staff listed in 4.3 and list on the form.

TAB #5 Capabilities/ Specific Related Experience of the Firm:

Detail the firm's past experience and performance on municipal engagements of comparable size and complexity. Provide a list of clients that the firm's office has provided auditing services during the past 5 years. The individual project details shall include:

- 5.1 Name of Municipality or Other Public Entity
- 5.2 Location
- 5.3 Brief Project Scope
- 5.4 Client Contact Information
- 5.5 List of staff including engagement partners, manager, specialists and other supervisory staff that worked on this contract
- 5.6 Term of Audit Schedule (Start Fiscal Year – Completion Fiscal Year)
- 5.7 Sub-consultant Services: List of all professional services that will be performed by a sub-consultant. Using the above categories.**
- 5.8 References: The City reserves the right to contact any of the firms listed in this RFP or to call any entity to check past performance whether listed in the submittal or not.
- 5.9 Describe the firm's regulatory agency experience and anticipated interaction for this development.
- 5.10 Provide a copy of firm's most recent external quality control peer review report and any other documentation that the firm has a record of quality audit work.

Resumes or Standard Form (SF) 330/254/255 cannot be submitted as substitutes for Tab #3 Key Personnel / Proposed Project Team and Tab #5, Capabilities/Specific Related Experience of the Firm.



Substitution of resumes or (SF) 330/255/254 for the above listed tabs sections shall result in your proposals package being rejected as non-responsive.

TAB #6 Financial Capacity

Submit proof of the firm's financial capability to complete the proposed project. Acceptable Financial information are Audited or Certified financial statements no more than two (2) years old and should be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope or package and marked "**CONFIDENTIAL.**" **A COMPILATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND SHALL CAUSE YOUR SUBMITTAL TO BE REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.**

TAB#7 Required Executed forms (ALL FORMS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT)

All of the following forms must be executed and included in your step 1 submittal package or your submittal may be considered non –responsive.

- 7.1 Attachment A Non-Collusion affidavit
- 7.2 Attachment B Public Entity Crime Statement
- 7.3 Attachment C Drug Free Workplace Form
- 7.4 Attachment D Truth-In-Negotiation Certificate and Affidavit
- 7.4 Attachment E Conflict of Interest Form
- 7.5 Attachment F Scrutinized Companies Certification Form
- 7.6 Attachment G Proposer Certification and Signature Page **(Mandatory rejection if not included and executed).**

Tab#8 Overall Understanding and Methodology:

Audit Approach: Provide a specific work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed. Include:

8.1 The systems, tools, and techniques that your firm would utilize to meet our time, quality, and budget requirements.

8.1.1 What are the factors your firm may consider necessary to investigate to meet our engagement needs.

8.2 Analytical procedures to be followed.

8.3 Proposed segmentation of the engagement.

8.4 Level of staff to be assigned and number of hours to each proposed segment of the engagement.

8.5 Describe software, if any, which will be used to assist with audit work.

8.6 Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement.

8.7 Approach to gain and document an understanding of the City of Belle Glade's internal control.

8.8 Identify that your firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the City of Belle Glade.

8.9 Submit a timeline for the project beginning from the execution of the Agreement to full completion including all deliverables. Use the following sample matrix. **SEE TAB#9 FOR THE TASK FEE.**

Deliverable #	Deliverable Description	Days to Complete	Cumulative Days	Percentage Complete	Assigned Staff	Task Fee
1	AAAAAA	10	10		Staff Position	
2	BBBBBB	5	15		Staff Position	
Total Days to completion						
Total Engagement fee:						\$

**TAB# 9 Cost**

Please list your team members hourly rate (s) for this engagement. Using this hourly rate schedule complete the task fee column in Tab #8, item 8.9.

STAFF PRICING SCHEDULE			
Staff Position	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Cost
Partner (s) with names		\$	\$
Manager (add name)		\$	\$
Supervisory Staff		\$	\$
Staff		\$	\$
Subtotal			\$
Reimbursable Expenses		\$	\$
Travel & Lodging			
Meals			
Other			
Total Engagement fee:			\$

Add lines as needed in the Pricing Schedule.

Fees will be paid monthly based upon the agreed upon schedule of values.

TAB #10 Additional Attachments: (Not included in the page count)

Insert all required attachments here; Licenses, certifications, insurances, signature page, etc.

10.1.1 Attach a copy of the current Florida Division of Professional Regulation License(s)/ registration with the appropriate Commission(s) for your firm and each of the license numbers listed in Tab #3.

10.1.2 Submit your State of Florida proof of incorporation with non-dissolution statement

10.1.3 If not a corporation, submit a copy of your State of Florida Division of Corporations form showing your State registration or your license if you are a sole proprietorship.

10.1.4 Submit project office business tax receipt.

**ATTACHMENT "A"****NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

_____ being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. PROPOSER is the _____,
(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent)
2. PROPOSER is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposals package and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposals.
3. Such Qualification Package is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal.
4. Neither the said PROPOSER nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representative, employees or parties in interest, including this affidavit, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other PROPOSER, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the Contract for which the attached Proposal has been submitted; or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communications, or conference with any PROPOSER, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Qualification Package or any other PROPOSER, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the RFP Price or the RFP Price of any other PROPOSER, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against COUNTY, or any person interested in the proposed Contract;
5. The price of items quoted in the attached Qualification Package are fair and proper and are not tainted by collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the proposer or any other of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest.

By _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____ by _____

_____ who ☐ is personally known to me or who ☐ has presented the following type of identification: _____

_____.

Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida_____
Notary seal (stamped in black ink)

OR

Printed, typed or stamped name of Notary and Commission Number

() DID take an oath, or () DID NOT take an oath.

**ATTACHMENT B****SWORN STATEMENT ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

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

1. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with any agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
2. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of the public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
3. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
 - a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
 - b. An entity under the control of any person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
4. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.
5. Based on information and belief, the statement that I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. (Indicate which statement applies.)

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members or agents who are active in management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the



public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____ by _____

_____ who ☐ is personally known to me or who ☐ has presented the following type of identification: _____

_____.

Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida

Notary seal (stamped in black ink)

OR

Printed, typed or stamped name of Notary and Commission Number

**ATTACHMENT C****DRUG FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION**

IDENTICAL TIE BIDS: Preference shall be given to businesses with drug free workplace programs. Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quantity, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program (Florida Statutes Section 287.087). In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, and available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this section.
7. Your firm's Drug-Free Workplace Policy must be attached to this executed form and submitted with the Bid Documents.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

PROPOSER'S Signature

(Print or Type Name)

**ATTACHMENT D****TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF FLORIDA §
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared affiant _____,
who being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That the undersigned firm is furnishing this Truth in Negotiation Certificate pursuant to Section 287.055(5)(a) of the Florida Statutes for the undersigned firm to receive an agreement for professional services with the City OF Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida.

2. That the undersigned firm is a corporation which engages in furnishing professional architect and engineering services and is entering into an agreement with the City of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida to provide professional services for a project known as RFP #_____, _____.

3. That the undersigned firm has furnished the City of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, a detailed analysis of the cost of the professional services required for the project.

4. That the wage rate information and other factual unit cost, which the undersigned firm furnished, were accurate, complete and current at the time the undersigned firm and the City of Belle Glade entered into the agreement for professional services on the project.

5. That the agreement which the undersigned firm and the City of Belle Glade entered into on this job contained a provision that the original agreement price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to include any significant sums by which the City of Belle Glade determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates or other factual unit cost and that all such agreement adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the agreement.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

Name of Firm

By: _____
President

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____
who has produced _____ as identification or is personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State of County last aforesaid this _____ day of
_____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Signature

Notary Name (typed or printed)

Title or Rank

**EXHIBIT "E"****CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

This Request for proposals is subject to the conflict of interest provisions of the policies and Code of Ordinances of the CITY OF BELLE GLADE, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and the Florida Statutes. The Offeror shall disclose to the CITY OF BELLE GLADE any possible conflicts of interests. The Offeror's duty to disclose is of a continuing nature and any conflict of interest shall be immediately brought to the attention of the CITY OF BELLE GLADE.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

☐ To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned business has NO potential conflict of interest for this RFP due to any other clients, contracts, or property interests.

☐ To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned business has NO potential conflict of interest for this RFP as set forth in the policies and Code of Ordinances of the City of Belle Glade, as amended from time to time.

☐ To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned business has NO potential conflict of interest for this RFP as set forth in the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, as amended from time to time.

☐ To the best of our knowledge, the undersigned business has NO potential conflict of interest for this RFP as set forth in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS WERE NOT CHECKED, the undersigned business, by attachment to this form, shall submit information which may be a potential conflict of interest due to any of the above listed reasons or otherwise.

THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT THE FAILURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BLOCKS ABOVE OR TO ATTACH THE DOCUMENTATION OF ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR RESPONSE OR IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF YOUR AGREEMENT, IF ONE IS ENTERED INTO.

Company

Authorized Signature

Printed Name, Title

**ATTACHMENT "F"****SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES CERTIFICATION FORM**

By execution below, I, _____, on behalf of _____
(hereinafter, the "Proposer"), hereby swear or affirm to the following certifications:

The following certifications apply to all procurements:

1. The Proposer has reviewed section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, section 215.473, Florida Statutes and section 287.135, Florida Statutes, and understands the same.
2. The Proposer is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List nor is the Proposer engaged in a boycott of Israel.
3. If awarded a contract, the Proposer agrees to require these certifications for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of work/services under this procurement.
4. If awarded a contract, the Proposer agrees that the certifications in this section shall be effective and relied upon by the City for the entire term of the contract, including any and all renewals.

If the contract awarded hereunder is for one million dollars or more, the following additional certifications apply:

1. The Proposer is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List.
2. The Proposer is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.
3. The Proposer is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.
5. If awarded a contract, the Proposer agrees to require these certifications for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of work/services under this procurement.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer agrees that the certifications in this section shall be effective and relied upon by the City for the entire term of the contract, including any and all renewals.

PROPOSER:

By: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, who is the _____ of _____, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary _____

My Commission expires: _____



ATTACHMENT G PROPOSER CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE PAGE

The undersigned attests to his (her, their) authority to execute this submittal and to bind the firm(s) herein named to perform as per agreement. Further, by signature, the undersigned attests to the following:

1. The Proposer is financially solvent and sufficiently experienced and competent to perform all the work required of the Proposer in the Contract.
2. The facts stated in the Proposer's response pursuant to this Request for proposals are true and correct in all respects.
3. The Proposer has read and complied with, and submits their proposals agreeing to all the requirements, terms and conditions as set forth in the Request for proposals.
4. Proposer certifies that he or she has not divulged, discussed, or compared his or her submittal with other proposers and has not colluded with any other proposer or parties to a submittal whatsoever. (Note: No premiums, rebates or gratuities permitted either with, prior to, or after any delivery of material. Any such violation will result in one or more of the following: cancellation, return of materials (as applicable) and the removal of the Proposer from the City vendor list(s).
5. **Proposer understands that if a team is short listed and selected to be interviewed and /or to make oral presentations to the EC and/or the Commission, only the team members evaluated in the written submissions may present or be interviewed. The firm principal can accompany the team, and if not a team member, introduce the team. Any changes to the team at the oral presentations/interviews shall result in that team's disqualification.**
6. Proposer understands that all information listed above may be checked by the City and Proposer authorizes all entities or persons listed in this proposals submittal to answer all questions. Proposer hereby indemnifies the City and the persons and entities listed above and holds them harmless from any claim arising from such authorization or the exercise thereof, including the dissemination of information pursuant thereto.
7. The offeror and its proposal are subject to all terms and conditions specified herein with no exceptions unless authorized in writing by the City;
8. The proposal constitutes an offer to the City which shall remain open, irrevocable and unchanged for one hundred and twenty (120) days after proposal opening and will negotiate in good faith to establish an Agreement;
9. That the offeror shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, damages, causes of action or liability related to or arising from this RFQ;
10. That pursuant to § 287.133, Fla. Stat., the offeror is not a person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list subject to the prohibitions stated therein and may lawfully respond to this RFQ and may lawfully accept an award if selected; and,

Submitted on this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Please check one: ____ Individual ____ Partnership ____ Non-incorporated Organization

Witness

Company

Witness

Signature

Printed

Printed Name, Title

(If a corporation, affix seal)

Incorporated under the laws of the State of (if applicable) _____.