

**SECTION I  
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE STANDARD FOR ALL BID COMMODITIES/SERVICES ISSUED BY THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK. THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK MAY DELETE, SUPERSEDE OR MODIFY ANY OF THESE STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS FOR A PARTICULAR CONTRACT BY INDICATING SUCH CHANGE IN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS OR IN THE BID SHEETS. ANY AND ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY VARY FROM THE GENERAL CONDITIONS SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE. BIDDER AGREES THAT THE PROVISIONS INCLUDED WITHIN THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS SHALL PREVAIL OVER ANY CONFLICTING PROVISION WITHIN ANY STANDARD FORM CONTRACT OF THE BIDDER REGARDLESS OF ANY LANGUAGE IN BIDDER'S CONTRACT TO THE CONTRARY.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:**

**1. Defined Terms**

Terms used in this contract document are defined and have the meaning assigned to them. The City will use the following definitions in its general terms and conditions, special terms and conditions, technical specifications, instructions to bidders, addenda and any other document used in the bidding process. The terms may be used interchangeably by the City: IFB or RFP; Bid or Proposal; Bidder, Proposer, or Seller; Contractor or Consultant; Contract, Award, Agreement or Purchase Order.

**Bid:** A price and terms quote received in response to an IFB.

**Bidder:** Person or firm submitting a bid directly to the City as distinct from a sub-contractor, who submits a bid to the Bidder.

**City:** Refers to the City of Coconut Creek, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida.

**Change Order:** A written signed and approved document by the City Manager or designee ordering a change in the contract price or contract time or a material change in work.

**Contractor:** Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a purchase order, award contract, blanket purchase order agreement, or term contract to provide goods or services to the City. Also referred to as the "Successful Bidder".

**Contract:** A deliberate verbal or written agreement between two (2) or more competent parties to perform or not to perform a certain act or acts, including all types of agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of equipment, materials, supplies, services or construction. Contract shall be inclusive of the term "Agreement" unless stated otherwise.

**Contract Administrator:** The City will designate a Contract Administrator whose principle duties shall be liaison with awarded Proposer, coordinate all work under the contract, assure consistency and quality of awarded Proposer's performance, and schedule and conduct Contractor performance evaluations, and review and route for approval all invoices for work performed or items delivered.

**Consultant:** Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a contract to provide professional services to the City.

**First Ranked Proposer:** That Proposer, responding to a City RFP, whose proposal is deemed by the City, the most advantageous to the City after applying the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP.

**Invitation for Bids (IFB):** When the City is requesting bids from qualified Bidders.

**Proposer:** Person or firm submitting a proposal.

**Proposal:** A proposal received in response to an RFP.

**Request for Proposals (RFP):** When the City is requesting proposals from qualified Proposers.

**Responsible Bidder:** A person who has the capability in all respects to perform in full the contract requirements, as stated in the bid document, and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.

**Responsive Bidder:** A person whose bid conforms in all material respects to the terms and conditions included in the bid document.

**Seller:** Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a purchase order or contract to provide goods or services to the City.

**Successful Bidder:** means the best, qualified, responsible and responsive Bidder to whom the City (on the basis of City's evaluation as hereinafter provided) makes an award

**2. Cone of Silence**

2.1 "Cone of Silence" means a prohibition on any communication regarding a particular Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), Invitation for Bid (IFB), or other competitive solicitation between:

- (a) Any person who seeks an award therefrom, including a potential vendor or vendor's representative, and
- (b) The City Commission, City Attorney, City Manager, and all City employees, and any non-employees appointed to evaluate or recommend selection in such procurement process.

The Cone of Silence shall not apply to communications with the Procurement Official to obtain clarification or information concerning the subject solicitation. Any such contact with anyone other than the Procurement Official may be considered grounds for disqualification. The City shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any City employee or its representative. For purposes of this section, "vendor's representative" means an employee, partner, director, or officer of a potential vendor, or consultant, lobbyist, or actual or potential subcontractor or subconsultant of a vendor, or any other individual acting through or on behalf of any person seeking an award.

2.2 The Cone of Silence shall be applicable to each RFP, RFQ, IFB, or other competitive solicitation during the solicitation and review of responses. At the time of issuance of the solicitation, the Procurement Official shall include in any advertisement and public solicitation for goods and services a statement disclosing the requirements of this section.

2.3 The Cone of Silence shall terminate at the time the City awards or approves a

contract, votes to reject all bids or responses, or otherwise takes action which ends the solicitation and review process.

2.4 Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any potential vendor or vendor's representative from:

- (a) Making public presentations at duly noticed pre-bid conferences or at meetings before a duly noticed Selection Committee;
- (b) Communicating with the City Commission during any duly noticed public meeting;
- (c) Communicating verbally or in writing with any City employee or official for the limited purpose of seeking clarification or additional information, when such employee is specifically designated in the applicable RFP, RFQ, IFB, or other competitive solicitation documents;
- (d) Communicating in writing with the Procurement Official or other staff person specifically designated in the procurement document.

The potential vendor or vendor's representative shall deliver a copy of any such written communication to the Office of the City Clerk, who shall make copies available to the public upon request. The written communication shall include a reference to the RFP, RFQ, IFB, or other competitive bid document number.

2.5 Any violation of this rule shall be investigated by the Procurement Official and the City Attorney's Office and/or the City Manager's Office and may result in disqualification of said violating potential vendor or any recommendation for award, or any RFP award, or IFB, or RFQ award to said violating potential vendor or vendor's representative being deemed void or voidable. The potential vendor or vendor's representative determined to have violated this rule, shall be subject to penalties up to and including debarment. In addition, to any other penalty provided by law, violation of this rule by a City employee shall subject the employee to disciplinary action up to

and including termination.

**3. Bid Forms**

- 3.1 Solicitations downloaded from the eBid System shall not contain any alteration to the document posted other than entering data in spaces provided or including attachments as necessary. By submission of a response, Bidder affirms that no alteration of any kind has been made to this solicitation.
- 3.2 The bid forms must be used by the Bidder. Failure to do so may cause the bid to be rejected. The forms shall be submitted in good order and all blanks must be completed.
- 3.3 The bid forms shall be signed by one duly authorized to do so and in cases where the bid is signed by a deputy or subordinate, the principal's proper written authority to such deputy or subordinate must accompany the bid.
- 3.4 Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the President or other corporate officers accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.
- 3.5 Bids by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a general partner whose title must appear under the signature.

**4. Sub-Contractors**

- 4.1 Sub-Contractors Terms  
The Contractor agrees to bind specifically every sub-contractor to the applicable terms and conditions of the contract documents for the benefit of the City.
- 4.2 Sub-Contractors Agreement  
All work performed for the Contractor by a sub-contractor shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the Contractor and the sub-contractor.

**5. Qualifications of Bidders**

- 5.1 Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities,

equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement Official reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.

- 5.2 No bid will be accepted from, nor will any contract be awarded to any person who is in arrears to the City, upon any debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to City, or who is deemed responsible or unreliable by the City.
- 5.3 As part of the bid evaluation process, City may conduct a background investigation including a record check by the Coconut Creek Police Department. Bidder's submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgment of the process and consent to such investigation. City shall be the sole judge in determining Bidder's qualifications.

**6. Specifications**

- 6.1 The apparent silence of the Specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from the Specifications of a detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only material and workmanship of the finest quality are to be used. All interpretations of the Specifications shall be made on the basis of this statement.
- 6.2 For the purpose of evaluation, the Bidder must indicate any variance or exceptions to the stated Specifications no matter how slight. Deviations should be explained in detail. Absence of variations and/or corrections will be interpreted to mean that the Bidder meets all the Specifications in every respect.
- 6.3 Any manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers used herein are for the purpose of describing and establishing a general standard of quality, performance and characteristics and are not intended to limit or restrict competition. The Bidder

may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the Specifications for any item(s). If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the Bid Form the manufacturer's name and catalog number. Bidder shall submit with his bid complete and descriptive literature and/or specifications. The Bidder should also explain in detail the reason(s) why and submit proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the Specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. The determination of equivalency shall rest solely with the City. If Bidder fails to name a substitute, it will be assumed that Bidder is bidding on and will be required to furnish commodities identical to bid standards.

- 6.4 If the model number for the make specified in the bid document is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bid form. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.

**7. Addendum**

- 7.1 If the Bidder should be in doubt as to the meaning of any of the bid documents, or is of the opinion that the plans and/or specifications contains errors, contradictions or reflect omissions, Bidder shall submit a written request directed to the Procurement Division to be forwarded to the appropriate person or department for interpretations or clarification. Interpretations or clarifications deemed necessary by the Procurement Division in response to such questions will be issued on official addendum.
- 7.2 The issuance of written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification, changes or additional information can be given. If any addendum is issued, the City will attempt to notify all known prospective Bidders. Addenda to the solicitation will be posted on the eBid System. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check the eBid

System or contact the Procurement Official prior to the bid submittal deadline to ensure that the Bidder has a complete, up-to-date package.

**8. Prices Bid**

- 8.1 Prices shall be shown in both unit amounts and extensions whenever applicable. In the event of discrepancies existing between unit amounts and extension or totals, unit amounts shall govern.
- 8.2 Discrepancies in the multiplication of units of work and unit prices will be resolved in favor of the unit prices. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum.
- 8.3 All applicable discounts shall be included in the bid price for materials and services and will be considered as determining factors in recommending an award in case of tie bids. Discounts extended to City shall include but not be limited to those discounts normally extended to governmental agencies as well as the private sector.
- 8.4 Chain discounts are not acceptable and will not be considered in determining an award. Bidders may bid only one (1) discount for each item on the bid form. Firm discounts and prices are to be quoted for the term of the contract.
- 8.5 Bidder warrants by virtue of bidding that prices, terms and conditions in the bid will be firm for acceptance for a period of ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated by the City.
- 8.6 The bid price shall include all permit fees, royalties, license fees and other costs arising from the use of such design, device or materials in any way involved in the work as well as all costs of packaging, transporting and delivery to the designated location within the City of Coconut Creek.
- 8.7 All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges, Bidder own

goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions.

prejudice the rights of a Consultant to submit a new proposal prior to the proposal opening date and time. No proposal may be withdrawn or modified after the date of proposal opening has passed.

**9. Examination of Bid Documents**

9.1 Before submitting a bid, each Bidder must (a) examine the bid documents thoroughly; (b) consider federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that may in any manner affect cost, progress, performance, or provision of the commodities and/or services; (c) study and carefully correlate Bidder's observations with the bid documents, and (d) notify the Procurement Division of all conflicts, errors, and discrepancies in the bid documents. Failure to familiarize himself/herself with applicable laws will in no way relieve him/her from responsibility.

9.2 The submission of a bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement of the bid document, that without exception, the bid is premised upon performing the services and/or furnishing the commodities and materials and such means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures as may be indicated in or required by the bid documents, and that the bid documents are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions of performance and furnishing of the goods and/or services.

**10. Modification and Withdrawal of Bids**

10.1 Proposals may be modified or withdrawn **prior** to the due date for submitting electronic proposals. Proposals may be retracted from the eBid System. Retracting a response allows the Consultant to change all or part of the response that was previously submitted. Retracting a response **does** not delete the response currently entered; however, by retracting your response, it is no longer submitted. You must click "Submit Response" on the Response Submission Tab for your retracted bid to be submitted again.

10.2 Withdrawal of a proposal will not

10.3 If within twenty-four (24) hours after proposals are opened, and Consultant files a duly signed, written notice with the Procurement Office, and within five (5) calendar days thereafter demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of City, by clear and convincing evidence, that there was a material and substantial mistake in the preparation of its proposal, or that the mistake is clearly evident on the face of the proposal, but the intended correct proposal is not similarly evident, Consultant may withdraw its proposal and any bid security will be returned, if applicable.

**11. Submission and Receipt of Bids**

To receive consideration, bids must be received prior to the due date and time. Unless otherwise specified, Bidders should use the bid forms provided in the bid document. Any erasures or corrections on the bid must be initialed by Bidder. All information submitted by the Bidder shall be printed, typewritten or filled in with pen and ink before electronic submission. Bids shall be signed in ink. When a particular IFB or RFP requires physical copies of bids or proposals they may be included in a single envelope or package properly sealed and identified. Bids will be electronically unsealed in the presence of Bidders, the public, and City staff. Bidders and the public are invited and encouraged to attend bid openings, but are not required. Bids will be tabulated and made available on the eBid System for review by Bidders and the public in accordance with applicable regulations.

**12. Acceptance or Rejection of Bids**

12.1 Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, his bid and the prices quoted in his bid will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening, unless otherwise stated in the bid document. However, any bid may be electronically retracted up until the time set for bid opening. Any bids not so electronically

retracted shall upon opening, constitute an irrevocable offer for goods and services until accepted by City Commission Award.

12.2 A Bidder may not withdraw his bid before the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening. A Bidder may withdraw his bid after the expiration of ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening by delivering written notice of withdrawal to the Procurement Official prior to award of contract by the City of Coconut Creek.

12.3 The City reserves the right to reject the bid of any Bidder if the City believes that it would not be in the best interest of the City to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the City.

12.4 The City of Coconut Creek reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid and further reserves the right to take any other action that may be necessary in the best interest of the City. The City further reserves the right to reject any or all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities or to accept the bid which in its judgment, best serves the City of Coconut Creek.

- (a) Ability of Bidder to meet published specifications.
- (b) Bidder's experience and references including, but not limited to, the reputation, integrity, character, efficiency, experience, skill, ability, and business judgment of the Bidder, the quality of performance of Bidder under previous contracts, any subcontractors and other persons providing labor or materials to Bidder.
- (c) Bidder's qualifications and capabilities, including but not limited to, the size, financial history, strength and stability of the business to perform the work of the contract, the possession of necessary facilities and equipment and the quality, availability and adaptability thereof to the particular use(s) required.
- (d) Whether Bidder can perform the contract promptly or with the time specified without delay or interference.
- (e) Previous and existing compliance by Bidder with laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to the commodities or services.
- (f) Price.

**13. Opening of Bids**

Responses will be electronically unsealed and publicly read aloud on the date, time, and location specified in the bid document. A tabulation will be made available on the eBid System in accordance with applicable regulations.

**14. Award of Contract**

14.1 If the contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the most responsible and responsive Bidder for the base bid whose evaluation by City indicates to City that the award will be in the best interests of the City and not necessarily to the lowest Bidder.

14.2 Criteria utilized by City for determining the most responsive Bidder includes, but is not limited to the following:

14.3 If applicable, the Bidder to whom award is made shall execute a written contract prior to award by the City Commission. If the Bidder to whom the first award is made fails to enter into a contract as herein provided, the contract may be let to the next ranked Bidder who is responsible and responsive in the opinion of the City.

**15. Contractual Agreement**

The terms, conditions, and provisions in the bid document shall be included and incorporated in the final contract. The order of precedence will be bid document and response, contract, and general law. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce a contract will be interpreted according to the laws of Florida.

**16. Insurance**

- 16.1 If the Contractor is required to go on to City property to perform work or services as a result of contract award, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in the Special Terms and Conditions.
- 16.2 The Contractor shall provide the Procurement Division original certificates of coverage prior to engaging in any activities under this contract. The Contractor's insurance is subject to the approval of the City's Risk Manager. The certificates must list the City as ADDITIONAL INSURED and shall have no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change. Further modification of the insurance requirements may be made at the sole discretion of the City's Risk Manager if circumstances change or adequate protection of the City is not presented. Bidder, by submitting his bid, agrees to abide by such modifications.

**17. Taxes**

The City of Coconut Creek is exempt from all Federal Excise and Florida Sales Taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. An exemption certificate will be provided where applicable upon request. Contractors doing business with the City shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the City, nor shall a Contractor be authorized to use the City's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

**18. Estimated Quantities/Warranties of Usage**

No warranty is given or implied by the City as to any components listed in the bid document and are considered to be estimates for the purpose of information only. The City reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid and to increase or decrease quantities of Bidder's bid to meet additional or reduced requirements of the City.

**19. Samples and Demonstrations**

Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and

Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.

**20. Delivery**

Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this bid document. The City reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the Bidder and accepted by the City.

**21. Verbal Instructions Procedure**

No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any member of the City Commission or its Staff, all other City employees, and any non-employee appointed to evaluate or recommend selection in the procurement process. Only those communications which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.

**22. References**

As part of the bid evaluation process, the City may conduct an investigation of references, including a record check and/or consumer affairs complaints. Bidder's submission of a bid constitutes acknowledgment of the process and consent to investigate. The City is the sole judge in determining Bidders qualifications.

**23. Costs Incurred by Bidders**

All expenses involved with the preparation/and or presentation and submission of bids to the City, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be the sole responsibility of the Bidder(s) and shall not be reimbursed by the City.

**24. Permits, Fees and Notices (If Applicable)**

- 24.1 The Contractor shall at his own expense obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, county, state and federal laws, rules and regulation applicable to business to be carried on under the contract.
- 24.2 All City of Coconut Creek review fees, application fees, permit fees or inspection fees are waived as per Ordinance No. 139-94. All county, state or federal fees and permits shall be applied for and paid by the Bidder as necessary. Bidder must provide City with copy(s) of valid licensing by county/city agency for this type of work.
- 24.3 It is the Bidder's responsibility to have and maintain appropriate Certificate(s) of Competency and submit state registration (if required) for the work to be performed and valid for the jurisdiction in which the work is to be performed for all persons (including subcontractors) working on the project for whom a Certificate of Competency is required.

**25. Penalties for Misrepresentation**

Any material misrepresentation in the Contractor's response could result in termination of the Agreement, or any other appropriate administrative sanctions and/or legal actions.

**26. Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data**

All proposals received by the City will become the sole property of the City. Confidential financial information obtained by the City from a Bidder is exempt from public disclosure to the extent allowed by law.

**27. Exceptions to the Bid**

Bidders must clearly indicate any exceptions they wish to take to any of the terms in this bid, and outline what alternative is being offered. The City, at its sole and absolute discretion, may accept or reject the exceptions. In cases in which exceptions are rejected, the City may require the Bidder to furnish the services or goods originally described, or negotiate an alternative acceptable to the City.

**28. Cancellation for Unappropriated Funds**

The obligation of the City for payment to a

Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.

**29. Independent Contractor**

The Contractor is an independent Contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Bidder shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in the bid document, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.

**30. Job Site Safety**

The Successful Proposer shall be solely and completely responsible for conditions of the job site, including safety of all persons (including employees) and property during performance of the work. This requirement shall apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours. Safety provisions shall conform to U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA), Florida Department of Labor (DOL), and all other applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. Where any of these are in conflict, the more stringent requirement shall be followed. The Successful Proposer's failure to thoroughly familiarize himself with the aforementioned safety provisions shall not relieve him from compliance with the obligations and penalties set forth therein.

The City reserves the right, but is not obligated to make safety inspections at any time the Successful Proposer is on City property and to ensure safety rules are not being violated.

**31. Occupational Health and Safety**

In compliance with Title 29 *CFR (Code of Federal Regulations)*, Section 1910.1200, any Hazardous Chemical items which are delivered from a Contract resulting from this Proposal must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The MSDS sheets must be maintained by the user agency and must include the following information:

- a) The chemical name and the common



name of the toxic substance.

- b) The hazards or other risks in the use of the toxic substance, including:
  - 1) The potential for fire, explosion, corrosiveness, and reactivity;
  - 2) The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the toxic substance; and
  - 3) The primary routes of entry and symptoms of overexposure.
- c) The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protective equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the toxic substances, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of overexposure.
- d) The emergency procedure for spill, fire, disposal, and first aid.
- e) A description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the toxic substances intended to alert any person reading this information.
- f) The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and the emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.
- g) All substances shall remain in manufacturer's container with manufacturer's labeling.

ALL TOXIC SUBSTANCES MUST BE LABELED FOR IDENTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH OSHA STANDARDS.

**32. Conflict of Interest**

The award of any contract hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*. Bidders must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, partner, proprietor, associate or agent who is also an officer or employee of the City or any of its agencies. Further, all Bidders must disclose the name of any officer or employee of the City who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the

Bidder's firm or any of its branches or affiliate companies.

**33. Indemnity/Hold Harmless**

The parties agree that one percent (1%) of the total compensation paid to Contractor for the work of the contract shall constitute specific consideration to Contractor for the indemnification to be provided under the Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City Commission, the City of Coconut Creek, and its agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

In any and all claims against the City, or any of their agents or employees by any employee of the Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Paragraph shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on this amount or type of damages compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any subcontractor under Workers' Compensation Acts, Disability Benefit Acts or other Employee Benefit Acts. Nothing in this section shall affect the immunities of the City pursuant to Chapter 768, *Florida Statutes*, as amended from time to time, nor shall it constitute an agreement by the City to indemnify Contractor, its officers, employers, subcontractors or agents against any claim or cause of action.

**34. Public Entity Crimes Statement**

Pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) of Section 287.133, *Florida Statutes*, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid for a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of

a public building or public work; may not submit bids 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 Section 287.017 for Category TWO (\$35,000) for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

**35. Public Records**

Consultant shall keep such records and accounts and require any and all Consultants and subconsultants to keep records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged to the project and any expenses for which Consultant expects to be reimbursed. Such books and records will be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by City and shall be kept for a period of three (3) years after the completion of all work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. Incomplete or incorrect entries in such books and records will be grounds for City's disallowance of any fees or expenses based upon such entries.

City is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. To the extent Consultant is a Consultant acting on behalf of the City pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, Consultant shall comply with all public records laws in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statute. In accordance with state law, Consultant agrees to:

- a) Keep and maintain all records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the services.
- b) 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 copies within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the costs provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statute, or as otherwise provided by law.
- c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the contract

if the Consultant does not transfer the records to the City.

- d) Upon completion of the services within this Agreement, at no cost, either transfer to the City all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the services. If the Consultant transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the services, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the services, the Consultant shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

**e) IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLA. STAT., TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CITY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 954-973-6774, PublicRecords@coconutcreek.net, 4800 West Copans Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33063.**

If Consultant does not comply with this Section, the City shall enforce the Agreement provisions in accordance herewith and may unilaterally cancel this Agreement in accordance with state law.

**36. Drug-Free Workplace Programs**  
Preference shall be given to businesses with

Drug-Free Workplace Programs. Whenever two (2) or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality and service are received by the City for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that completes the attached Drug-Free Workplace form certifying that it is a Drug-Free Workplace shall be given preference in the award process.

**37. Collusion**

The Bidder certifies that its bid is made without previous understanding, agreement, or connection either with any previous firms or corporations offering a bid for the same items, or with the City. The Bidder also certifies that its bid is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action.

**38. Audit Rights**

The City reserves the right to audit the records of the Contractor for the commodities and/or services provided under the contract at any time during the performance and term of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after completion and acceptance by the City. If required by the City, the Contractor agrees to submit to an audit by an independent certified public accountant selected by the City. The Contractor shall allow the City to inspect, examine and review the records of the Contractor in relation to this contract at any and all times during normal business hours during the term of the contract.

**39. Patents and Royalties**

The Contractor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Coconut Creek and its employees from liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City of Coconut Creek. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

**40. Purchase by Other Governmental Agencies**

If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this bid document, he will, if he has

sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid document and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.

**41. Assignment and Sub-Letting**

No assignment of this contract or any right occurring under this contract shall be made, in whole or in part, by the Contractor without the express written consent of the City Commission which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of any assignment, the assignee shall assume the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Contractor.

**42. Venue**

The parties waive the privilege of venue and agree that all litigation between them in the state courts shall take place exclusively in Broward County, Florida and that all litigation between them in the federal courts shall take place exclusively in the Southern District in and for the State of Florida.

**43. Gratuities and Kickbacks**

**43.1 Gratuities:** It is unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any employee or for any employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advise, investigation, audit, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or an Agreement or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore.

**43.2 Kickbacks:** It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a Sub-contractor under a Contract to Contractor or higher tier sub-contractor any person associated therewith, as an inducement of the award of a

subcontract or order.

43.3 **Contract Clause:** The prohibition against gratuities and kickbacks prescribed in this section shall be conspicuously set forth in every Contract and subcontract and solicitation therefore.

**44. Protest Process**

Any bidder, proposer, or offeror who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract must contact the Procurement Officer listed in the solicitation in writing (email or fax are acceptable) by filing a notice of protest within three (3) working days after the posting of the notice of intent to award on the City's eBid System. A formal written protest must be filed within five (5) working days after filing the notice of protest.

The formal written protest must be either, hand-delivered and date and time stamped by the Office of the City Clerk, or sent via Certified U.S. mail, return-receipt requested. Failure to file a notice of protest and formal written protest within the time-frames specified herein shall constitute a full waiver of all rights to protest the City's decision regarding the award.

- (a) Only a bidder, proposer or offeror whose bid or proposal is timely received and fully complies with all terms and conditions of the bid or proposal may protest an award.
- (b) The formal written protest shall state in detail the specific facts and laws or ordinances upon which the protest of the proposed award is based and shall include all pertinent documents and evidence.
- (c) Upon receipt of a formal written protest, the City may stop award proceedings until resolution of the protest; however, the award proceedings shall not be stopped if the City Manager decides the award must continue without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to public health, safety, or welfare.
- (d) Any and all costs incurred by a protesting party in connection with the protest process pursuant to this section shall be the sole responsibility of the protesting party.

All protests shall be reviewed and evaluated administratively and a decision, in writing shall be forwarded to the protesting party within ten (10) working days of receipt of the formal written protest. If the protesting party does not agree with the administrative decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the City Manager or designee within five (5) working days of receipt of the administrative decision. The appeal must be either, sent Certified U.S. mail return-receipt requested or hand-delivered and date and time stamped by the Office of the City Clerk. The decision of the City Manager or designee will be final.

Any person who files a formal written protest shall post with the Chief Procurement Officer, at the time of filing the formal written protest a cashier's check made payable to the City of Coconut Creek in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the City's estimate of the total amount of the contract or \$5,000.00, whichever is less.

If the decision of the City Manager or designee upholds the action taken by the City, then the deposit becomes non-refundable and the City shall retain the deposit as payment for a portion of the cost and expense, including but not limited to, time spent by City staff in responding to the protest and in conducting the evaluation of the protest. If the decision of the City Manager or designee does not uphold the action taken by the City, then the City shall return the amount of the cashier's check to the person or entity filing the protest.

**45. Confidential and/or Proprietary Information**

In accordance with Section 119.07(1)(a), Florida Statutes as amended from time to time and except as may be provided by other applicable state and federal law, the Request for Qualifications and the responses thereto are in the public domain. However, Proposers are requested to specifically identify in the submitted proposal any financial information considered confidential and/or proprietary which may be considered exempt under Florida Statute Section 119.071.

**46. Anti-Discrimination**

That Consultant shall for itself, its personal representatives, successors in interests, assigns, subcontractors, and sub-lessees, as a part of the consideration hereof, hereby covenant and agree that:

- a) No person on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or gender identity or expression, or veteran or service member status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of or performance of services described herein; and
- b) Consultant, its personal representatives, successors in interests, assigns, subcontractors, and sub-lessees shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this Agreement with respect to hiring, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or gender identity or expression, or veteran or service member status.

That in the event of a proven breach of the above non-discrimination covenant, the City shall have the right to terminate the Agreement as if this Agreement had never been made.

**47. Default**

**47.1 Termination for Cause**

In the event the Contractor shall default in or violate any of the terms, obligations, restrictions or conditions of this contract, the City may, upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate this contract effective immediately. In the event of such termination the City may hold the Contractor liable for any and all damages sustained by the City arising out of such default, including but not limited to costs of reprocurement and cover.

**Procedures:**

- a. Written notice shall be provided to Contractor setting forth the reasons for said termination and

- b. Only after the Contractor has been afforded a reasonable opportunity as determined by the City to correct alleged problems; and
- c. Only after a hearing before the City Manager is granted to Contractor, at which time the Contractor shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

**47.2 Termination for Default**

In the event the Contractor shall default in any of the terms, obligations, restrictions or conditions in the contract documents, the City shall give the Contractor written notice by registered, certified mail of the default and that such default shall be corrected or actions taken to correct such default shall be commenced within three (3) calendar days thereof. In the event the Contractor has failed to correct the conditions(s) of the default or the default is not remedied to the satisfaction and approval of the City, the City shall have all legal remedies available to it, including, but not limited to termination of the Contract in which case the Contractor shall be liable for any and all damages permitted by law arising from the default and breach of the contract.

**47.3 Termination for Convenience of City**

Upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Contractor, the City may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, terminate the contract for the City's convenience whenever the City determines that such termination is in the best interest of the City. Where the contract is terminated for the convenience of the City the notice of termination to the Contractor must state that the contract is being terminated for the convenience of the City under the termination clause and the extent of termination. The Contractor shall discontinue all work on the appointed last day of service.

**48. Antitrust Violations; Denial or Revocation of the Right to Transact Business with Public Entities; Denial of Economic Benefits**

Pursuant to Section 287.137, Florida Statutes, effective July 1, 2021 a person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list (electronically published and updated quarterly by the State of Florida) following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity. A finding that a person or affiliate was on the antitrust violator vendor list prior to entering this Agreement will be cause to terminate this Agreement at the option of the City.

**SECTION II  
SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**1. Point of Contact**

To ensure fair consideration for all Bidders, the City prohibits communication to or with any department, elected official or employee during the submission process, other than the Procurement Analyst, regarding the requirements for this submittal. Any such contact may be considered grounds for disqualification.

For information concerning procedures for responding to this solicitation, and to register to the City's eBid system contact:

Asha Benjamin, Procurement Analyst  
Email: [abenjamin@coconutcreek.net](mailto:abenjamin@coconutcreek.net)

For all other questions and request for information that would or would not materially affect the scope of services to be performed, the specifications or for clarification please utilize the "Questions Tab" provided by IonWave for the eBid System at <https://coconutcreek.ionwave.net>.

Questions must be received prior to the cut-off date specified in the IFB Schedule. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or the solicitations bid process will only be transmitted by official written addendum issued by the City and uploaded to the eBid System as a separate addendum to the IFB.

The City shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any City employee or its representative.

**2. Eligibility of Bidders**

To be eligible to respond to this IFB, the bidding firm must have at least (3) three years of experience in the USA performing the scope of work outlined within this document and that are presently or recently engaged in the provision of these services.

**3. Licenses**

Business Tax Receipt must be in effect as required by Florida Statute 205.065 or as amended. Bidder shall include copies of licenses with bid.

**4. Bid Submission**

4.1 Bidder shall use the electronic eBid System to submit a response. **The bid shall be signed by a representative who is authorized to contractually bind the bidding entity. Bidder shall upload the response as one (1) file to the eBid System.** The maximum file size is 250 MB, however, that maximum applies to each file, not the Bid itself. You are allowed an unlimited number of attachments with the 250 MB being the maximum file size.

4.2 Bidder's response shall not contain any alteration to the document posted other than entering data in spaces provided or including attachments as necessary. By submission of a response, Bidder affirms that a complete set of bid documents was obtained electronically from the eBid System and no alteration of any kind has been made to the solicitation.

- 4.3 All blanks on the Bid form(s) must be completed and notarized if applicable. Names must be typed or printed below the signature. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.
- 4.4 Each Bidder for services further represents that the Bidder has examined and is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the contract documents.
- 4.5 Bidders shall confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial bids will not be considered. Bids will not be accepted from anyone obtaining the documents from any other source. Each Bidder shall submit with this bid evidence that he is licensed to perform the work and services or qualified by examination to be so licensed.
- 4.6 All bids received from Bidders in response to the IFB will become the property of City and will not be returned to the Bidders. In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of the City.
- 4.7 As the best interest of the City may require, the right is reserved to reject any and all bids or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received. The City will determine which Bidders are "responsible and responsive".
- 4.8 Only one (1) bid from any individual, firm, partnership, or corporation, under the same or different names, will be considered. Should it appear to the City that any Bidder is interested in more than one (1) bid for work contemplated; all bids in which such a Bidder is interested will be rejected. Bidder by submitting this bid certifies that this bid is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a bid for the same material, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects, fair and without collusion or fraud.

**5. Signatures**

The Bidder shall sign his bid in the blank space provided. If the Bidder is a corporation, the legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above, together with the signature of the officer or officers authorized to sign Contracts on behalf of the corporation.

**6. Price**

Bidder will quote a firm, fixed price for the items listed on the Bid Schedule page. All pricing MUST include delivery and be quoted FOB Destination. All bid prices shall remain in effect until the projects or provision of services is completed. Under extreme circumstances and documented by acceptable proof, the City, at its sole discretion, may agree to price adjustments. Otherwise, all bid prices shall remain firm.

**7. Estimated Quantities/Warranties of Usage**

No warranty is given or implied by the City as to any components listed in this Bid and are considered to be estimates for the purpose of information only. The City reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid and to increase or decrease quantities of Bidder's bid to meet additional or reduced requirements of the City.



**8. Changes in Quantities**

The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class of unit price work that may be deemed necessary.

**9. Additional Items/Duties**

The City may require additional items/duties of a similar nature, but not specifically listed in the contract. The Contractor agrees to provide such items/duties, and shall provide the City prices on such additional items or duties based upon a formula or method which is the same or similar to that used in establishing the prices in this Bid. If the price(s) offered are not acceptable to the City, and the situation cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to procure those items from other vendors, or to cancel the contract upon giving the Contractor thirty (30) days written notice.

**10. Risk of Loss**

The risk of loss, injury or destruction, regardless of the cause of the casualty, shall be on the Successful Bidder until the completion of the project and inspection and acceptance of the project by the City.

**11. No Exclusive Contract/Additional Services**

Contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services at its sole option.

**12. Schedule of Events**

The City will use the following tentative time schedule in the selection process. The City reserves the right to change and/or delay scheduled dates.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
IFB Available	October 16, 2022
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting (11:00 a.m. EST)	N/A
Last Date of Receipt of Questions	October 25, 2022
Last Date of Receipt of Requests for Approved Equals Form	N/A
Addendum Release (if required)	October 31, 2022
Bid Due Date (12:00 p.m. EST)	November 9, 2022
Compliance Review	November 10 – 16, 2022
Commission Award of Contract	December 8, 2022

**13. Method of Award**

13.1 The City will determine which Bidders are “responsible and responsive”, quoting the lowest price for the items indicated on the Bid Schedule. Award may be by group or item, whichever is determined to be in the best interest of the City.

13.2 The City reserves the right to waive minor variations in the specifications and bidding process. The City further reserves the right to accept or reject and/or all bids to award or not to award a contract based on this bid.

- 13.3 A recommendation will be presented to the City Commission, based on lowest responsible and responsive bid which conforms to all requirements and whose evaluation by the City indicates to the City that the award will be in the best interest of the City. The City is the sole judge in evaluation considerations.
- 13.4 If, at the time this contract is to be awarded, the total of the lowest acceptable bid(s) exceeds the funds then estimated by the City as available, the City may reject all bids, any part of the bids, or take such other action as best services the City's interest.
- 13.5 All Bidders will be notified in writing when the City Commission makes an award recommendation. The Contract award, if any, shall be made to the Bidder whose bid shall be deemed by the City Commission to be in the best interest of the City. The City Commission's decision of whether to make the award is in the best interest of the City and shall be final.

**14. Cleaning Up (If Applicable)**

The Successful Bidder at all times shall keep City premises free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by Bidder's operations. At the completion of the work Bidder shall remove all waste materials and rubbish from and about the site as well as all tools, equipment, machinery, and surplus materials and provide final cleaning and return the space to a condition suitable for use by the City.

**15. Uncontrollable Circumstances ("Force Majeure")**

The City and Contractor will be excused from the performance of their respective obligations under this agreement when and to the extent that their performance is delayed or prevented by any circumstances beyond their control including fire, flood, explosion, strikes, or other labor disputes, act of God or public emergency, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, act or omission of any governmental authority, delay or failure or shortage or any type of transportation, equipment, or service from a public utility needed for their performance, provided that:

- A. The non performing party gives the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the Force Majeure including, but not limited to, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration, and continues to furnish timely reports with respect thereto during the period of the Force Majeure;
- B. The excuse of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure;
- C. No obligations of either party that arose before the Force Majeure causing the excuse of performance are excused as a result of the Force Majeure; and
- D. The non performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform.

Notwithstanding the above, performance shall not be excused under this Section for a period of excess of two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term. Economic hardship of the Contractor will not constitute Force Majeure. The term of the agreement shall be extended by a period equal to that during which either party's performance is suspended under this Section.

**16. Performance**

It is the intention of the City to obtain the products and services as specified herein from a source of supply that will give prompt and convenient service. The awarded Proposer must be able to perform as required under the scope of services. Any failure of Contractor to comply with these conditions may be cause for terminating any resulting contract immediately upon notice by the City. The City reserves the right to obtain these products from other sources, when necessary, should Contractor be unable to perform on a timely basis and such delay may cause harm to the using department or City residents.

**17. Insurance Requirements**

Throughout the term of this Contract, Successful Bidder and/or any and all subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them shall maintain in force at their own expense, insurance as follows:

**17.1 General Liability**

Commercial General Liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage including coverage for premises/operations, contractual liability, personal injury, explosion, collapse, underground hazard, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, cross liability and severability of interest clause. This policy of insurance shall be written in an "occurrence" based format.

**17.2 Automobile Liability**

Comprehensive or Business Automobile Liability insurance with limits not less than \$500,000 each occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage including coverage's for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles and/or equipment as applicable. This policy of insurance shall be written in an "occurrence" based format.

**17.3 General**

Should any of the required insurance be provided under a form of coverage that includes a general annual aggregate limit and provides that claims investigation or legal defense costs be included in such general annual aggregate limit, such general annual aggregate limit shall be double the occurrence limits specified above.

Should any required insurance lapse during the Contract term, requests for payments originating after such lapse shall not be processed until the City receives satisfactory evidence of reinstated coverage as required by this Contract, effective as of the lapse date. If insurance is not reinstated, City may, at its sole option terminate this Agreement effective on the date of such lapse of insurance.

Auto Liability and General Liability policies shall be endorsed to provide the following:

- a) Name as additional insured the City of Coconut Creek and its Officers, Agents, Employees and Commission Members.
- b) That such insurance is primary to any other insurance available to the additional insured with respect to claims covered under the policy and that insurance applies separately to each insured against whom claims are

made or suit is brought, but the inclusion of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the insurer's limit of liability.

All policies shall be endorsed to provide sixty (60) days prior written notice of cancellation, non-renewal or reduction in coverage or limits to:

City of Coconut Creek  
Attn: Risk Manager  
4800 West Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, Florida 33063

The issuing agency shall include full name, address and telephone number in each insurance certificate issued.

Certificates of Insurance, in form and evidencing all required insurance and endorsements, shall be submitted with the Bidders Bid Package. If Bidder is successful Bidder, then prior to commencement of Contract, Bidder must submit revised Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Coconut Creek as additional insured for all liability policies.

A copy of **any** current Certificate of Insurance should be included with your bid.

**17.4 Insurance Company and Agent**

All insurance policies herein required of the Successful Bidder shall be written by a company with a A.M. Best rating of A-VII or better that is duly authorized and licensed to do business in the State of Florida and shall be executed by agents, thereof that are duly licensed as agents in said state.

**18. Payment and Taxes**

Payment to the Successful Bidder will be as a lump sum payment after satisfactory receipt of the product, as determined by the City, and receipt of invoice or other billing instrument used by the Successful Bidder. If Successful Bidder can only deliver when available, the City will make payment on those that have been received and accepted by the City.

The City is exempt from Federal Excise and State Tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the bid price.

All prices quoted shall include all charges, including delivery and set-up fees if applicable.

**19. Dispute Resolution**

**19.1 Dispute Resolution Process**

- a) All claims, disputes and controversies arising out of or related to the performance, interpretation, application or enforcement of this Agreement, including but not limited to claims for payment and claims for breach of this Agreement, shall be settled internally with the City Manager or designee.
- b) In the event a dispute cannot be settled through the chain of command set forth in this section, all claims, disputes and controversies shall be referred to mediation before initiation of any adjudicative action or proceeding at law or in equity, unless it shall be unreasonable to do so or an emergency

situation or necessity dictates otherwise. All applicable statutes of limitations and defenses based on the passage of time shall be tolled while the mediation process is pending. The parties will take all reasonable measures necessary to effectuate such tolling.

- c) Either party may initiate the mediation process by delivering written notice to the other party that sets forth with particularity the nature of the party's claim or demand, the authority for making the claim or demand, a proposed remedy, the nature and extent of any monetary claim, and a request for mediation. The Contractor and City shall then participate fully in the mediation process and conscientiously attempt to resolve their dispute. The mediation shall be conducted in Broward County, Florida, in accordance with the Florida Supreme Court's mediation rules, within sixty (60) days after the joint selection of a certified civil mediator who is mutually acceptable to both parties. If a dispute is not resolved pursuant to mediation within sixty (60) days after the initiation of the mediation conference, either party to the dispute may elect to resolve the dispute by initiating litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction in Broward County, Florida, after providing ten (10) days' advance written notice to the other party.
  
- d) The parties agree that any claim filed in state or federal court concerning this Agreement shall be heard by a judge, sitting without a jury. **THE CITY AND THE CONTRACTOR HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND PERMANENTLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT THEY MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION, OR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

**20. Scrutinized Companies pursuant to Section 287.135 and 215.473**

Contractor must certify that the company is not participating in a boycott of Israel. Contractor must also certify that Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel list, not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, and not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Subject to limited exceptions provided in state law, the City will not contract for the provision of goods or services with any scrutinized company referred to above. Contractor must submit the certification that is attached to this contract. Submitting a false certification shall be deemed a material breach of contract. The City shall provide notice, in writing, to the Contractor of the City's determination concerning the false certification. The Contractor shall have five (5) days from receipt of notice to refute the false certification allegation. If such false certification is discovered during the active contract term, the Contractor shall have ninety (90) days following receipt of the notice to respond in writing and demonstrate that the determination of false certification was made in error. If the Contractor does not demonstrate that the City's determination of false certification was made in error then the City shall have the right to terminate the contract and seek civil remedies pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

Company understands and agrees that pursuant to Sections 287.135 and 287.473, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification; or being placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or engaging in a boycott of Israel; or being placed on

the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; or engaging in business operations in Cuba or Syria will be cause for the City to terminate this Agreement at the option of the City.

**21. Trade Secret**

Any material submitted to City that Contractor or Consultant contends constitutes or contains trade secrets or is otherwise exempt from production under Florida public records laws (including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes) (“Trade Secret Materials”) must be separately submitted and conspicuously labeled “EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORD PRODUCTION – TRADE SECRET.” In addition, Contractor, or Consultant, as applicable, must, simultaneous with the submission of any Trade Secret Materials, provide a sworn affidavit from a person with personal knowledge attesting that the Trade Secret Materials constitute trade secrets under Section 812.081, Florida Statutes, and stating the factual basis for same. If a third party submits a request to City for records designated by Contractor, or Consultant as Trade Secret Materials, City shall refrain from disclosing the Trade Secret Materials, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorized in writing by Contractor, or Consultant, as applicable. Contractor or Consultant shall indemnify and defend, and shall require Contractor and Consultant to indemnify and defend, City and its employees and agents from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, fines, penalties, damages, judgments and liabilities of any kind, including attorneys’ fees, litigation expenses, and court costs, relating to the nondisclosure of any Trade Secret Materials in response to a public records request by a third party.

**22. Inspection, Direction, and Payment**

- 22.1 The work will be conducted under the general direction of the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee, and is subject to inspection by his appointed inspectors to insure compliance with the terms of the Contract.
- 22.2 Contractor shall submit invoices weekly. The City shall pay the Contractor the amount due within thirty (30) days after approval of said invoice by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
- 22.3 If, at any time during the Contract, the City shall not approve or accept the Contractor’s work performance, and an agreement cannot be reached between the City and the Contractor to resolve the problem to the City’s satisfaction, the City shall negotiate with the Contractor on a payment for the services provided.
- 22.4 The City of Coconut Creek, without invalidating the Contract may make changes to increase or decrease services and/or locations as required. Such work shall be executed under the conditions of the original Contract.

**SECTION III  
DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**1. General**

This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is being issued by the City of Coconut Creek to obtain proposals from qualified, experienced, financially sound, and responsible Motor Coach Charter Bus Transportation Service providers to provide coach bus transportation for the Parks and Recreation Department’s special events, summer day camp, monthly senior center member field trips and specialized activities. Charter bus transportation services will be required to transport children/adults to various sites throughout the State of Florida, but primarily within Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade County boundaries. These transportation services would consist of day trips only, requiring no overnight travel.

The table below represents the locations considered for common pick-up; however, the City reserves the right to add or delete locations as deemed necessary. In such events, the contract price shall be calculated and adjusted in accordance to the pricing sheet.

<p>Common Pick-Up Locations include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreation Complex, 4455 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073</li> <li>• Community Center, 1100 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33063</li> <li>• Sabal Pines Park, 5005 NW 39 Ave., Coconut Creek, FL 33073</li> <li>• Butterfly Lot, 5550 NW 40th Street Coconut Creek, FL 33066</li> <li>• Government Center, 4800 West Copans Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33063</li> </ul>
<p>Special Event Locations:</p>	<p>Various sites within the City limits.</p>

**2. Types of Usage**

Types of charter bus transportation services required under this contract are as follows:

- 2.1 **Summer Camp Recreation Program(s)**  
Requires bi-weekly coach bus transportation Monday through Friday between the months of June through August. The duration of each trip and round-trips vary, starting from pick up time and ending at drop off time. These transportation services would consist of single day trips only, requiring no overnight travel.
- 2.2 **Special Events**  
For large and small events, coach buses may act as shuttle buses to transport event-goers from parking areas to event area.
- 2.3 **Specialized Events**  
Senior Center monthly field trips and teen trips can be scheduled any day of the week and duration of each trip may vary

### 3. Scope of Services

#### 3.1 Minimum Requirements

Bidder must own or lease for operation at least eight (8) coach buses that have a minimum fifty-five (55) passenger capacity. At least four (4) coach buses with a minimum of thirty-eight (38) passenger capacity.

Bidder also agrees that in the event that a bus has been reserved for the City and the only buses available exceed the capacity needed, then Proposer agrees to assign the larger bus to the City at the same costs of a small capacity bus.

- Bus will be maintained in good working condition, to include, but not be limited to properly functioning reclining seats, overhead bins that close, and operable interior lights.
- Each bus must be less than ten (10) years old. Overall appearance, interior and exterior, must be clean, in good condition, and free of unpleasant odors.
- Buses/motor coaches/must be clean, orderly and in excellent overall condition.
- Buses/motor coaches must be equipped with the following: a clean and properly functioning restroom, fully functioning heating and air conditioning, properly functioning TV's/DVD player. All equipment including monitors must be in excellent working order.
- Restroom facility must be completely functional and clean. Restrooms must be clean and must be serviced as often as necessary to avoid offensive odors on the bus. Restrooms must be sufficiently stocked with standard restroom products such as soap and paper products.
- Buses/motor coaches/vans must have adequate storage space for program participants' personal luggage and/or equipment and have the capacity to handle the full load of passengers and baggage safely.
- The Contractor's personnel shall supervise and assist with loading and unloading of baggage and equipment and will assure that it is loaded properly and safely.
- The Contractor should have the ability to offer a variety of bus capacity seating for groups.
- It is expected that the newest and highest quality buses/vans in the Contractor's fleet will be assigned to serve this contract.
- Buses must be secured/locked whenever driver and/or passengers are not present.
- At the Contractor's expense, drivers must have cell phones with them throughout the duration of the trip/program in order to report any emergencies/mechanical difficulties and to allow that they may be reached at any time while at their destination. Two-Way Communication with firm's base station operation is mandatory.
- All buses must have passenger seat belts and must be smoke-free.
- It is expected that the assigned driver will obtain pertinent information about the destination.
- All buses must have anti-lock brakes.
- All buses must have exterior under the bus storage/baggage compartments with locks.
- Extra buses and drivers will be available in cases of breakdowns. No added charge shall be made on extra time accumulated due to bus breakdowns/driver delays.



- No additional signage/ads other than the bus company's information on the bus exterior and interior.

**3.2 Bid Details**

1. Detail your company's ability for accommodating disabled and special needs riders.
2. Include information on what emergency procedures are in place for on-road vehicle breakdowns. Include procedures for abandoning the bus.
3. Describe your policy on allowing food, drink, and/or coolers on board vehicles.

**3.3 Bus Drivers**

The Contractor shall insure that each bus driver who supplies services under the awarded contract will have the following:

- A valid commercial Driver's License with a passenger endorsement as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- A good driving record.
- Must have passed a physical examination in the past twelve months

All bus drivers provided under this contract must also have a valid **State of Florida** driver's license which permits them to operate the type of buses required in this contract. The City reserves the right to perform a national criminal background check on driver's driving record history. Contingent on the results, the City has the right to approve or disapprove drivers.

Bus drivers must be able to communicate clearly in English to City staff members as necessary. Proposers must furnish driving records at the City's request. Awarded Bidder must make driving records available upon request by the City.

**3.4 Bus Cancellation**

The City has the right to cancel buses for any trip or event due to poor attendance, inclement weather, etc. There will be no cancellation fee charged to the City if the cancellation is made before the bus leaves the Contractor's station/facility. If the bus has left the contractor's station/facility, a one (1) hour rate will be charged per bus. Documentation must be provided stating when the bus left the station/facility.

**3.5 Vehicles and Equipment**

Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, shall furnish and maintain all vehicles and equipment as is considered reasonably necessary to perform the work in an acceptable manner to the City and at a satisfactory rate of progress. The vehicles and equipment shall be maintained in a safe and efficient working condition throughout the term of the Contract and any renewal period. Contractor shall establish a regular preventative maintenance program for all equipment and shall maintain records of preventative maintenance and other maintenance repairs to the equipment. Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all maintenance programs, safety precautions and programs, in connection with the work and services performed hereunder. Contractor shall establish reasonable procedures and programs to prevent property loss or damage and/or personal injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees performing such work and all other persons who may be affected hereby.

All repair work on the buses being provided under this contract must have been completed by certified mechanics. Documentation showing inspection data shall be given to the City upon request.

No overnight parking of vehicles on City property without obtaining authorization in writing from the Contract Administrator. No use of vehicles on walkways unless approved by the City.

**3.6 Hours of Operation and Holidays**

All maintenance shall be performed in accordance with City’s approved time schedule, submitted after Notice of Award. This may only be modified if requested in writing and approved by the Contract Administrator or designee

**3.7 Responsibility of Contractor**

Contractor shall be held to have examined all vehicles and premises under consideration and confirm they fully understand the scope of work and the City’s needs and satisfies themselves that they are cognizant of all factors related to requirements contained in this IFB document. The Contractor is fully responsible for their buses while parked on City property. Any possible damage or pilferage to buses while parked on City property shall be the full responsibility of the Contractor. This includes any vandalism or damage resulting from acts of God such as flooding, rainstorms, wind damage, etc.

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