

# COCONUT CREEK

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



## CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

RFP NO. 12-13-17-10

PURCHASING DIVISION  
4800 WEST COPANS ROAD, COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA 33063  
eBid System: [www.coconutcreek.net/purchasing](http://www.coconutcreek.net/purchasing)

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## CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
KAREN M. BROOKS, DIRECTOR

4800 WEST COPANS ROAD  
COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA 33063

November 19, 2017

### LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Coconut Creek, Florida is actively seeking proposals from qualified Proposers to provide Charter Bus Transportation Services to the City in full accordance with the scope of services, terms, and conditions contained in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

**RFP No:** 12-13-17-10  
**RFP Name:** Charter Bus Transportation Services  
**Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. EST  
**Due Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. EST

A Cone of Silence is in effect with respect to this RFP. The Cone of Silence prohibits certain communications between potential Respondents and/or Vendors and the City. All communication regarding this RFP shall be directed to Stacy Lysengen, Purchasing Analyst at (954) 956-1524.

Proposer must be registered on the City's eBid System in order to respond to this RFP. A complete RFP document may be downloaded for free from the eBid System as a pdf at: [www.coconutcreek.net/purchasing](http://www.coconutcreek.net/purchasing). The City is not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any documentation the Proposer receives from **any source** other than from the eBid System.

Sealed proposals shall be submitted electronically through the eBid System on or before the due date/time stated above. Proposer is solely responsible for downloading all required documents. Responses will be electronically unsealed in a public forum and read aloud. Any proposal received after the date and time specified will not be considered. Any uncertainty regarding the time a proposal is received will be resolved against the Proposer.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Government Center. Proposers or their representative(s) are strongly urged to attend. This information session presents an opportunity for the Proposers to clarify any concerns regarding proposal requirements. Questions regarding the site and scope of services will be answered and Proposers will be able to familiarize themselves with conditions that may affect the proposal price.

Please be advised that City Hall is closed on Fridays and on holidays observed by the City. City Hall hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Thursday.

Karen M. Brooks, Director  
Finance and Administrative Services

Publish Dates: Sunday, November 19, 2017  
Sunday, November 26, 2017

## SECTION I GENERAL TERMS AND 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 TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT MAY VARY FROM THE GENERAL TERMS AND 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 any recommendation for award, or any RFP award, or IFB award to said 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 Purchasing 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 Purchasing Division to be forwarded to the appropriate person or department for interpretations or clarification. Interpretations or clarifications deemed necessary by the Purchasing 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 Purchasing 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.

## 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 Purchasing 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 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.

- 10.3 If within twenty-four (24) hours after proposals are opened, and Consultant files a duly signed, written notice with the Purchasing 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 Purchasing 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.

**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:

- (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.

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 Purchasing 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 (\$10,000) 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 three (3) 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) 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 shall be filed within five (5) working days after filing the notice of protest.

The notice of 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 protest within the time-frame specified herein shall constitute a full waiver of all rights to protest the City's decision regarding the award of bid.

- (a) Only a bidder whose bid is timely received and fully complies with all terms and conditions of the bid may protest an award.
- (b) The written protest shall state in detail the specific facts and law or ordinance 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 the public health, safety, or welfare.
- (d) Any and all costs incurred by a protesting party in connection with a protest pursuant to this section shall be the sole responsibility of the protesting party.

A protest shall be reviewed and evaluated administratively and a decision in writing shall be forwarded to the protesting firm within ten (10) working days. If the protesting firm 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. The notice of 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 Florida Statutes, Chapter 119.07(1)(a) 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 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.

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.

## SECTION II SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Point of Contact

To ensure fair consideration for all Proposers, the City prohibits communication to or with any department, elected official or employee during the submission process, other than the Purchasing Analyst, regarding the requirements for this submittal. Any such contact may be considered grounds for disqualification. The City shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any City employee or its representative.

All inquiries concerning clarifications of this solicitation or for additional information shall be submitted in writing by email or submitted through the eBid System.

Submit To: Stacy Lysengen  
Email: slysenen@coconutcreek.net

All responses to questions/clarifications will be sent to all prospective Proposers in the form of an addendum. Such contact is to be for clarification purposes only. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services, or bid procedures will only be transmitted electronically through the eBid System.

### 2. Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting

All Proposers or their representatives are strongly urged to attend the pre-proposal meeting and site inspection. This information session presents an opportunity for the Proposer to clarify any concerns regarding the RFP requirements. Questions regarding the site and scope of services will be answered and Proposers will be able to familiarize themselves with conditions that may affect the proposal price.

The Proposer is cautioned that, although the pre-proposal meeting and site inspection is optional, no modification or any changes will be allowed in the pricing because of the failure of the Proposer to have attended the meeting or visited the site. Submission of a proposal will be construed that the Proposer is acquainted sufficiently with the work to be performed. Proposer shall carefully and thoroughly examine the Contract Documents before submitting a bid.

### 3. Minimum Qualification Requirements

#### 3.1 Scope of Services Proposed

Clearly describe the ability to perform the scope of services proposed including a work plan including an explanation of methodology to be followed to perform the services required of this proposal.

#### 3.2 Firm Qualifications

The proposal should give a description of the firm, including the size, range of activities, etcetera. Particular emphasis should be given as to how the firm-wide experience and expertise in this type of project will be brought to bear on the proposed project. The proposal must also identify the contact person and telephone number.

The Proposer must also be prepared to submit on the City's request, within seven (7) calendar days of the request, further evidence as to the qualifications such as financial data, previous experience, and/or evidence of legal qualifications to perform the work.

### 4. Proposal Format

The proposal shall contain three (3) sections:

**Section 1: Qualifications and Experience**

- Clearly describe the ability to perform the scope of services proposed including a work plan with an explanation of the methodology to be followed to perform the services required of this proposal.
- Provide resume and fact sheet for firm indicating how it meets the Minimum Qualification requirements stipulated above.
- Provide resumes for all of firm's employees that will be used in providing the services specified herein.
- Include a list of awards or recognitions obtained, bonding capabilities, fieldwork capabilities and any other items of interest to support a claim to excellence.

**Note:** The Proposer must also be prepared to submit on the City's request, within seven (7) calendar days of the request, further evidence as to the qualifications such as financial data, previous experience, and/or evidence of legal qualifications to perform the work.

**Section 2: Resources and Availability**

- Describe the firm's management plan to be used, staffing configuration and safety protocols.
- Provide information about the equipment and services at the firm's disposal.

**Section 3: References**

- Proposer shall provide a list of at least five (5) clients that Proposer has provided similar services in the past three (3) years, at least two (2) of which are governmental entities. For each client reference include:
  - Project name and location
  - Scope of services provided
  - Cost of project
  - Contact person, title, business address, telephone and fax number, and email address
  - Start and completion date of the contract

**5. Competency of Proposers**

Proposals shall be considered only from firms that have three (3) or more years of experience in providing products and services similar to those specified herein and that are presently or recently engaged in the provision of these services. It may be necessary to produce evidence that they have established a satisfactory record of performance for a reasonable period of time.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

Event	Date
RFP Available	11/19/2017
Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting	11/29/2017
Last Date of Receipt of Questions	12/4/2017
Addendum Release (if required)	12/6/2017
Proposals Due	12/13/2017
Compliance Review	12/14/2017-12/28/2017
Selection Committee Evaluations/Short List	1/2/2017-1/4/2017
Oral Interviews/Selection of 1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked Proposer	1/8/2017-1/11/2017
Contract Negotiations with 1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked Proposer	1/15/2017-1/18/2017
Commission Award of Contract	2/8/2017

### 8. 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, or delay or failure of 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 in 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.

### 9. Proposal Submission

- 9.1 Proposer shall use the electronic eBid System to submit a response. **The proposal shall be signed by a representative who is authorized to contractually bind the Proposer. Proposer shall upload the response as one (1) file to the eBid System.** The maximum file size is 25MB, however, that maximum applies to each file, not the Proposal itself. You are allowed an unlimited number of attachments with the 25MB being the maximum file size.
- 9.2 Proposer'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, Proposer affirms that a complete set of bid documents was obtained electronically from the eBid System only and no alteration of any kind has been made to the solicitation.

- 9.3 All blanks on the proposal form(s) must be completed and notarized if applicable. Names must be typed or printed below the signature. Facsimile proposals will not be accepted.
- 9.4 Each Proposer for services further represents that the Proposer 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.
- 9.5 Only one (1) proposal from any individual, firm, partnership, or corporation, under the same or different names, will be considered. Should it appear to the City that any Proposer is interested in more than one (1) proposal for work contemplated, all proposals in which such a Proposer is interested will be rejected. Proposer by submitting this proposal certifies that the proposal is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a proposal for the same material, supplies, equipment or services and is in all respects, fair and without collusion of fraud.
- 9.6 Each Proposer by signature and by submission of a response, represents that the Proposer has read and understands the contract documents, has completed all required fields and the proposal has been made in accordance therewith.
- 9.7 The submittal of a proposal by a Proposer will be considered by the City as constituting an offer by the Proposer to perform the required services at the stated prices.
- 9.8 All proposals received from Proposers in response to this Request for Proposals will become the property of City and will not be returned to the Proposers. In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of the City.
- 9.9 As the best interest of the City may require, the right is reserved to reject any and all proposals or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in proposals received. The City will determine which Proposers are "responsible and responsive".

## 10. Evaluation Method and Criteria

The City will assemble a Selection Committee comprised of qualified City staff or other persons selected by the City. The selection of a Proposer with whom to contract shall be based on the proposal most advantageous to the City based on the "best value to the City" using the following criteria:

### Criteria

- 1) Operational Plan for the City
- 2) Qualifications and Experience
- 3) Resources and Availability
- 4) Past Performance
- 5) Price

- 10.1 The above criterion is provided to assist the Proposers in the allocation of their time and efforts during the submission process. The criterion also guides the Selection Committee during the short-listing and final ranking of Proposers by establishing a general frame work for those deliberations. Past performance of Proposers services may also be included in determining recommendation for award. During the evaluation process, City reserves the right, where it may serve the City of Coconut Creek's best interest to request additional information or clarification from Proposers.

- 10.2 Each proposal will be evaluated individually and in the context of all other proposals. Proposals must be fully responsive to the requirements described in this RFP and to any subsequent requests for clarification or additional information made by the City through written addenda to this RFP. Proposals failing to comply with the submission requirements, or those unresponsive to any part of this RFP, may be disqualified. There is no obligation on the part of the City to award the proposal to the lowest priced Proposer, and the City reserves the right to award the contract to the Proposer submitting the best overall responsive proposal which is most advantageous and in the best interest of the City in achieving the study or project, and to waive any irregularity or technicality in the proposals received. The City shall be the sole judge of the proposals that offer the best value and the resulting agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final.
- 10.3 While the City allows Proposers to take variances to the RFP terms, conditions, and specifications, the number and extent of variances taken will be considered in determining the Proposer who is most advantageous to the City.

#### **11. Review of Proposals for Responsiveness**

Each proposal will be reviewed to determine if the proposal is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in this RFP. A responsive proposal is one which follows the requirements of the RFP includes all documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in the RFP, is of timely submission, and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a proposal being deemed non-responsive.

#### **12. Selection Process**

The Selection Committee will evaluate all responsive proposals based upon the information and references contained in the proposals as submitted. The Selection Committee will rank (where one (1) is the highest ranking) all responsive proposals and determine a minimum of three (3), if more than three (3) proposals are responsive, to be finalists for further consideration. If less than three (3) responsive proposals are received, the Selection Committee will give further consideration to all responsive proposals.

#### **Oral Presentations**

The top three (3) short-listed Proposers/finalists may be required to provide an oral presentation in support of their proposals or to exhibit or otherwise demonstrate the information contained therein or by conference telephone call for clarification purposes only, prior to a recommendation being presented to the City Commission. The Proposer's manager assigned to this contract shall be the sole presenter(s). The Selection Committee will then re-rank the finalist's based on their proposal submission and presentation in accordance with the criteria listed herein. Should the City require such oral presentation, the Proposer will be notified seven (7) days in advance to appear before the Selection Committee.

The first ranked Proposer resulting from this process will be recommended to the Coconut Creek City Commission for award. The recommended Proposer may be required to appear before the City Commission to answer questions for contract award.

#### **13. Best and Final Offers**

When in the best interest of the City, the Procurement Officer may request the submission of best and final offers. The request for best and final offers shall be in writing and shall establish a common date and time for the submission. Best and final offers shall be submitted only once; provided, however, the Procurement Officer may make a written determination that it is in the City's best interest to conduct additional discussions or change the City's requirements and require another submission of best and final offers. Otherwise, no discussion of or changes in the best and final offers shall be allowed prior to award. Vendors shall also be informed that if they do not

submit a notice of withdrawal or another best and final offer, their immediate previous offer will be construed as their best and final offer.

#### **14. Negotiations**

Contract(s) may be awarded on the basis of initial offers received, without discussion. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the Proposer's best terms from a monetary and technical standpoint. Pursuant to Paragraph 5(b) of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to enter into contract negotiations with the number one ranked, responsive, responsible Proposer. If the City and said Proposer cannot negotiate a Successful Contract, the City may terminate said negotiations and begin negotiations with the number two ranked, responsive, responsible Proposer. This process will continue until a contract acceptable to the City has been executed or all proposals are rejected. No Proposer shall have any rights against the City arising from such negotiations or termination thereof.

#### **15. Award of Contract**

- 15.1 Responses will be electronically unsealed in a public forum and read aloud. A Selection Committee will evaluate the proposals based on the criteria stated herein. The City is the sole judge in evaluation considerations. It is the City's intent to award the contract to one (1) Proposer; however, the City reserves the right to award the contract to two (2) Proposers if the City deems it is in its best interest.
- 15.2 The Contract will be awarded only to a responsible and responsive Proposer(s) licensed and qualified by experience to do the work specified. The Proposer shall submit, prior to award of Contract, satisfactory evidence of his experience in like work and that he is fully prepared with the necessary organization, capital, and equipment to complete the scope of work. Proposer shall be insured, licensed, and certified by all applicable local, county, and state agencies.
- 15.3 All Proposers will be notified in writing when the City Commission makes an award. The Contract award, if any, shall be made to the Proposer whose proposal 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.
- 15.4 The Proposer warrants to the City that it is not insolvent, it is not in bankruptcy proceedings or receivership, nor is it engaged in or threatened with any litigation, arbitration or other legal or administrative proceedings or investigations of any kind which would have an adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract.
- 15.5 This signed proposal is considered an offer on the part of the Proposer, which offer shall be considered accepted upon approval by the City Commission of Coconut Creek. Within ten (10) days after receiving Notice of Award, the Successful Proposer shall submit a revised Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Coconut Creek as additional insured for all liability policies for approval by the City's Risk Manager.

#### **16. Contract Term**

- 16.1 The initial contract period shall be for two (2) years. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, providing both parties agree to the extension; all the terms, conditions and specifications remain the same; and such extension is approved by the City. Successful Proposer shall give written notice to the City not less than ninety (90) days prior to renewal date of any adjustment in the initial Contract amount.

Contract renewal shall be based on satisfactory performance, mutual acceptance, and determination that the Contract is in the best interest of the City.

- 16.2 In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the Contract Administrator. The extension period shall not extend for more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the service at the rate(s) in effect when the City invokes this extension clause.

## 17. Price

Proposer shall quote a firm, fixed cost for the items listed in the Detailed Requirements - Scope of Services and shall submit prices electronically through the eBid System "Line Items" tab. Pricing shall include all costs associated with the project including labor, equipment, supplies, management, etc.

## 18. Cost Adjustments

- 18.1 Costs for all services purchased under this contract shall remain firm for the initial contract period. Costs for subsequent years and any extension term years shall be subject to an adjustment only if increases occur in the industry. However, unless very unusual and significant changes have occurred in the industry, such increases shall not exceed five percent (5%) per year or, whichever is less, the latest yearly percentage increase in the All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U) (All Items), for the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL area, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. The yearly increase or decrease in the CPI shall be the latest index published and available ninety (90) days prior to the end of the contract year then in effect compared to the index for the same month one (1) year prior. Any requested price increase shall be fully documented and submitted to the City at least ninety (90) days prior to the contract anniversary date. Any approved cost adjustments shall become effective upon the anniversary date of the contract. In the event the CPI or industry costs decline, the City shall have the right to receive from the Contractor a reasonable reduction in costs that reflect such cost changes in the industry.

- 18.2 The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or any decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted prices and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the contract can be cancelled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor.

## 19. Insurance Requirements

Throughout the term of this Contract, Successful Proposer 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:

### 19.1 Workers' Compensation

Statutory Limits of coverage to apply for all employees in compliance with all applicable State of Florida and federal laws. The policy must include Employers Liability with a limit of \$100,000.00 each accident.

**Note:** Proposers who are exempt from Florida's Workers' Compensation law must provide proof of such exemption issued by the Florida Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Workers' Compensation.



**19.2 General Liability**

Commercial General Liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000.00 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.

**19.3 Automobile Liability**

Comprehensive or Business Automobile Liability insurance with limits not less than \$500,000.00 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.

**19.4 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  
 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 Proposer's Proposal Package. If Proposer is Successful Proposer, then prior to commencement of Contract, Proposer must submit a revised Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Coconut Creek as Additional Insured for all liability policies.

**19.5 Insurance Company and Agent**

All insurance policies herein required of the Successful Proposer 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.

**Note:** A copy of **any** current Certificate of Insurance shall be included with your proposal.

**20. Dispute Resolution****20.1 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.

**21. Inspection, Direction, and Payment**

- 21.1 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.

- 21.2 Contractor shall submit invoice after each event. 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.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 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.
- 21.5 It shall be the responsibility of the Successful Contractor to repair, rebuild or restore to its former condition, any and all portions of existing utilities, structures, equipment, appurtenances or facilities which may be disturbed or damaged due to Contractor's neglect or maintenance operations.

**22. Business Tax Receipt**

The Bidders shall supply a Business Tax Receipt in effect as required by the City's Code of Ordinances (as applicable) and Section 205.065, *Florida Statutes*, as amended from time to time.

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

**1. General**

The City of Coconut Creek is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide Charter Bus Transportation Services for the Parks and Recreation Department special events and summer youth recreation camp program(s). The anticipated contract start date for the bus transportation services outlined in this RFP is early March 2018.

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.

<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>• Rowe Community Center, 900 NW 43rd Ave., 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 Youth Recreation Program(s)**

Requires bi-weekly charter bus transportation services Monday through Friday between the months of June through August. The duration of each trip may vary, but the average duration required by the City would be four (4) hours round-trip, 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. Destinations may range from three (3) miles to hundred (100) miles round trip. The various summer recreation camp locations in the City (see above table) will have field trips at least once a week.

**2.2 Special Events**

Events such as senior and teen club trips may be scheduled any day of the week and duration of each trip may vary. Destinations may range from three (3) miles to six hundred (600) miles round trip.

For large annual events such as the Harvest Festival and Butterfly Festival, charter buses may act as shuttle buses to transport event-goers from parking area to staging area.

**3. Scope of Services**

**3.1 Minimum Requirements**

3.1.1. Proposer’s firm must own or lease for operation:

1. At least eight (8) charter buses that have a minimum fifty-five (55) passenger capacity, and;
  2. At least one (1) charter bus with a minimum thirty-three (33) passenger capacity.
- 3.1.2. Proposers shall provide a "Schedule of Vehicles" showing charter buses owned and/or leased. Charter buses shall be equipped with the following:
- Newer Charter Buses of Year 2009 or newer are preferred
  - Fully Air Conditioned
  - Two-Way Communication with firm's base station operation
  - One Basic First Aid Kit
  - Restroom facility fully stocked at all times
  - TV/DVD Player
  - Buses provided to agency must be clean, neat and odor-free at the start of each trip
  - Seatbelts for all passengers are required
  - Charter buses must be smoke-free
- 3.1.3. The following requirements shall apply for the aforementioned types of buses identified for use under this contract:
- Buses must comply with the Federal Vehicle Safety Standards, Department of Transportation regulations and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Proof of compliance with these agencies must be given to the City upon request.
  - 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.

### 3.2 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.

### 3.3 Bus Drivers

All bus drivers provided under this contract must 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 to be used for evaluation purposes in considering award. Awarded Proposers must make driving records available upon request by the City.

### 3.4 Licenses and Certifications

Proposers shall be fully licensed and certified to provide the type of work specified in this RFP.

If proposer is a corporation, provide certification from the Florida Secretary of State verifying Proposer's corporate status and good standing, and in the case of out-of-state corporations, evidence of authority to do business in the State of Florida.

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

### **3.5 Insurance**

All charter buses proposed on behalf of this RFP are insured through their firm's insurance company. Firms shall provide a "Schedule of Vehicles" from their insurance company showing charter buses owned and/or leased.

Proposers shall also provide proof that their firm is insured under the levels of insurance identified in Section II, Special Terms and Conditions.

### **3.6 Communication Equipment on Buses**

All buses shall have a two-way communication with their base station operation. Drivers shall be capable of operating communication equipment. During the time buses are in transit, Contractor(s) must have an on-duty operator at the base station to address incoming calls or emergency situations. All buses should be equipped with a Public Address (PA) system.

### **3.7 Bus Maintenance**

The Contractor(s) are responsible for incurring any costs associated with the repair and maintenance for all buses provided to the City. Maintenance records must be available upon City's request.

### **3.8 Level of Service**

The Contractor(s) are expected to provide a superior level of bus transportation service throughout the contract period. The Contractor(s) must provide preventative maintenance on all buses in a consistent and frequent manner.

Transportation failure will not be tolerated and may result in an unacceptable performance rating and/or further action by the City. However, if such transportation failure occurs, the Contractor(s) must have the ability to repair such failure or provide back-up transportation while meeting the scheduled time frames for that day. Repairs or back-up transportation must be conducted within a one (1) hour period and carried out in a professional, expedient and safe manner on behalf of all passengers. Contractor(s) must have standby buses with drivers available at all times. The City shall not be required to pay for the duration of time in which the bus is inoperable. Furthermore, if the Contractor(s) does not respond adequately, and the City is forced to utilize another method of transportation, the Contractor shall be responsible for paying the difference in fees resulting from the alternate method. Failure to submit payment to the City for the alternate method will result in deduction of outstanding invoice and/or next invoice.

### **3.9 Starting and Finishing Time and Location**

The starting and finishing time and location shall be determined between the Contractor and City. All starting and finishing locations are located within city limits. Travel time to and from Contractor's bus station/facility shall not be considered or accepted.

## **4. Proposed Pricing**

Pricing proposed shall include all other operating costs such as driver, licenses, permits, training, fuel, supervisory personnel, etc. and shall also be inclusive of any parking fees or highway tolls.

**4.1 Availability and Price**

Proposer 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 cost of a smaller capacity bus.

**5. Protection of Property**

Contractor shall at all times guard against damage or loss to the property of the City and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any such loss or damage. The City may withhold payment or make such deductions, as deemed necessary, to ensure reimbursement or replacement for the loss or damage to property through negligence of the Contractor or his/her agents.

**6. Proposer's Responsibility**

The Contractor is fully responsible for their buses while parked on City property. Any possible damage of 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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**SECTION IV - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS****Proposal Requirements Checklist**

Proposer has completed the required documents listed in the checklist below. The required documents shall be executed, notarized (if applicable), and submitted as a condition to this Request for Proposals.

Proposer shall electronically submit all required documents and any other pertinent information electronically through the eBid System.

<b>Required Documents</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Proposer Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indemnification Clause	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Collusive Affidavit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposer's Qualification Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug-Free Workplace Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sworn Statement on Public Entity Crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exceptions to the RFP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Plan – Scope of Services Proposed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted Pricing through the eBid System “Line Items” Tab	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal: (1) Qualifications and Experience (2) Resources and Availability (3) References	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Tax Receipt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copies of Valid Licenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**PROPOSER INFORMATION**

Communications concerning this proposal shall be addressed to:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security/Federal Tax I.D. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

**Instructions:** Complete Part I or Part II, Whichever Applies

**Part I:**

Proposer has examined copies of all the Contract Documents and of the following Addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged).

Addendum No: _____	Dated: _____
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**Part II:**

No Addendum was received in connection with this RFP.

It is understood and agreed by Proposer that the City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to make awards on all items or any items according to the best interest of the City, and to waive any irregularities in the proposal or in the proposals received as a result of the RFP. It is also understood and agreed by the Proposer that by submitting a proposal, Proposer shall be deemed to understand and agree that no property interest or legal right of any kind shall be created at any point during the aforesaid evaluation/selection process until and unless a contract has been agreed to and signed by both parties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Printed Name

**PROPOSAL CONFIRMATION**

In accordance with the requirements to provide **Charter Bus Transportation Services** pursuant to RFP **12-13-17-10**, the undersigned submits the attached proposal.

Proposer accepts and hereby incorporates by reference in this proposal all of the terms and conditions of the scope of work, including EPA Standards, Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and required warranty and guarantee certificates.

Proposer is fully aware of the scope of work based on these requirements, the legal requirements (federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations) and the conditions affecting cost, progress or performance of the work and has made such independent investigation as Proposer deems necessary.

This proposal is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; Proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Proposer to submit a false or sham proposal; Proposer has not solicited or induced any person; firm or a corporation to refrain from proposing and Proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain for himself any advantage over any other Proposer or over City.

The Proposer shall acknowledge this Proposal by signing and completing the spaces provided. I hereby submit this Proposal Package for Charter Bus Transportation Services, RFP No. 12-13-17-10 to the City of Coconut Creek with the full understanding of the Request for Proposal, General Terms and Conditions, Special Terms and Conditions, Detailed Requirements, and the entire Proposal Package.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is (who are) personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Name, Printed, Typed or Stamped

Commission Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF COCONUT CREEK  
CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
RFP NO. 12-13-17-10**

**SCHEDULE OF PROPOSAL PRICES**

**PROPOSER SHALL SUBMIT PRICES ELECTRONICALLY  
THROUGH THE EBID SYSTEM "LINE ITEMS" TAB**

**[WWW.COCONUTCREEK.NET/PURCHASING](http://WWW.COCONUTCREEK.NET/PURCHASING)**

**PROPOSED PRICING**

**Notes:**

- As specified in the minimum requirements of this RFP, Proposer must own or lease for operation a **minimum of eight (8) charter buses that have a minimum fifty-five (55) passenger capacity** for summer camp trips and a **minimum of one (1) charter bus with thirty-three (33) passenger capacity** for special events. These quantities of charter buses, respectively, must be reserved exclusively for the City of Coconut Creek.
- As required in Proposer's Qualification Statement, Proposer shall provide comprehensive Schedule of Buses reflecting the above bus sizes and availability.
- Pricing proposed shall include all other operating costs such as driver, licenses, permits, training, fuel, supervisory personnel, etc. and shall also be inclusive of any parking fees or highway tolls.
- Proposer 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 cost of a smaller capacity bus.

Description	Minimum Quantity of Buses Required by City	UNIT PRICE	DAILY RATE
		Per Hour / Per Bus for up to eight (8) hours	Per Day / Per Bus for trips over eight (8) hours
<b>Charter Bus</b> (Passenger size _____)	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Deluxe Charter Bus</b> (Passenger size _____)	8	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>Mini Charter Bus</b> (Passenger size _____)	Optional Item	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>ADA Compliant Charter Bus</b>	Optional Item	\$ _____	\$ _____

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**VISA PURCHASING CARD:**

The City of Coconut Creek has implemented a Visa Procurement Card (P-Card) Program through SunTrust Bank. The City's preference is to pay for goods/services with the P-Card. This program allows the City to expedite payment to our vendors. Some of the benefits of the P-Card Program to the vendor are: payment received within 72 hours of receipt and acceptance of goods, reduced paperwork, issue receipts instead of generating invoices, resulting in fewer invoice problems, deal directly with the cardholder (in most cases).

Vendors accepting payment by the P-Card may not require the City (Cardholder) to pay a separate or additional convenience fee, surcharge or any part of any contemporaneous finance charge in connection with a transaction. Such charges are allowable, however must be included in the total cost of their response. Vendors are not to add notations such as "+3% service fee" in their response. All responses shall be inclusive of any and all fees associated with the acceptance of the P-Card.

Vendors agreeing to accept payment by P-Card must presently have the capability to accept Visa or take whatever steps necessary to implement the ability before the start of the agreement term.

## Purchasing Card Acceptance



### Why You Should Accept City of Coconut Creek's Purchasing Card

#### The Challenge

To optimize working capital, buying organizations are requesting that their suppliers accept purchasing cards for payment. By replacing their paper-based accounts payable process with an electronic purchasing card solution, buyers reduce their overall payables cost and suppliers reduce their collection expenses. As a supplier you will be able to accept credit card payments while minimizing your acceptance costs.

#### The Solution

We would like for you to begin accepting the SunTrust Purchasing Card. Payments made with a purchasing card provide faster receipt of funds, as they are deposited electronically to your checking account. We have partnered with SunTrust to negotiate preferred product and pricing solutions that fit the needs of Business-to-Business (B2B) purchasing card acceptance.

#### Here's How It Works

SunTrust will provide a computer-based solution that allows you to get the best effective rate for B2B card acceptance. A computer-based application is necessary to authorize and settle transactions at the best available interchange rate, as typical point-of-sale terminals do not have the capability to send the additional required enhanced data with the purchasing card transactions.

#### What's In It For You

With our B2B solution you will receive payments quicker than through the manual paper-based process. You can also:

- Achieve cost reductions in mail handling, depositing payments and collection
- Have your funds deposited electronically
- Receive payments faster and improved cash flow
- Gain greater visibility to manage cash flow through online reporting
- Increase accounting efficiency
- Receive competitive processing rates and fees
- Eliminate returned or lost checks processing and related expenses
- Experience reduced potential for fraud than with check payments
- Decrease days sales outstanding

#### City of Coconut Creek Preferred Supplier Acceptance Pricing

We have created a program to allow you to qualify at the best effective rates either by software or through a web-based solution.

Visa® Rate	Purchase Card Level 2	Purchase Card Level 3	Large Ticket Rate
*Interchange Rate	2.00% + \$0.05	1.80% + \$0.10	1.45% + \$35.00
*Assessment Fee	0.0925%	0.0925%	0.0925%
SunTrust Merchant Services Fee	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%
*Effective Rate	2.33%	2.13%	1.78%

\*Rate provided by Visa

**Purchase Level 2**

To qualify for the Visa Level 2 Interchange Rates, the sales tax amount must be reported and the value must be greater than zero.

**Purchase Level 3**

To qualify for the Visa Level 3 Interchange Rate, Level 3 data (item description, product code, quantity, unit of measure and commodity code) must be reported. If the Sales tax is not applied, a value of zero (0.00) is required.

**Purchase Large Ticket**

To qualify for the Visa Large Ticket Interchange Rate, Level 2 and Level 3 data must be reported. Any transaction greater than \$6,980 that has the required data elements will qualify for the Visa Large Ticket Rate.

**City of Coconut Creek Preferred Product Solution Pricing**

Type	Solution Name	Price
Software-based Application	Payment Software	Set-up (one-time): Waived Monthly Access: \$0.00 Per Transaction:\$0.00
Internet-based Solution	Global Gateway e4	Set-up (one-time): Waived Monthly Access: \$9.95 Per Transaction:\$0.05

**Value-Added Services**

- Preferred Supplier status
- Set preferred processing fees for B2B acceptance
- No cost computer application
- No set-up fee
- No early termination fees
- Online reporting

**Supplier Sign-Up:**

To begin the supplier enrollment process, please call 855.468.0317.



**NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )ss.

\_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He/she is the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ the Proposer that has submitted the attached proposal;
- (2) He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal;
- (3) Such proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal;
- (4) Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, 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 work for which the attached proposal has been submitted; or to refrain from bidding in connection with such work; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication, or conference with any Proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached proposal of any other Proposer, or to fix an overhead, profit, or cost elements of the proposal price or the proposal price of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the proposed work;
- (5) The price or prices quoted in the attached proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any 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, including this affiant.



Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017,  
by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has produced  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Notary Public: Print, Stamp, or  
Type as Commissioned.)

**PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT**

In order to properly evaluate the proposal submittals, Proposers are expected to complete the questionnaire and include the following documentation. By attesting to this submittal, Proposer guarantees the truth and accuracy of all statements and answers herein contained.

SUBMITTED TO: City of Coconut Creek  
 Purchasing Division  
 4800 West Copans Road  
 Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Check One

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

- Corporation
- Partnership
- Individual
- Other

1. State the true, exact, correct and complete name of the partnership, corporation, trade or fictitious name under which you do business and the address of the place of business.

The correct name of the Proposer is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

The address of the principal place of business is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. If Proposer is a corporation, answer the following:

- a. Date of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. State of Incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Vice President's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Secretary's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Treasurer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Name and Address of Resident Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

3. If Proposer is an individual or a partnership, answer the following:

- a. Date of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Name, Address and Ownership Units of all Partners: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. State whether general or limited partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

4. If Proposer is other than an individual, corporation or partnership, describe the organization and give the name and address of principals:

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5. If Proposer is operating under a fictitious name, submit evidence of compliance with the Florida Fictitious Name Statute.

6. How many years has your organization been in business under its present business name? \_\_\_\_\_

a. Under what other former name has your organization operated?

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7. Indicate registration, license numbers or certificate numbers for the businesses or professions, which are the subject of this proposal. Please attach certificate of competency and/or state registration.

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8. Litigation/Judgments/Settlements/Debarments/Suspensions:  
Submit information on any pending litigation and any judgments and settlements of court cases relative to providing Charter Bus Transportation Services that have occurred within the last three (3) years. Also indicate if your firm has been debarred or suspended from bidding or proposing on a procurement project by any government during the last five (5) years.

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9. Have you ever failed to complete any work awarded to you? If so, state when, where and why?

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10. List the pertinent experience of the key individuals of your organization (continue on insert sheet, if necessary).

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11. State the name of the individual(s) and titles who will personally supervise the work:

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12. State the name and address of the attorney, if any, for the business of the Proposer:

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13. State the names and addresses of all businesses and/or individuals who own an interest of more than five percent (5%) of the Proposer's business and indicate the percentage owned of each such business and/or individual:

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14. State the names, addresses and the type of business of all firms that are partially or wholly owned by Proposer:

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15. State the name of Surety Company which will be providing the bond, and the name and address of agent:

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16. List the following information concerning all Proposer's contracts in progress as of the date of submission and completed projects over the last five (5) years. (In case of any co-venture, list the information for all co-ventures.)

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Total Contract Value</u>	<u>Contracted Date of Completion</u>	<u>% of Completion to Date</u>

17. Have you personally inspected the site of the proposed work?

Yes  No

18. Do you have a complete set of documents, including drawings and addenda, if applicable?

Yes  No

19. Did you attend the pre-proposal conference if any such conference was held?

Yes  No  No Conference Held

The Proposer acknowledges and understands that the information contained in response to this Qualification Statement shall be relied upon by 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 qualifications to perform under the contract shall cause the City to reject the proposal, and if after the award, to cancel and terminate the award and /or contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
PROPOSER'S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT**

State of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, Personally appeared

\_\_\_\_\_ And  
*(Name(s) of individual(s) who appeared before notary)*

whose name(s) is/are Subscribed to within the instrument, and he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

NOTARY PUBLIC

SEAL OF OFFICE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Notary Public: Print, Stamp, or Type as Commissioned)

- Personally known to me, or
- Produced identification

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type of Identification Produced)

- DID take an oath, or
- DID NOT take an oath

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM**

The undersigned vendor in accordance with *Florida Statutes*, Chapter 287, Section 287.087 hereby certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ does:  
(Name of Business)

- 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, any 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 *Florida Statutes*, 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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SWORN STATEMENT  
ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES  
UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 287.133(3)(a).**

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

1. This sworn statement is submitted with RFP No. 12-13-17-10 for Charter Bus Transportation Services.
2. This sworn statement is submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of entity submitting sworn statement) whose business address is \_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is \_\_\_\_\_. (If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: \_\_\_\_\_.)
3. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my  
(Please print name of individual signing)  
relationship to the entity named above is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 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 an 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.
5. I understand that a "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a 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.
6. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, includes but is not limited to:
  1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime: or
  2. An entity under the control of any natural 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 person 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 thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.
7. 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, who are active, or who have been active, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity within the last five (5) years of this sworn statement.

8. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **Please check all statements that are applicable.**
- 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, AND (Please indicate which additional statement applies.)
  - There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)
  - The person or affiliate was placed on the convicted vendor list. There has been a subsequent proceeding before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer determined that it was in the public interest to remove the person or affiliate from the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)
9. Based on information and belief, the statement that I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **Please check if statement is applicable.**
- The person or affiliate has not been placed on the convicted vendor list.  
**(If the box is not checked, please describe any action taken by or pending with the Department of General Services.)**
10. The herein sworn statement shall be subject to and incorporate all the terms and conditions contained in Section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes.
11. Conviction of a public entity crime shall be cause for disqualification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of : \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is (who are) personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Name, Printed, Typed or Stamped

Commission Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

