

State of Florida  
Department of Transportation  
FDOT Procurement Office  
605 Suwannee Street MS 20  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REGISTRATION**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM ASAP  
TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR FAX TO (850) 414-4951**

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RFP#: RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC

Title: Automated Identification and Quantification of Flexible and Rigid Pavement Distresses

Proposal Date & Time Due: (On or Before) December 18, 2014 @ 3:00PM (Local Time)

Potential proposers should notify our office by returning this Registration Form as soon as possible after downloading. Complete the information below and fax this sheet only to the Celeste Rosso at the Florida Department of Transportation Procurement Office – FAX#: (850) 414-4951.

**THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENT YOU RECEIVED IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Notice of changes (addenda), will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) , under this RFP number (click on “BUSINESS”, click on “Doing Business with the State”, under “Everything for Vendors and Customers”, click on “Vendor Bid System (VBS)”, then click on “Search Advertisements”, click on the drop-down arrow beside the box under Advertisement Type, select Competitive Solicitation, click on the drop-down arrow beside the box under Agency, select DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, then go to the bottom of the same page and click on Initiate Search). It is the responsibility of all potential proposers to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting your proposal.**

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Internet E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information on this process, you may e-mail or telephone:  
Celeste Rosso, [celeste.rosso@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:celeste.rosso@dot.state.fl.us) Phone#: (850) 414-4479

**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**PRICE PROPOSAL**

**Automated Identification and Quantification of Flexible and Rigid Pavement Distresses**

**PHASE I**

Task 1	Deliverable – Technology State of the Practice Assessment	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 2	Deliverable – Rigid Pavement Application	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 3	Deliverable – Rigid Pavement Application Development and Validation	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Travel	Total Estimated Travel for PHASE I	\$	Estimated Amount

**PHASE 2**

Task 4	Deliverable – LRIS Feasibility on Flexible Pavements	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 5	Deliverable – Flexible Pavement Application Design	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 6	Deliverable – Flexible Pavement Application Development and Validation	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 7	Deliverable – Automated Application Implementation	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 8	Deliverable – Technology Needs and Gaps Assessment	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 9	Deliverable – Draft and Final Reports	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Task 10	Deliverable – Technical Support	\$	Lump Sum Amount
Travel	Total Estimated Travel for PHASE II	\$	Estimated Amount

**GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

The total lump sum amount per task shall include: cost of salaries, overhead, fringe benefits, operating margins, expenses and applicable equipment. Bills for travel expenses authorized by the terms of this Agreement and the Department's Project Manager shall be submitted in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

The proposer shall attach a detailed budget to support the lump sum amount identified per task. The budget shall identify salaries, overhead, fringe benefits, operating margins, expenses, including travel, and equipment (if applicable) per task.

**MFMP Transaction Fee:**

All payment(s) to the vendor resulting from this competitive solicitation **WILL** be subject to the 1% MFMP Transaction Fee in accordance with the attached Form PUR 1000 General Contract Condition #14.

**NOTE:** In submitting a response, the proposer acknowledges they have read and agree to the solicitation terms and conditions and their submission is made in conformance with those terms and conditions.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** I certify that I have read and agree to abide by all terms and conditions of this solicitation and that I am authorized to sign for the proposer. I certify that the response submitted is made in conformance with all requirements of the solicitation.

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ FEID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed / Typed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

287.087 Preference to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. --Whenever two or more bids, proposals, or replies that are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the state or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid, proposal, or reply received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

(1) Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.

(2) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, 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 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 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.

**Does the individual responding to this solicitation certify that their firm has implemented a drug-free workplace program in accordance with the provision of Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, as stated above?**

YES

NO

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**ANTICIPATED DBE PARTICIPATION STATEMENT**

375-040-63  
PROCUREMENT  
02/07

The Prime contractor is encouraged to complete this form and submit this form with your bid/price proposal/reply. Submission of this form is not mandatory.

Procurement Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's FEID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the prime contractor a Florida Department of Transportation Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?  
( yes  ) ( no  )

Expected amount of contract dollars to be subcontracted to DBE(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

It is our intent to subcontract \_\_\_\_\_ % of the contract dollars to DBE(s). Listed below are the proposed DBE sub-contractors:

<u>DBE (s) Name</u>	<u>Type of Work/Specialty</u>	<u>Dollar Amount/Percentage</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print)

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

Note: This information is used to track and report anticipated DBE participation in FDOT contracts. The anticipated DBE amount will not become part of the contractual terms.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**BID OPPORTUNITY LIST FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT  
SERVICES, AND COMMODITIES & CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

375-040-62  
PROCUREMENT  
04/07

Prime Contractor/Prime Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Procurement Number/Advertisement Number: \_\_\_\_\_

49 CFR Part 26.11 The list is intended to be a listing of all firms that are participating, or attempting to participate, on DOT-assisted contracts. The list must include all firms that bid on prime contracts, or bid or quote subcontracts and supplies materials on DOT-assisted projects, including both DBEs and non-DBEs. For consulting companies this list must include all subconsultants contacting you and expressing an interest in teaming with you on a specific DOT-assisted project. Prime contractors and consultants must provide information for Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, and should provide any information they have available on Numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 for themselves, and their subcontractors and subconsultants.

1. Federal Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5. Year Firm Established: \_\_\_\_\_

6.  DBE  
 Non-DBE  
7.  Subcontractor  
 Subconsultant

8. Annual Gross Receipts  
 Less than \$1 million  
 Between \$1 - \$5 million  
 Between \$5 - \$10 million  
 Between \$10 - \$15 million  
 More than \$15 million

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2. Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
5. Year Firm Established: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AS APPLICABLE, PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR:**

**BID SHEET (Invitation to Bid – ITB)  
LETTERS OF RESPONSE (LOR)  
PRICE PROPOSAL (Request for Proposal – RFP)  
REPLY (Invitation to Negotiate – ITN)**

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**VENDOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING  
SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS**

Respondent Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor's Authorized Representative Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services of \$1 million or more, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes.

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above in the section entitled "Respondent Vendor Name" is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. I understand that pursuant to section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

Certified By: \_\_\_\_\_,  
who is authorized to sign on behalf of the above referenced company.  
Authorized Signature Print Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**State of Florida  
Department of Transportation**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Automated Identification and Quantification of Flexible and  
Rigid Pavement Distresses**

**RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC**

**CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:**

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# INTRODUCTION SECTION

## 1) INVITATION

The State of Florida Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the "Department", requests written proposals from qualified Proposers to provide an automated computer application that can detect and quantify cracks in flexible and rigid pavement from digital images.

The Department intends to award this contract to the responsive and responsible Proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the Department. After the award, said Proposer will be referred to as the "Vendor". For the purpose of this document, the term "Proposer" means the prime Vendor acting on its own behalf and those individuals, partnerships, firms, or corporations comprising the Proposer team. The term "proposal" means the complete response of the Proposer to the Request for Proposals (RFP), including properly completed forms and supporting documentation.

## 2) TIMELINE

Provided below is a list of critical dates and actions. These dates are subject to change. Notices of changes (addenda) will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", click on "Search Advertisements") under this RFP number. It is the responsibility of all potential proposers to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting your proposal.

<u>ACTION / LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCAL TIME</u>
<b>PRE-PROPOSAL TELECONFERENCE</b> Haydon Burns Building-Room 479 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 Teleconference Phone#: (850) 414-4973 PIN 223188	<b>11/24/2014</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>DEADLINE FOR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS</b> Celeste Rosso, <a href="mailto:celeste.rosso@dot.state.fl.us">celeste.rosso@dot.state.fl.us</a> (There is no deadline for administrative questions)	<b>12/04/2014</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>PROPOSALS DUE TO CELESTE ROSSO, ON OR BEFORE</b> Procurement Office, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Cubical NE 112 605 Suwannee Street, MS20 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450	<b>12/18/2014</b>	<b>03:00 PM</b>
<b>PUBLIC OPENING (Technical Proposal)</b> Haydon Burns Building-Lafayette Conference Room 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 Teleconference Phone#: (850) 414-4972 PIN 490513	<b>12/18/2014</b>	<b>03:00 PM</b>
<b>PUBLIC OPENING/MEETING (Price Proposal &amp; Award)</b> Haydon Burns Building-Lafayette Conference Room 605 Suwannee Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 Teleconference Phone#: (850) 414-4972 PIN 490513	<b>01/14/2015</b>	<b>03:00 PM</b>
<b>POSTING OF INTENDED AWARD</b>	<b>01/15/2015</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>



### **3) AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### **Agenda – Public Opening (Technical Proposals)**

Agenda for Public Opening of Technical Proposals for RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC

Starting Time: see “Timeline” in RFP solicitation

- Opening remarks of approx. 2 minutes by Department Procurement Office personnel.
- Public input period – To allow a maximum of 15 minutes total for public input related to the RFP solicitation.
- At conclusion of public input or 15 minutes, whichever occurs first, the Technical Proposals received timely will be opened, with proposer’s name read aloud and tabulated. Price proposals will be kept secured and unopened until the Price Proposal Opening.
- Adjourn meeting.

#### **Agenda – Price Proposal Opening & Intended Award Meeting**

Agenda for Price Proposal Opening and Intended Award meeting for RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC

Starting Time: see “Timeline” in RFP solicitation

- Opening remarks of approx. 2 minutes by Department Procurement Office personnel.
- Public input period – To allow a maximum of 15 minutes total for public input related to the RFP solicitation.
- At conclusion of public input or 15 minutes, whichever occurs first, the Technical evaluation scores will be summarized.
- Announce the firms that did not achieve the minimum technical score.
- Announce the firms that achieved the minimum technical score and their price(s) as price proposals are opened.
- Calculate price scores and add to technical scores to arrive at total scores.
- Announce Proposer with highest Total Score as Intended Award.
- Announce time and date the decision will be posted on the Vendor Bid System (VBS).
- Adjourn.

### **4) SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at a pre-proposal conference, public meeting, oral presentation and/or opening shall contact the contact person at the phone number, e-mail address or fax number provided on the title page at least five (5) working days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **1) MyFloridaMarketPlace**

PROPOSERS MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S MYFLORIDAMARKETPLACE SYSTEM BY THE TIME AND DATE OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL OPENING OR THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE (see Special Condition 21). All prospective proposers that are not registered should go to <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/> to complete on-line registration, or call 1-866-352-3776 for assisted registration.

All payment(s) to the vendor resulting from this competitive solicitation **WILL** be subject to the 1% MFMP Transaction Fee in accordance with the attached Form PUR 1000 General Contract Condition #14.

### **2) Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) W-9 INITIATIVE**

The Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) requires all vendors that do business with the state to submit an electronic Substitute Form W-9. Vendors must submit their W-9 forms electronically at <https://flvendor.myfloridacfo.com> to receive payments from the state. Contact the DFS Customer Service Desk at

(850) 413-5519 or [FLW9@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:FLW9@myfloridacfo.com) with any questions.

### **3) QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

In accordance with section 287.057(23), Florida Statutes, respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

Any technical questions arising from this Request for Proposal must be forwarded, in writing, to the procurement agent identified below. Questions must be received no later than the time and date reflected on the Timeline. The Department's written response to written inquiries submitted timely by proposers will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", click on "Search Advertisements"), under this RFP number. It is the responsibility of all potential proposers to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting their proposal.

**WRITTEN TECHNICAL QUESTIONS** should be submitted to:

Celeste Rosso, [celeste.rosso@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:celeste.rosso@dot.state.fl.us) Fax: (850) 414-4951  
605 Suwannee Street, MS 20  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450

Questions regarding administrative aspects of the proposal process should be directed to the Procurement Agent in writing at the address above or by phone: (850) 414-4479

### **4) ORAL INSTRUCTIONS / CHANGES TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (ADDENDA)**

No negotiations, decisions, or actions will be initiated or executed by a proposer as a result of any oral discussions with a State employee. Only those communications which are in writing from the Department will be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Department.

Notices of changes (addenda) will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", click on "Search Advertisements") under this RFP number. It is the responsibility of all potential proposers to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting your proposal. All addenda will be acknowledged by signature and subsequent submission of addenda with proposal when so stated in the addenda.

### **5) DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) UTILIZATION**

The Department, in accordance with *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 2000d- 2000d-4, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21*, Nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that the Department will affirmatively ensure that in any contract/agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

The Department encourages DBE firms to compete for Department contractual services projects, and also encourages non-DBE and other minority contractors to use DBE firms as sub-contractors. The Department, its contractors, suppliers, and consultants shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that disadvantaged businesses have an opportunity to compete for and perform contract work for the Department in a nondiscriminatory environment. The Department shall require its contractors, suppliers, and consultants to not discriminate on the

basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, or disability in the award and performance of its contracts.

Federal law requires states to maintain a database of all firms that are participating or attempting to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. To assist the Department in this endeavor, proposers are requested to submit the **Bidder's Opportunity List** with their Price Proposal Sheet. The list should include yourself as well as any prospective sub-contractor that you contacted or who has contacted you regarding the project.

Proposers are requested to indicate their intention regarding DBE participation on the **Anticipated DBE Participation Statement** and to submit that Statement with their Price Proposal Sheet. After award of the contract resulting from this RFP, the awarded Vendor will need to complete the "Anticipated DBE Participation Statement" online through the Equal Opportunity Compliance (EOC) system within 3 business days after award of the contract. The link to access the EOC system is: <https://www3.dot.state.fl.us/EqualOpportunityCompliance>. This will assist the Department in tracking and reporting planned or estimated DBE utilization.

During the contract period, the Vendor will be required to report actual payments to DBE and MBE subcontractors through the web-based EOC system. All DBE payments must be reported whether or not you initially planned to utilize the company. In order for our race neutral DBE Program to be successful, your cooperation is imperative. If you have any questions, please contact [EOOHelp@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:EOOHelp@dot.state.fl.us)

Additional information about the EOC system can be found on the Equal Opportunity Office (EOO) website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/eoc.shtm>. A help manual on how to use the system will be available within the EOC application. If you have any questions or technical issues, please contact the EOO help desk at [EOOHelp@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:EOOHelp@dot.state.fl.us)

To request certification or to locate DBEs, call the Department of Transportation's Equal Opportunity Office at (850) 414-4747, or access an application or listing of DBEs on the Internet at [www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/)

## **6) SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Details of the services, information and items to be furnished by the Vendor are described in Exhibit "A", Scope of Services, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

## **7) INTENDED AWARD**

The Department intends to award a contract to the responsive and responsible vendor with the highest cumulative total points for the evaluation criteria specified herein (See Section 30, Proposal Evaluation). The Intended Award decision will be announced after final evaluation and totaling of scores at the Price Proposal opening specified in the Timeline (See Introduction Section 2 Timeline). If the Department is confronted with identical pricing or scoring from multiple vendors, the Department shall determine the order of award in accordance with section 295.187(4), Florida Statutes, and Rule 60A-1.011 Florida Administrative Code.

## **8) PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

The Department will convene a meeting to provide an open forum for the Department to review the Scope of Services for this Request for Proposal (RFP) and respond to questions from potential proposers regarding the scope of services, RFP requirements, contractual requirements, method of compensation, and other conditions or requirements that may, in any manner, affect the work to be performed. The Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the date, time and location in the Timeline. Any changes and/or resulting addenda to the RFP will be the sole prerogative of the Department.

Attendance at this Pre-Proposal Conference is Highly Recommended. Each vendor should fully acquaint themselves with the conditions relating to the performance of services under the conditions of this solicitation. No allowances will be made to the awarded vendor because of lack of knowledge about conditions or requirements, and the awarded vendor will not be relieved of any liabilities or obligations.

## **9) QUALIFICATIONS**

### **9.1 General**

The Department will determine whether the Proposer is qualified to perform the services being contracted based upon their proposal demonstrating satisfactory experience and capability in the work area. The Proposer shall identify necessary experienced personnel and facilities to support the activities associated with this proposal.

### **9.2 Qualifications of Key Personnel**

Those individuals who will be directly involved in the project should have demonstrated experience in the areas delineated in the scope of work. Individuals whose qualifications are presented will be committed to the project for its duration unless otherwise accepted by the Department's Project Manager.

### **9.3 Authorized To Do Business in the State of Florida**

In accordance with sections 607.1501, 608.501, and 620.9102, Florida Statutes, out-of-state corporations, out-of-state limited liability companies, and out-of-state limited partnerships must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Such authorization should be obtained by the proposal due date and time, but in any case, must be obtained prior to posting of the intended award of the contract. For authorization, contact:

Florida Department of State  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
(850) 245-6051

### **9.4 Licensed to Conduct Business in the State of Florida**

If the business being provided requires that individuals be licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, such licenses should be obtained by the proposal due date and time, but in any case, must be obtained prior to posting of the intended award of the contract. For licensing, contact:

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0797  
(850) 487-1395

### **9.5 E-VERIFY**

Vendors/Contractors:

1. shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the contract; and
2. shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.

## **10) WARRANTY/SUBSTITUTIONS**

When performance of the services requires the supply of commodities, a warranty is required on all items provided against defective materials, workmanship, and failure to perform in accordance with required industry performance criteria, for a period of not less than ninety (90) days from the date of acceptance by the purchaser. Any deviation from this criteria must be documented in the proposal response or the above statement shall prevail. Delivery of substitute commodities requires prior written approval from the ordering location.

Replacement of all materials found defective within the warranty period shall be made without cost to the purchaser, including transportation if applicable. All fees associated with restocking cancelled orders shall be the responsibility of the vendor.

All items provided during the performance of the contract found to be poorly manufactured will not be accepted, but

returned to the vendor, at their expense, for replacement. Replacement of all items found defective shall be made without cost to the Department, including transportation, if applicable. As it may be impossible for each facility to inspect all items upon arrival, a reasonable opportunity must be given to these facilities for inspection of the items, and returning those that are defective.

#### **11) LIABILITY INSURANCE**

NO GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE IS REQUIRED.

#### **12) PERFORMANCE BOND**

A PERFORMANCE BOND IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT.

#### **13) METHOD OF COMPENSATION**

For the satisfactory performance of these services the vendor shall be paid as described in the attached Exhibit "B", Method of Compensation.

#### **14) CONTRACT DOCUMENT**

##### **STANDARD WRITTEN AGREEMENT**

The Department's "Standard Written Agreement" is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The terms and conditions contained therein will become an integral part of the contract resulting from this solicitation. In submitting a proposal, the proposer agrees to be legally bound by these terms and conditions.

#### **15) REVIEW OF PROPOSER'S FACILITIES & QUALIFICATIONS**

After the proposal due date and prior to contract execution, the Department reserves the right to perform or have performed an on-site review of the Proposer's facilities and qualifications. This review will serve to verify data and representations submitted by the Proposer and may be used to determine whether the Proposer has an adequate, qualified, and experienced staff, and can provide overall management facilities. The review may also serve to verify whether the Proposer has financial capability adequate to meet the contract requirements.

Should the Department determine that the proposal has material misrepresentations or that the size or nature of the Proposer's facilities or the number of experienced personnel (including technical staff) are not adequate to ensure satisfactory contract performance, the Department has the right to reject the proposal.

#### **16) PROTEST OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Any person who is adversely affected by the contents of this Request for Proposal must file the following with the Department of Transportation, Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of the General Counsel, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450:

1. A written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) hours after the posting of the solicitation, (the notice of protest may be Faxed to 850-414-5264), and
2. A formal written protest in compliance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, within ten (10) days of the date on which the written notice of protest is filed.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

#### **17) UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS**

The employment of unauthorized aliens by any contractor is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the contractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be

cause for unilateral cancellation of the contract.

## **18) SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS**

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, requires that at the time a company submits a bid or proposal for a contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more, the company must certify that the company is not on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes.

RFP responses of \$1 million or more must include the attached **Scrutinized Companies Lists Form** to certify the respondent is not on either of those lists. The Form should be submitted with the Price Proposal.

## **19) RESERVATIONS**

The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received and reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the proposals submitted. Therefore, the proposals should be submitted initially in the most favorable manner. It is understood that the proposal will become a part of the Department's official file, without obligation to the Department.

## **20) ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

No conditions may be applied to any aspect of the RFP by the proposer. Any conditions placed on any aspect of the proposal documents by the proposer may result in the proposal being rejected as a conditional proposal (see "RESPONSIVENESS OF PROPOSALS"). **DO NOT WRITE IN CHANGES ON ANY RFP SHEET.** The only recognized changes to the RFP prior to proposal opening will be a written addenda issued by the Department.

## **21) RESPONSIVENESS OF PROPOSALS**

### **21.1 Responsiveness of Proposals**

Proposals will not be considered if not received by the Department **on or before** the date and time specified as the due date for submission. All proposals must be typed or printed in ink. A responsive proposal is an offer to perform the scope of services called for in this Request for Proposal in accordance with all requirements of this Request for Proposal and receiving seventy (70) points or more on the Technical Proposal. Proposals found to be non-responsive shall not be considered. Proposals may be rejected if found to be irregular or not in conformance with the requirements and instructions herein contained. A proposal may be found to be irregular or non-responsive by reasons that include, but are not limited to, failure to utilize or complete prescribed forms, conditional proposals, incomplete proposals, indefinite or ambiguous proposals, and improper and/or undated signatures.

### **21.2 Multiple Proposals**

Proposals may be rejected if more than one proposal is received from a Proposer. Such duplicate interest may cause the rejection of all proposals in which such Proposer has participated. Subcontractors may appear in more than one proposal.

### **21.3 Other Conditions**

Other conditions which may cause rejection of proposals include, but are not limited to, evidence of collusion among Proposers, obvious lack of experience or expertise to perform the required work, failure to perform or meet financial obligations on previous contracts, or in the event an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation is on the General Services Administration Excluded Parties List. Proposers whose proposals, past performance, or current status do not reflect the capability, integrity, or reliability to fully and in good faith perform the requirements of the Contract may be rejected as non-responsible. The Department reserves the right to determine which proposals meet the requirements of this solicitation, and which Proposers are responsive and responsible.

## **22) PROPOSAL FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS**

### **22.1 General Information**

This section contains instructions that describe the required format for the proposal. All proposals submitted shall contain two parts and be marked as follows:

PART I TECHNICAL PROPOSAL NUMBER: RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC  
(One Separately Sealed Package for Technical)

PART II PRICE PROPOSAL NUMBER: RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC  
(One Separately Sealed Package for Prices)

THE SEPARATELY SEALED PACKAGES MAY BE MAILED TOGETHER IN ONE ENVELOPE OR BOX.

### **22.2 Technical Proposal (Part I) (7 copies)** (Do not include price information in Part I)

The Proposer must submit one (1) original and (6) copies of the technical proposal which are to be divided into the sections described below. Since the Department will expect all technical proposals to be in this format, failure of the Proposer to follow this outline may result in the rejection of the proposal. The technical proposal must be submitted in a separate sealed package marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL - RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC."

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Proposer shall provide an Executive Summary to be written in nontechnical language to summarize the Proposer's overall capabilities, experiences and approaches for accomplishing the services specified herein. The Proposer is encouraged to limit the summary to no more than ten (10) pages.

#### **2. PROPOSER'S MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Proposer shall provide a management plan which describes administration, management and key personnel.

##### **a. Administration and Management**

The Proposer should include a description of the organizational structure, management style and the methodology to be used to control costs, services reliability and to maintain schedules; as well as the means of coordination and communication between the organization and the Department.

##### **b. Identification of Key Personnel**

The Proposer should provide the names of key personnel on the Proposer's team, as well as a resume for each individual proposed and a description of the functions and responsibilities of each key person relative to the task to be performed. The approximate percent of time to be devoted exclusively for this project and to the assigned tasks should also be indicated.

#### **3. PROPOSER'S TECHNICAL PLAN**

The Proposer shall provide a technical plan which explains their technical approach, facility capabilities, and prior relevant experience.

##### **a. Technical Approach**

The Proposer should explain the approach, capabilities, and means to be used in accomplishing the tasks in the Scope of Services, and identify any anticipated difficulties and potential resolution. The proposer should describe any equipment requirements.

b. Facility Capabilities

The Proposer should provide a description and location of the Proposer's facilities as they currently exist and as they will be employed for the purpose of this work.

c. Prior Relevant Experience

The Proposer should provide a summary, with description, date, and location of the prior relevant experience they have acquired in providing/performing this work.

4. WORK PLAN

The Proposer shall provide a Work Plan which sets forth on an average the estimated staff-hours for each skill classification that will be utilized to perform the work required.

5. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Proposal shall provide an Implementation Plan which describes the plan for implementation of project, training and technical support.

22.3 Price Proposal (Part II) (2 copies)

The price proposal information is to be submitted in a separate sealed package marked "PRICE PROPOSAL NUMBER RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC". The Price Proposal information shall be submitted on the forms provided in the Request for Proposal.

22.4 Presenting the Proposal

The proposal shall be limited to a page size of eight and one-half by eleven inches (8½" x 11"). Foldout pages may be used, where appropriate, but should not exceed five (5) percent of the total number of pages comprising the proposal. Type size shall not be less than 10 point font. The proposals should be indexed and all pages sequentially numbered. Bindings and covers will be at the Proposer's discretion.

Unnecessarily elaborate special brochures, art work, expensive paper and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired.

It is recognized that existing financial reports, documents, or brochures, such as those that delineate the Proposer's general capabilities and experience, may not comply with the prescribed format. It is not the intent to have these documents reformatted and they will be acceptable in their existing form.

**23) "DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE" PREFERENCE**

Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received, the Department shall determine the order of award in accordance with section 295.187(4), Florida Statutes, and Rule 60A-1.011 Florida Administrative Code, which includes a preference for bid responses that certify the business has implemented a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 287.087, F.S. The "Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification" must be completed and submitted with the bid response to be eligible for this preference.

**24) COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL**

Copyrighted material will be accepted as part of a technical proposal only if accompanied by a waiver that will allow the Department to make paper and electronic copies necessary for the use of Department staff and agents. It is noted that copyrighted material is not exempt from the Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, such material will be subject to viewing by the public, but copies of the material will not be provided to the public.

**25) ATTACHMENT TO RFP SUBMITTAL - CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

The Proposer must include any materials it asserts to be exempted from public disclosure under Chapter 119,



Florida Statutes, in a separate bound document labeled "Attachment to Request for Proposals, Number RFP-DOT-(RFP #) - Confidential Material". The Proposer must identify the specific Statute that authorizes exemption from the Public Records Law. Any claim of confidentiality on materials the Proposer asserts to be exempt from public disclosure and placed elsewhere in the proposal will be considered waived by the Proposer upon submission, effective after opening.

## **26) COSTS INCURRED IN RESPONDING**

This Request for Proposal does not commit the Department or any other public agency to pay any costs incurred by an individual firm, partnership, or corporation in the submission of a proposal or to make necessary studies or designs for the preparation thereof, nor to procure or contract for any articles or services.

## **27) MAIL OR DELIVER PROPOSAL TO: (DO NOT FAX)**

Florida Department of Transportation  
Procurement Office - Celeste Rosso  
605 Suwannee Street, MS 20,  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450  
(*or hand deliver to 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Room NE 112*)

It is the proposer's responsibility to assure that the proposal (Technical and Price proposal) is delivered to the proper place **on or before** the Proposal Due date and time (See Introduction Section 2 Timeline). Proposals which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered.

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents that it understands and accepts the terms and conditions to be met and the character, quality and scope of services to be provided.

All proposals and associated forms shall be signed and dated in ink by a duly authorized representative of the Proposer.

Each Proposer shall fully acquaint itself with the conditions relating to the performance of the services under the conditions of this Request for Proposal. This may require an on-site observation.

## **28) MODIFICATIONS, RESUBMITTAL AND WITHDRAWAL**

Proposers may modify submitted proposals at any time prior to the proposal due date. Requests for modification of a submitted proposal shall be in writing and must be signed by an authorized signatory of the proposer. Upon receipt and acceptance of such a request, the entire proposal will be returned to the proposer and not considered unless resubmitted by the due date and time. Proposers may also send a change in a sealed envelope to be opened at the same time as the proposal. The RFP number, due date and time should appear on the envelope of the modified proposal.

## **29) PROPOSAL OPENING**

All proposal openings are open to the public. Technical Proposals will be opened by the Department at the date, time and location in the Timeline (See Introduction Section 2 Timeline). Price Proposals, which have a corresponding responsive Technical Proposal, will be opened by the Department at the date, time and location in the Timeline (See Introduction Section 2 Timeline).

## **30) PROPOSAL EVALUATION**

### **30.1 Evaluation Process:**

A Technical Review team will be established to review and evaluate each proposal submitted in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP). The Technical Review team will be comprised of at least three persons with background, experience, and/or professional credentials in relative service areas.

The Procurement Office will distribute to each member of the Technical Review team a copy of each technical proposal. The Technical Review team members will independently evaluate the proposals on the criteria and point system established in the section below entitled "Criteria for Evaluation" in order to assure that proposals are uniformly rated. The independent evaluations will be sent to the Procurement Office and averaged for each vendor. Proposing firms must attain an average score of seventy (70) points or higher on the Technical Proposal to be considered responsive. Should a Proposer receive fewer than seventy (70) points for their average Technical Proposal score, the Price Proposal will not be opened.

During the process of evaluation, the Procurement Office will conduct examinations of proposals for responsiveness to requirements of the RFP. Those determined to be non-responsive will be automatically rejected.

**30.2 Oral Presentations:**

THERE ARE NO ORAL PRESENTATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT.

**30.3 Price Proposal**

The Proposer shall complete the Price Proposal form and submit as part of the Price Proposal Package. Any proposal in which this form is not used or in which the form is improperly executed may be considered non-responsive and the proposal will be subject to rejection. The vendor's completed form shall become a part of the contract upon award of the contract.

The Procurement Office will open Price Proposals in accordance with Section 30, Proposal Openings. The Procurement Office and/or the Project Manager/Technical Review team will review and evaluate the price proposals and prepare a summary of its price evaluation. The Procurement Office and/or the Project Manager/Technical Review team will assign points based on price evaluation criteria identified herein.

**30.4 Criteria for Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated and graded in accordance with the criteria detailed below.

**a. Technical Proposal (100 Points)**

Technical evaluation is the process of reviewing the Proposer's response to evaluate the experience, qualifications, and capabilities of the proposers to provide the desired services and assure a quality product.

The following point system is established for scoring the technical proposals:

	<u>Point Value</u>
1. Executive Summary	10
2. Management Plan	25
3. Technical Plan	35
4. Work Plan	15
5. Implementation Plan	15

**b. Price Proposal (5 Points)**

Price evaluation is the process of examining a prospective price without evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit of the potential provider. Price analysis is conducted through the comparison of price quotations submitted.

The criteria for price evaluation shall be based upon the following formula:

$$\underline{(\text{Low Price} / \text{Proposer's Price}) \times \text{Price Points} = \text{Proposer's Awarded Points}}$$

**31) POSTING OF INTENDED DECISION/AWARD**

31.1 The Department's decision will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System, at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com), (click

on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", on date and time in the Timeline, and will remain posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours. Any proposer who is adversely affected by the Department's recommended award or intended decision must file the following with the Department of Transportation, Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of the General Counsel, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450:

1. A written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) hours after posting of the Intended Award, (the notice of protest may be Faxed to 850-414-5264), and
2. A formal written protest and protest bond in compliance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, within ten (10) days of the date on which the written notice of protest is filed. At the time of filing the formal written protest, a bond (a cashier's check or money order may be accepted) payable to the Department must also be submitted in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the estimated contract amount based on the contract price submitted by the protestor.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

#### 31.2 - Inability to Post:

If the Department is unable to post as defined above, the Department will notify all proposers by electronic notification on the Florida Vendor Bid System (see special condition 31.1, above) or by mail, fax, and/or telephone. The Department will provide notification of any future posting in a timely manner.

#### 31.3 - Request to Withdraw Proposal:

Requests for withdrawal will be considered if received by the Department, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours after the price proposal opening time and date. Requests received in accordance with this provision will be granted by the Department upon proof of the impossibility to perform based upon obvious error on the part of the proposer.

### **32) AWARD OF THE CONTRACT**

A Standard Written Agreement executed by both parties.

### **33) RENEWAL**

Upon mutual agreement, the Department and the Contract Vendor may renew the Contract for a period that may not exceed 3 years or the term of the original contract, whichever is longer. The renewal must be in writing and signed by both parties, and is subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the initial contract and any written amendments signed by the parties. Any renewal shall specify the renewal price, as set forth in the solicitation response except that an agency may negotiate lower pricing. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations and subject to the availability of funds.

### **34) ATTACHED FORMS**

Exhibit "C", Price Proposal Form  
Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification (Form 375-040-18)  
DBE Participation Statement  
Bid Opportunity List  
Scrutinized Companies Lists (proposals of \$1 million or more)

### **35) ATTACHED TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Exhibit "A" Scope of Services  
Exhibit "B" Method of Compensation

Exhibit "C" Price Proposal  
Standard Written Agreement  
Appendix I (Terms for Federal Aid Contracts)  
Appendix II (Information Technology Resources)  
Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001)  
General Conditions (PUR 1000)

### **36) TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

All responses are subject to the terms and conditions of this solicitation, which, in case of conflict, shall have the following order of precedence listed:

Special Conditions  
Scope of Services  
Price Proposal Form  
Method of Compensation  
Standard Written Agreement  
Appendix I (Terms for Federal Aid Contracts)  
Appendix II (Information Technology Resources)  
Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001)  
General Conditions (PUR 1000)  
Introduction Section

### **37) ATTACHED FORMS PUR 1000, GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS AND PUR 1001, GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS**

These are standard forms from the Department of Management Services that the Department is required to include in all formal solicitations. The following paragraphs do not apply to this Request for Proposal:

Paragraph 3, Electronic Submission – PUR 1001  
Paragraph 4, Terms and Conditions – PUR1001  
Paragraph 5, Questions – PUR 1001  
Paragraph 31, Dispute Resolution - PUR 1000

## **EXHIBIT “A” SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **Automated Identification and Quantification of Flexible and Rigid Pavement Distresses**

The FDOT is soliciting technical proposals for a two-phase project to develop and implement an automated computer application to analyze cracks from digital images of rigid and flexible pavements to support the State Materials Office’s (SMO) Pavement Condition Unit. Phase I will focus on developing an application for rigid pavements using 2 dimensional (2D) imaging technology, while Phase II will focus on developing a similar application for flexible pavements using the same 2D imaging technology. The initiation of Phase II will be dependent on FDOT’s satisfaction with the results of the application developed in Phase I, and support to proceed with the follow up phase.

#### **Background**

The Pavement Condition Unit staff perform an annual Pavement Condition Survey (PCS) to evaluate the condition of the state roadway network in support of the Department’s Pavement Management System and to monitor the performance of experimental projects. Pavements are rated on a scale of 0 (worst) to 10 (best). Flexible pavements are rated for cracking (longitudinal, transverse, and fatigue), rutting, and ride quality, while rigid pavements are rated for cracking (longitudinal, transverse, corner, and shattered), surface deterioration, spalling, patching, faulting, pumping, and joint condition. The annual PCS is also performed to meet the Federal Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) requirements. Recent changes in the HPMS have increased the distress data collection responsibility of State Highway Agencies and now require additional reporting of fatigue cracking, transverse reflective cracking for flexible and rigid pavements, Present Serviceability Rating (PSR), and rutting. While PCS ride quality and rut depth are collected automatically using a high-speed inertial profiler, cracking, one of the most critical pavement distresses, is rated by the profiler operator using the “manual” windshield survey method.

Although the windshield survey method has served the FDOT and other state highway agencies well, it is inherently subjective due to rater’s bias. Furthermore, raters are sometimes required to rate pavements from the roadway shoulder which presents a potential safety hazard. The emphasis on the collection of larger amounts of pavement condition data over the past few years has led to a proliferation in the development of automated data collection and processing systems. A typical automated data collection system is vehicle-mounted with the capability to collect digital images of the pavement and a variety of pavement surface characteristics at highway speed without traffic control making data collection safer, more efficient, and resulting in increased productivity. While pavement imaging collection technology has improved significantly over the past few years, it is not the case for the technology that allows automated crack analysis from digital images. This technology is slowly maturing due to a number of technical challenges it continues to evolve through applied research and development.

The FDOT owns and operates a self-contained van equipped with automated and integrated data collection systems including Inertial Profiler System (IPS), Inertial Navigation System (INS), Laser Rut Measurement System (LRMS), and a two-dimensional (2D) Laser Road Imaging System (LRIS), which provides the ability to collect the required data without leaving the vehicle. The LRIS digital images have been primarily used to analyze cracks of rigid pavements in areas where manual surveys are impossible. Cracks and other surface distresses are analyzed one image at a time by a rater at an office work station using a point and trace manual method. This approach is very time consuming and inefficient especially for long projects and network level evaluation.

#### **Objective(s)**

There is a need for an automated computer application that can detect and quantify cracks in flexible and rigid pavements from digital images. The envisioned computer application will have the capability to analyze digital images more efficiently than the manual method, detect and quantify the cracks extent, classify cracks by type and severity, identify cracks location within a surveyed lane, reference their location linearly based on mileposts and spatially based on Longitude and Latitude. The computer application must be able to accomplish these functions automatically with minimal human intervention.

## **Supporting Tasks and Deliverables**

Phase I consists of the following tasks and deliverables.

### **Task 1 - Technology State of the Practice Assessment**

The Vendor will conduct a review of existing and emerging technologies for automated pavement crack data collection and analysis for rigid and flexible pavements. The Vendor will make a critical assessment of these technologies and practices including crack sampling and reporting interval, reported accuracy, distress location referencing, data collection, processing, analysis and reporting efficiency, investment and production costs, and return on the investment. The results of this assessment will be documented in the Technology State of the Practice Assessment Document (TSPAD).

**Task 1 Deliverable** - Upon completion of task 1, the Vendor will submit to the [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Technology State of the Practice Assessment document.

### **Task 2 - Rigid Pavement Application Design**

After FDOT's acceptance of the TRSPAD, the Vendor will design an automated computer-based application for detecting and quantifying cracks in rigid pavements from FDOT LRIS digital images. The Vendor must first ensure that all processes are put in place to optimize the quality of LRIS images. The design will describe the expected functionality of each module, identify the algorithm(s) and model(s) used for crack detection, quantification, and classification, and linear and spatial location referencing. The computer application must have as a minimum the following capabilities:

- Identify and quantify cracks from LRIS images of rigid pavements and their characteristics (type, length, severity, orientation, milepost and spatial location)
- Rate, classify and report crack data according to the FDOT distress protocol for rigid pavements, and also according to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard PP67 applied to rigid pavements.
- Composed of independently functional and interchangeable modules performing logically discrete functions.
- Built-in flexibility to allow changes by end user
- Built-in flexibility to allow addition of new module(s) for analyzing cracks in asphalt pavements
- Provide a user-friendly Graphical User Interface (GUI) which can accommodate module(s) enhancement, replacement and addition.

The design of the automated program application will be documented in the Rigid Pavement Application Design Document (RPADD)

**Task 2 Deliverable** – Upon completion of task 2, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Rigid Pavement Application Design document.

### **Task 3 - Rigid Pavement Application Development and Validation**

After FDOT's acceptance of the RPADD, the Vendor will develop the automated computer application identified in the RPADD. The Vendor will create a test plan to validate the application. The test plan will include as a minimum a design of experiment to evaluate the accuracy and precision of the application to detect cracks according to type, extent and severity. The test plan will also identify the method(s) used to obtain ground truth measurements, establishment of validation test sites representing the typical crack types and severity encountered in Florida rigid pavements, guidelines and procedures for LRIS and ground-truth data collection, analysis and reporting, Vendor and FDOT responsibilities. The guidelines in AASHTO Standard Practice PP 67-10 applied to rigid pavements will serve as the criteria to determine whether the automated program application yields acceptable results. The Vendor will summarize the guidelines and procedures used in the study (calibration, data collection, processing, analysis, and reporting) into a User's Guide to be utilized during and after the system implementation. The study plan, activities, validation test results will be documented in the Rigid Pavement Application Development and Validation Document (RPADVD).

**Task 3 Deliverable** – Upon completion of task 3, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Rigid Pavement Application Development and Validation Document and User's Guide.

**Note: The Department's Project Manager and Technical Review Committee will review Phase 1 Deliverables 1, 2 and 3 to determine if the project will proceed with all or some of the tasks in Phase II. The Vendor will be notified in writing within 45 days of completion of Phase I on the Department's decision regarding Phase II.**

Phase II consists of the following tasks and deliverables:

#### **Task 4 - LRIS Feasibility on Flexible Pavements**

The Vendor will analyze the viability of using FDOT LRIS images to detect, quantify and classify cracks in flexible pavements. The Vendor will identify the potentials and the limitations of this application for flexible pavements. The Vendor will make recommendations for improving and optimizing the FDOT LRIS or identify a more suitable digital image collection technology and automated image processing practice for flexible pavements. The results from the analysis and recommendations will be documented in a LRIS Feasibility on Flexible Pavements Document (LFFPD).

**Task 4 Deliverable** – Upon completion of task 4, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the LRIS Feasibility on Flexible Pavements Document.

#### **Task 5 - Flexible Pavement Application Design**

After receiving FDOT's approval, the Vendor will design an automated application module(s) for detecting and quantifying cracks in flexible pavements from FDOT LRIS digital images. The Vendor must first ensure that all processes are put in place to optimize the quality of LRIS images. The design will describe the expected functionality of the module(s), identify the algorithm(s) and model(s) used for crack detection, quantification, and classification, and linear and spatial location referencing. The computer application must have as a minimum the following capabilities:

- Identify and quantify cracks from LRIS images of flexible pavements and their characteristics (type, length, severity, orientation, milepost and spatial location)
- Rate, classify and report crack data according to the FDOT distress protocol for flexible pavements, and also according to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standard PP67 applied to flexible pavements.
- Composed of independently functional and interchangeable modules performing logically discrete functions.
- Built-in flexibility to allow changes by end user
- Built-in flexibility to replace an existing or addition of a new module(s)
- Provide a user-friendly Graphical User Interface (GUI) which can accommodate module(s) enhancement, replacement and addition.

The design of the automated program application will be documented in the Flexible Pavement Application Design Document (FPADD).

**Task 5 Deliverable** – Upon completion of task 5, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Flexible Pavement Application Design Document.

#### **Task 6 - Flexible Pavement Application Development and Validation**

After receiving FDOT's approval, the Vendor will develop the automated application module for flexible pavements identified in the FPADD. The Vendor will create a test plan to validate the application. The test plan will include as a minimum a design of experiment to evaluate the accuracy and precision of the application to detect cracks according to type, extent and severity. The test plan will also identify the method(s) used to obtain ground truth measurements, establishment of validation test sites representing the typical crack types and severity encountered in Florida flexible pavements, guidelines and procedures for LRIS and ground-truth data collection, analysis and reporting, Vendor and FDOT responsibilities. The guidelines in AASHTO Standard Practice PP 67-10 applied to flexible pavements will serve as the criteria to determine whether the automated program application yields acceptable results. The Vendor will summarize the guidelines and procedures used in the study (calibration, data collection, processing, analysis, and reporting) and include them in the User's Guide developed in Task 3. The

study plan, activities, validation test results will be documented in the Flexible Pavement Application Development and Validation Document (FPADVD).

**Task 6 Deliverable** – Upon completion of task 6, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Flexible Pavement Application Development and Validation Document.

### **Task 7 - Automated Application Implementation**

The Vendor will provide the technical support to implement the optimized LRIS data collection process and the validated automated application for rigid pavements and asphalt pavements (if applicable) into the PCS process. This will include staff training to cover all aspects of the process including procedures for calibration, verification, data collection, quality control, data storage, processing, analysis, and reporting. The activities completed under this task will be documented in the Automated Application Implementation Document (AAID).

**Task 7 Deliverable** – Upon completion of task 7, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Automated Application Implementation Document.

### **Task 8 - Technology Needs and Gaps Assessment**

The Vendor will use the results and findings from the tasks completed under Phase I and Phase II to identify gaps in functionality between LRIS, the automated computer application(s) and that offered by newer more advanced data collection and analysis technologies for automated crack evaluation of flexible and rigid pavements to meet FDOT's short and long term needs. The Vendor will also identify the necessary support resources (staffing, equipment hardware and software) to support these needs. The Vendor will make recommendations to bridge these gaps in the Technology Needs and Gaps Assessment Document (TNGAD) which will be in the form of a technical proposal with a required budget and time schedule.

**Task 8 Deliverable** - Upon completion of task 8, the Vendor will submit to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us) the Technology Needs and Gaps Assessment Document, computer application(s), source code, and user's guide.

### **Task 9 Draft and Final Reports**

Ninety (90) days prior to the end date of the task work order, the Vendor will submit a draft final report to [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us). The draft final report will contain documentation of all work performed for the duration of this contract. The draft final and final reports must follow the Guidelines for Vendor Presentation and Publication of Research available at:

[http://www.dot.state.fl.us/research-center/Program\\_Information/GuidelinesVendorPresentationPublication4-17-2014.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/research-center/Program_Information/GuidelinesVendorPresentationPublication4-17-2014.pdf)

The report must be well-written and edited for technical accuracy, grammar, clarity, organization, and format.

**Task 9 Deliverable:** Upon Department approval of the draft final report, the Vendor will submit the Final Report on two (2) CDs which shall contain the report in PDF and Word formats. The Vendor will deliver two (2) CDs which shall contain the rigid pavement application, source code, and user's guide. CDs should be labeled in a professional manner and include contract number, project title, and date. The final report is due by the end date of the task work order and should be mailed to the Florida Department of Transportation, Research Center, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 30, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450.

### **Task 10 Technical Support**

The Vendor will provide technical support for 6 months following submittal and approval of the Final Report.

**Task 10 Deliverable:** Upon completion of Task 10, the Vendor will provide a summary of the technical support provided, if any.

### **Use of Subcontractor(s)**

If a subcontractor is to work on the project, describe the work the subcontractor will perform.

### **Equipment**

Describe equipment to be purchased or leased, if applicable.



**Expenses**

Describe any expense items to be purchased.

**Travel**

Describe travel that will take place, if applicable. All travel shall be in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

**Project Kickoff Teleconference**

The Vendor will schedule a kickoff teleconference that shall be held within the first 30 days of execution. The project manager, vendor, and research performance coordinator shall attend. Other parties may be invited if appropriate. The purpose of the meeting is to review the tasks, deliverables, and deployment plan. Teleconference/web meeting should be used.

**Project Closeout Teleconference**

The Vendor will schedule a closeout teleconference that shall be held during the final 30 days of the task work order. The vendor, project manager, and research performance coordinator shall attend. Other parties may be invited, if appropriate. The purpose of the meeting is to review project performance, the deployment plan, and next steps.

**Publication Provision**

The Vendor agrees that it shall make no statements, press releases or publicity releases concerning the Contract or its subject matter or otherwise disclose or permit to be disclosed any of the data or other information obtained or furnished in compliance with the Contract, or any particulars thereof, during the period of the Contract, without first notifying the Department's Contract Manager and securing prior written consent. The Vendor also agrees that it shall not publish, copyright, or patent any of the data developed under the Contract, it being understood that such data or information are works made for hire and the property of the Department.

**EXHIBIT “B”**  
**METHOD OF COMPENSATION**

**Automated Identification and Quantification of Flexible and Rigid Pavement Distresses**

**1.0 Purpose**

This Exhibit defines the limits of compensation to be made to the Vendor for the services set forth in Exhibit A and the method by which payment shall be made.

**2.0 Assignment of Work**

Services to be provided on each PHASE of this project will be initiated and completed as directed by the Department’s Research Center. A “Letter of Authorization” will be issued for each PHASE of the project as authorized by the Department’s Research Center.

**3.0 Compensation**

For the satisfactory performance of services detailed in Exhibit A, the Vendor shall be paid a Maximum Amount of **\$(insert amount)**. The Maximum Amount consists of the following lump sum amounts:

<b>PHASE I</b>		
Task 1 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 2 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 3 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
<b>PHASE II</b>		
Task 4 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 5 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 6 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 7 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 8 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 9 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount
Task 10 Deliverable	\$	Lump sum amount

**4.0 Progress Payments**

The Vendor shall submit an invoice upon approval of each task deliverable in a format acceptable to the Department. Lump sum payments shall be made to the Vendor for the satisfactory completion of each task. Should a portion of or all of PHASE II not be approved, the Vendor will be paid a lump sum amount, as identified for services performed. The total Lump Sum Amount shall include the cost of salaries, overhead, fringe benefits, operating margins, and expenses for each task. (Payments for travel costs will be made in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes). Invoices shall be submitted to: Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, MS 30, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450 or [research.center@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:research.center@dot.state.fl.us)

**5.0 Tangible Personal Property**

This contract does not include the purchase of Tangible Personal Property.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**STANDARD WRITTEN AGREEMENT**

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Agreement No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Project I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_

F.E.I.D. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriation Bill Number(s)/Line Item Number(s) for 1st year of contract, pursuant to s. 216.313, F.S.: \_\_\_\_\_

*(required for contracts in excess of \$5 million)*

Procurement No.: RFP-DOT-1415-9020-RC

D.M.S. Catalog Class No.: \_\_\_\_\_

BY THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, hereinafter called the "Department" and

of \_\_\_\_\_  
duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, hereinafter called "Vendor," hereby agree as follows:

1. SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE

A. In connection with \_\_\_\_\_,

the Department does hereby retain the Vendor to furnish certain services, information, and items as described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. Before making any additions or deletions to the work described in this Agreement, and before undertaking any changes or revisions to such work, the parties shall negotiate any necessary cost changes and shall enter into an Amendment covering such work and compensation. Reference herein to this Agreement shall include any amendment(s).

C. All tracings, plans, specifications, maps, computer files, and reports prepared or obtained under this Agreement, as well as all data collected, together with summaries and charts derived therefrom, shall be the exclusive property of the Department without restriction or limitation on their use and shall be made available, upon request, to the Department at any time during the performance of such services and/or upon completion or termination of this Agreement. Upon delivery to the Department of said document(s), the Department shall become the custodian thereof in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Vendor shall not copyright any material and products or patent any invention developed under this Agreement. The Department shall have the right to visit the site for inspection of the work and the products of the Vendor at any time.

D. All final plans, documents, reports, studies, and other data prepared by the Vendor shall bear the professional's seal/signature, in accordance with the applicable Florida Statutes, Administrative Rules promulgated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and guidelines published by the Department, in effect at the time of execution of this Agreement. In the event that changes in the statutes or rules create a conflict with the requirements of published guidelines, requirements of the statutes and rules shall take precedence.

E. The Vendor agrees to provide project schedule progress reports in a format acceptable to the Department and at intervals established by the Department. The Department shall be entitled at all times to be advised, at its request, as to the status of work being done by the Vendor and of the details thereof. Coordination shall be maintained by the Vendor with representatives of the Department, or of other agencies interested in the project on behalf of the Department. Either party to this Agreement may request and be granted a conference.

F. All services shall be performed by the Vendor to the satisfaction of the Director who shall decide all questions, difficulties, and disputes of any nature whatsoever that may arise under or by reason of this Agreement, the prosecution and fulfillment of the services hereunder and the character, quality, amount of value thereof; and the decision upon all claims, questions, and disputes shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Adjustments of compensation and contract time because of any major changes in the work that may become necessary or desirable as the work progresses shall be subject to mutual agreement of the parties, and amendment(s) shall be entered into by the parties in accordance herewith.

Reference herein to the Director shall mean the  
Chief Engineer

## 2. TERM

- A. Initial Term. This Agreement shall begin on date of execution and shall remain in full force and effect through completion of all services required or \_\_\_\_\_, whichever occurs first. Subsequent to the execution of this Agreement by both parties, the services to be rendered by the Vendor shall commence and be completed in accordance with the option selected below. (Select box and indicate date(s) as appropriate):

- Services shall commence \_\_\_\_\_ and shall be completed by \_\_\_\_\_ or date of termination, whichever occurs first.
- Services shall commence upon written notice from the Department's Contract Manager and shall be completed by \_\_\_\_\_ or date of termination, whichever occurs first.
- Other: See Exhibit "A"

- B. RENEWALS (Select appropriate box):

- This Agreement may not be renewed.
- This Agreement may be renewed for a period that may not exceed three (3) years or the term of the original contract, whichever is longer. Renewals are contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations by the Department and subject to the availability of funds. Costs for renewal may not be charged. Any renewal or extension must be in writing and is subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and any written amendments signed by the parties.

- C. EXTENSIONS. In the event that circumstances arise which make performance by the Vendor impracticable or impossible within the time allowed or which prevent a new contract from being executed, the Department, in its discretion, may grant an extension of this Agreement. Extension of this Agreement must be in writing for a period not to exceed six (6) months and is subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and any written amendments signed by the parties; provided the Department may, in its discretion, grant a proportional increase in the total dollar amount based on the method and rate established herein. There may be only one extension of this Agreement unless the failure to meet the criteria set forth in this Agreement for completion of this Agreement is due to events beyond the control of the Vendor.

It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to ensure at all times that sufficient time remains in the Project Schedule within which to complete services on the project. In the event there have been delays which would affect the project completion date, the Vendor shall submit a written request to the Department which identifies the reason(s) for the delay and the amount of time related to each reason. The Department shall review the request and make a determination as to granting all or part of the requested extension.

## 3. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

- A. Payment shall be made only after receipt and approval of goods and services unless advance payments are authorized by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida under Chapters 215 and 216, Florida Statutes. Deliverable(s) must be received and accepted in writing by the Contract Manager on the Department's invoice transmittal forms prior to payment. If the Department determines that the performance of the Vendor is unsatisfactory, the Department shall notify the Vendor of the deficiency to be corrected, which correction shall be made within a time-frame to be specified by the Department. The Vendor shall, within five days after notice from the Department, provide the Department with a corrective action plan describing how the Vendor will address all issues of contract non-performance, unacceptable performance, failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or contract non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Department, the Vendor shall be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to 10% of the total invoice amount. The retainage shall be applied to the invoice for the then-current billing period. The retainage shall be withheld until the vendor resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the Vendor may bill the Department for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the Vendor is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained may be forfeited at the end of the agreement period.

- B. If this Agreement involves units of deliverables, then such units must be received and accepted in writing by the Contract Manager prior to payments.
- C. Bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses shall be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper preaudit and postaudit thereof.
- D. The bills for any travel expenses, when authorized by terms of this Agreement and by the Department's Project Manager, shall be submitted in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, and the Department's Disbursement Handbook - For Employees and Managers.
- E. Vendors providing goods and services to the Department should be aware of the following time frames. Upon receipt, the Department has five (5) working days to inspect and approve the goods and services, unless otherwise specified herein. The Department has twenty (20) days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Financial Services. The twenty (20) days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved.
- F. If a payment is not available within forty (40) days, a separate interest penalty as established pursuant to Section 215.422, Florida Statutes, shall be due and payable, in addition to the invoice amount, to the Vendor. Interest penalties of less than one (1) dollar shall not be enforced unless the Vendor requests payment. Invoices which have to be returned to a Vendor because of Vendor preparation errors shall result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Department.
- G. The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system. Pursuant to Section 287.057(22), Florida Statutes, all payments shall be assessed a transaction fee of one percent (1%), which the Vendor shall pay to the State. For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the transaction fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the Vendor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the Vendor shall pay the transaction fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031 (2), Florida Administrative Code. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, Vendor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee. The Vendor shall receive a credit for any transaction fee paid by the Vendor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to the Vendor through no fault, act, or omission of the Vendor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the Vendor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the Agreement. Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring the Vendor in default and recovering procurement costs from the Vendor in addition to all outstanding fees. **VENDORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM CONDUCTING FUTURE BUSINESS WITH THE STATE.**
- H. A vendor ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516.
- I. Records of costs incurred under terms of this Agreement shall be maintained and made available upon request to the Department at all times during the period of this Agreement and for three (3) years after final payment for the work pursuant to this Agreement is made. Copies of these documents and records shall be furnished to the Department upon request. Records of costs incurred shall include the Vendor's general accounting records and the project records, together with supporting documents and records of the Vendor and all subcontractors performing work on the project, and all other records of the Vendor and subcontractors considered necessary by the Department for a proper audit of project costs.
- J. The Department, during any fiscal year, shall not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such contract. The Department shall require a statement from the comptroller of the Department that funds are available prior to entering into any such contract or other binding commitment of funds. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the making of contracts for periods exceeding one (1) year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years. Accordingly, the Department's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

4. INDEMNITY AND PAYMENT FOR CLAIMS

- A. **INDEMNITY:** To the extent permitted by Florida Law, the Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Vendor and persons employed or utilized by the Vendor in the performance of this Agreement.

It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this Agreement that it is not intended by any of the provisions of any part of the Agreement to create in the public or any member thereof, a third party beneficiary hereunder, or to authorize anyone not a party to this Agreement to maintain a suit for personal injuries or property damage pursuant to the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

**PAYMENT FOR CLAIMS:** The Vendor guaranties the payment of all just claims for materials, supplies, tools, or labor and other just claims against the Vendor or any subcontractor, in connection with the Agreement. The Department's final acceptance and payment does not release the Vendor's bond until all such claims are paid or released.

- B. **LIABILITY INSURANCE.** (Select and complete as appropriate):

No general liability insurance is required.

The Vendor shall carry and keep in force during the term of this Agreement, a general liability insurance policy or policies with a company or companies authorized to do business in Florida, affording public liability insurance with a combined bodily injury limits of at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per person and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each occurrence, and property damage insurance of at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each occurrence, for the services to be rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

The Vendor shall have and maintain during the term of this Agreement, a professional liability insurance policy or policies or an irrevocable letter of credit established pursuant to Chapter 675 and Section 337.106, Florida Statutes, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, affording liability coverage for the professional services to be rendered in accordance with this Agreement in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

- C. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION.** The Vendor shall also carry and keep in force Workers' Compensation insurance as required for the State of Florida under the Workers' Compensation Law.

- D. **PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND.** (Select as appropriate):

No Bond is required.

Prior to commencement of any services pursuant to this Agreement and at all times during the term hereof, including renewals and extensions, the Vendor will supply to the Department and keep in force a bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida, payable to the Department and conditioned for the prompt, faithful, and efficient performance of this Agreement according to the terms and conditions hereof and within the time periods specified herein, and for the prompt payment of all persons furnishing labor, materials, equipment, and supplies therefor.

- E. **CERTIFICATION.** With respect to any general liability insurance policy required pursuant to this Agreement, all such policies shall be issued by companies licensed to do business in the State of Florida. The Vendor shall provide to the Department certificates showing the required coverage to be in effect with endorsements showing the Department to be an additional insured prior to commencing any work under this Contract. Policies that include Self Insured Retention (SIR) will not be accepted. The certificates and policies shall provide that in the event of any material change in or cancellation of the policies reflecting the required coverage, thirty days advance notice shall be given to the Department or as provided in accordance with Florida law.



## 5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- A. The Vendor shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Vendor in conjunction with this Agreement. Specifically, if the Vendor is acting on behalf of a public agency the Vendor shall:
- (1) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the Department in order to perform the services being performed by the Vendor.
  - (2) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the Department would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
  - (3) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
  - (4) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the Department all public records in possession of the Vendor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Department in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Department.
- Failure by the Vendor to grant such public access shall be grounds for immediate unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the Department. The Vendor shall promptly provide the Department with a copy of any request to inspect or copy public records in possession of the Vendor and shall promptly provide the Department a copy of the Vendor's response to each such request.
- B. The Vendor agrees that it shall make no statements, press releases or publicity releases concerning this Agreement or its subject matter or otherwise discuss or permit to be disclosed or discussed any of the data or other information obtained or furnished in compliance with this Agreement, or any particulars thereof, during the period of the Agreement, without first notifying the Department's Contract Manager and securing prior written consent. The Vendor also agrees that it shall not publish, copyright, or patent any of the data developed under this Agreement, it being understood that such data or information are works made for hire and the property of the Department.
- C. The Vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work or payment for work thereof, and will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability in the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. If the Vendor is licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to perform the services herein contracted, then Section 337.162, Florida Statutes, applies as follows:
- (1) If the Department has knowledge or reason to believe that any person has violated the provisions of state professional licensing laws or rules, it shall submit a complaint regarding the violations to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The complaint shall be confidential.
  - (2) Any person who is employed by the Department and who is licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and who, through the course of the person's employment, has knowledge to believe that any person has violated the provisions of state professional licensing laws or rules shall submit a complaint regarding the violations to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Failure to submit a complaint about the violations may be grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 455, Florida Statutes, and the state licensing law applicable to that licensee. The complaint shall be confidential.
  - (3) Any complaints submitted to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation are confidential and exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, pursuant to Chapter 455, Florida Statutes, and applicable state law.
- E. The Vendor covenants and agrees that it and its employees and agents shall be bound by the standards of conduct provided in applicable law and applicable rules of the Board of Business and Professional Regulation as they relate to work performed under this Agreement. The Vendor further covenants and agrees that when a former state employee is employed by the Vendor, the Vendor shall require that strict adherence by the former state employee to Sections 112.313 and 112.3185, Florida Statutes, is a condition of employment for said former state employee. These statutes will by reference be made a part of this Agreement as though set forth in full. The Vendor agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

- F. 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, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- G. An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.
- H. The Department shall consider the employment by any vendor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this agreement.
- I. Pursuant to Section 216.347, Florida Statutes, the vendor may not expend any State funds for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency.

## 6. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT

- A. This Agreement may be canceled by the Department in whole or in part at any time the interest of the Department requires such termination. The Department reserves the right to terminate or cancel this Agreement in the event an assignment be made for the benefit of creditors.
- B. If the Department determines that the performance of the Vendor is not satisfactory, the Department shall have the option of (a) immediately terminating the Agreement, or (b) notifying the Vendor of the deficiency with a requirement that the deficiency be corrected within a specified time, otherwise the Agreement will be terminated at the end of such time, or (c) taking whatever action is deemed appropriate by the Department.
- C. If the Department requires termination of the Agreement for reasons other than unsatisfactory performance of the Vendor, the Department shall notify the Vendor of such termination, with instructions as to the effective date of termination or specify the stage of work at which the Agreement is to be terminated.
- D. If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, the Vendor shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. Such payment, however, may not exceed an amount which is the same percentage of the agreement price as the amount of work satisfactorily completed is a percentage of the total work called for by this Agreement. All work in progress shall become the property of the Department and shall be turned over promptly by the Vendor.
- E. For Agreements \$1,000,000 and greater, if the Department determines the Vendor submitted a false certification under Section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, the Department shall either terminate the Agreement after it has given the Vendor notice and an opportunity to demonstrate the Department's determination of false certification was in error pursuant to Section 287.135(5)(a), Florida Statutes, or maintain the Agreement if the conditions of Section 287.135 (4), Florida Statutes, are met.

## 7. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

- A. The Vendor shall maintain an adequate and competent staff so as to enable the Vendor to timely perform under this Agreement and may associate with it such subcontractors, for the purpose of its services hereunder, without additional cost to the Department, other than those costs within the limits and terms of this Agreement. The Vendor is fully responsible for satisfactory completion of all subcontracted work. The Vendor, however, shall not sublet, assign, or transfer any work under this Agreement to other than subcontractors specified in the proposal, bid, and/or Agreement without the written consent of the Department.



B. Select the appropriate box:

The following provision is not applicable to this Agreement:

The following provision is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement:

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles that are the subject of, or required to carry out this Agreement shall be purchased from a nonprofit agency for the blind or for the severely handicapped that is qualified pursuant to Chapter 413, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Section 413.036(1) and (2), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this Agreement the person, firm, or other business entity (Vendor) carrying out the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be substituted for the state agency (Department) insofar as dealings with such qualified nonprofit agency are concerned. RESPECT of Florida provides governmental agencies within the State of Florida with quality products and services produced by persons with disabilities. Available pricing, products, and delivery schedules may be obtained by contacting:

RESPECT  
2475 Apalachee Pkwy  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-4946  
Phone: (850)487-1471

The following provision is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement:

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out this Agreement shall be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the procedures set forth in Sections 946.515(2) and (4), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this Agreement the person, firm, or other business entity (Vendor) carrying out the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be substituted for this agency (Department) insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned. The "corporation identified" is Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE). Available pricing, products, and delivery schedules may be obtained by contacting:

PRIDE Enterprises  
12425 - 28th Street, North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33716-1826  
(800)643-8459

This Agreement involves the expenditure of federal funds and Section 946.515, Florida Statutes, as noted above, does not apply. However, Appendix I is applicable to all parties and is hereof made a part of this Agreement.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Vendor and its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors are not employees of the Department and are not entitled to the benefits of State of Florida employees. Except to the extent expressly authorized herein, Vendor and its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors are not agents of the Department or the State for any purpose or authority such as to bind or represent the interests thereof, and shall not represent that it is an agent or that it is acting on the behalf of the Department or the State. The Department shall not be bound by any unauthorized acts or conduct of the Vendor or its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors. Vendor agrees to include this provision in all its subcontracts under this Agreement.
- B. All words used herein in the singular form shall extend to and include the plural. All words used in the plural form shall extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender shall extend to and include all genders.
- C. This Agreement embodies the whole agreement of the parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein, and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the parties hereto. The State of Florida terms and conditions, whether general or specific, shall take precedence over and supersede any inconsistent or conflicting provision in any attached terms and conditions of the Vendor.

- D. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any part, term or provision of this Agreement is by the courts held to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Florida, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular part, term, or provision held to be invalid.
- E. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- F. In any legal action related to this Agreement, instituted by either party, the Vendor hereby waives any and all privileges and rights it may have under Chapter 47 and Section 337.19, Florida Statutes, relating to venue, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, and any and all such privileges and rights it may have under any other statute, rule, or case law, including, but not limited to those grounded on convenience. Any such legal action may be brought in the appropriate Court in the county chosen by the Department and in the event that any such legal action is filed by the Vendor, the Vendor hereby consents to the transfer of venue to the county chosen by the Department upon the Department filing a motion requesting the same.
- G. If this Agreement involves the purchase or maintenance of information technology as defined in Section 282.0041, Florida Statutes, the selected provisions of the attached Appendix II are made a part of this Agreement.
- H. If this Agreement is the result of a formal solicitation (Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposal or Invitation to Negotiate), the Department of Management Services Forms PUR1000 and PUR1001, included in the solicitation, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- I. Vendor/Contractor:
  - 1. shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the contract; and
  - 2. shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.
- J. Time is of the essence as to each and every obligation under this Agreement.
- K. The following attachments are incorporated and made a part of this agreement:
  - Exhibit "A", Scope of Services
  - Exhibit "B", Method of Compensation
  - Exhibit "C", Price Proposal
- L. Other Provisions:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers on the day, month and year set forth above.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Vendor

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

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FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

Procurement Office \_\_\_\_\_

## TERMS FOR FEDERAL AID CONTRACTS (APPENDIX I): CONTRACT (Purchase Order) # \_\_\_\_\_

The following terms apply to all contracts in which it is indicated in Section 7.B of the Standard Written Agreement, the Master Agreement Terms and Conditions, the Contractual Services Agreement, or the Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, that the contract involves the expenditure of federal funds:

- A. It is understood and agreed that all rights of the Department relating to inspection, review, approval, patents, copyrights, and audit of the work, tracing, plans, specifications, maps, data, and cost records relating to this Agreement shall also be reserved and held by authorized representatives of the United States of America.
- B. It is understood and agreed that, in order to permit federal participation, no supplemental agreement of any nature may be entered into by the parties hereto with regard to the work to be performed hereunder without the approval of U.S.D.O.T., anything to the contrary in this Agreement notwithstanding.
- C. Compliance with Regulations: The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation (hereinafter, "USDOT") Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- D. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor, with regard to the work performed during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Contractor shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by section 21.5 of the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers a program set forth in Appendix B of the Regulations.
- E. Solicitations for Subcontractors, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations made by the Contractor, either by competitive bidding or negotiation for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment; each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status.
- F. Information and Reports: The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto, and shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the *Florida Department of Transportation*, the *Federal Highway Administration*, *Federal Transit Administration*, *Federal Aviation Administration*, and/or the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Regulations, orders and instructions. Where any information required of a Contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information the Contractor shall so certify to the *Florida Department of Transportation*, the *Federal Highway Administration*, *Federal Transit Administration*, *Federal Aviation Administration*, and/or the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* as appropriate, and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- G. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, the *Florida Department of Transportation* shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the *Federal Highway Administration*, *Federal Transit Administration*, *Federal Aviation Administration*, and/or the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - 1. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or
  - 2. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
- H. Incorporation of Provisions: The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs C. through H. in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations, or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the *Florida Department of Transportation*, the *Federal Highway Administration*, *Federal Transit Administration*, *Federal Aviation Administration*, and/or the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration* may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. In the event a

Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a sub-contractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the *Florida Department of Transportation* to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the *Florida Department of Transportation*, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

- I. Interest of Members of Congress: No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit arising there from.
- J. Interest of Public Officials: No member, officer, or employee of the public body or of a local public body during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this contract or the proceeds thereof. For purposes of this provision, public body shall include municipalities and other political subdivisions of States; and public corporations, boards, and commissions established under the laws of any State.
- K. Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises: The Consultant shall agree to abide by the following statement from 49 CFR 26.13(b). This statement shall be included in all subsequent agreements between the Consultant and any sub-consultant or contractor.

The contractor, sub recipient or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract, which may result in the termination of this contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.

- L. It is mutually understood and agreed that the willful falsification, distortion or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project(s) described in this Agreement is a violation of the Federal Law. Accordingly, United States Code, Title 18, Section 1020, is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- M. It is understood and agreed that if the Consultant at any time learns that the certification it provided the Department in compliance with 49 CFR, Section 26.51, was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances, the Consultant shall provide immediate written notice to the Department. It is further agreed that the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transaction" as set forth in 49 CFR, Section 29.510, shall be included by the Consultant in all lower tier covered transactions and in all aforementioned federal regulation.
- N. The Department hereby certifies that neither the consultant nor the consultant's representative has been required by the Department, directly or indirectly as an express or implied condition in connection with obtaining or carrying out this contract, to
  1. employ or retain, or agree to employ or retain, any firm or person, or
  2. pay, or agree to pay, to any firm, person, or organization, any fee, contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind;

The Department further acknowledges that this agreement will be furnished to a federal agency, in connection with this contract involving participation of Federal-Aid funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

- O. The Consultant hereby certifies that it has not:
  1. employed or retained for a commission, percentage, brokerage, contingent fee, or other consideration, any firm or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for me or the above contractor) to solicit or secure this contract;
  2. agreed, as an express or implied condition for obtaining this contract, to employ or retain the services of any firm or person in connection with carrying out this contract; or
  3. paid, or agreed to pay, to any firm, organization or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for me or the above contractor) any fee contribution, donation, or consideration of any kind for, or in connection with, procuring or carrying out the contract.

The consultant further acknowledges that this agreement will be furnished to the State of Florida Department of Transportation and a federal agency in connection with this contract involving participation of Federal-Aid funds, and is subject to applicable State and Federal Laws, both criminal and civil.

**Appendix II**  
**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

Contract (Purchase Order) # RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC

**SELECT AS APPROPRIATE:**

**PROJECT PLAN SCOPE LANGUAGE**

The Department requires that the Vendor create and submit a Project Plan that demonstrates how the creation and maintenance of the application will be carried out. The Project Plan template may be found at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/OIS/docs/dispFiles.asp>, and is the template which the Department requires the Vendor to follow. The Project Plan must be submitted to the Department within \_\_\_\_\_ business days after execution of Contract. Upon receipt of the Project Plan, the Department will have fourteen (14) business days to review and approve the Project Plan in its sole discretion. No other work may begin prior to the submission and approval of the Project Plan. After the Project Plan is approved, the Vendor shall keep the Project Plan updated as necessary or upon notification by the Department of a deficiency in the Project Plan. Any change to the Project Plan must be approved by the Department.

**SECURITY PLAN SCOPE LANGUAGE**

The Department requires that the Vendor create and submit a Security Plan. The Security Plan template may be found at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/OIS/docs/dispFiles.asp>, and is the template which the Department requires the Vendor to follow. The Security Plan must be submitted to the Department by \_\_\_\_\_. Upon receipt of the Security Plan, the Department will have fourteen (14) business days to review and approve the Security Plan in its sole discretion. After the Security Plan is approved, the Vendor shall keep the Security Plan updated as necessary or upon notification by the Department of a deficiency in the Security Plan. Any change to the Security Plan must be approved by the Department.

**OWNERSHIP OF WORKS AND INVENTIONS**

The Department shall have full ownership of any works of authorship, inventions, improvements, ideas, data, processes, computer software programs, and discoveries (hereafter called intellectual property) conceived, created, or furnished under this Contract, with no rights of ownership in Vendor or any subcontractors. Vendor and subcontractors shall fully and promptly disclose to the Department all intellectual property conceived, created, or furnished under this Contract. Vendor or subcontractor hereby assigns to the Department the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all intellectual property conceived, created, or furnished under this Contract, without further consideration. This Contract shall operate as an irrevocable assignment by Vendor and subcontractors to the Department of the copyright in any intellectual property created, published, or furnished to the Department under this Contract, including all rights thereunder in perpetuity. Vendor and subcontractors shall not patent any intellectual property conceived, created, or furnished under this Contract. Vendor and subcontractors agree to execute and deliver all necessary documents requested by the Department to effect the assignment of intellectual property to the Department or the registration or confirmation of the Department's rights in or to intellectual property under the terms of this Contract. Vendor agrees to include this provision in all its subcontracts under this Contract.

**ESCROW OF SOURCE CODE**

The Vendor shall maintain in escrow a copy of the source code for the licensed software. With each new release of the software provided to the Department, the Vendor shall maintain the updated source code in escrow. In the event the Vendor files for bankruptcy or ceases operations for any reason, the Department shall promptly be provided the current source code in escrow. The Department will only use the source code to support the licensed software subject to the same nondisclosure provisions of this Contract.

**COPYRIGHT OR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

To the extent permitted by Florida Law, the Vendor, without exception, shall save, defend and hold harmless the Department and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses, for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or supplied by the Vendor. The Vendor has no liability when such claim is solely and exclusively due to the combination, operation or use of articles supplied hereunder with equipment or data not supplied by Vendor or is based solely and exclusively upon the Department's alteration of the article. The Department will provide prompt written notification of a claim of copyright or patent infringement. Further, if such claim is made or is pending, the Vendor may, at its option and expense, procure for the Department the right to continued use of, or replace or modify the article to render it non-infringing. If the Vendor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood that, without exception, the Contract price shall include all royalties or other costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

**[ ] COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE**

In any Contract for the purchase or maintenance of machines or computer hardware/software or licensed programs, the Vendor's entire liability and the Department's exclusive remedy for damages to the Department related to the machine or computer hardware/software or licensed program which is the subject of this Contract, or maintenance thereof shall be limited to, at the Department's discretion, 1) the correction by the Vendor of the relevant defect(s); or 2) actual damages up to the greater of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or an amount equal to 12 months maintenance charges for said product or the purchase price of said product.

Such maintenance charges will be those in effect for the specific product when the cause of action arose. The foregoing limitation of liability will not apply to (a) the payment of cost and damage awards resulting from liability in accordance with the Copyright and Patent Infringement paragraph above, or to (b) claims for procurement costs or the cost of cover pursuant to Rule 60A-1.006, Florida Administrative Code, or to (c) claims by the Department for personal injury or damage to real property or tangible personal property caused by the Vendor's negligence or tortious conduct.

**[ ] ACCOUNTING AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

**ACCOUNTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Vendor shall maintain an accounting system which separately accumulates direct and indirect costs, and supports all billing to the Department. The system should include a set of records journals, ledgers, trial balances, and reports and policies and procedures used to process business transactions. A job-cost accounting system must contain each specific job. An acceptable job-cost accounting system should meet the following minimum requirements:

- a) A general ledger in which direct and indirect costs are accumulated separately.
- b) A payroll system, supported by time sheets, that clearly accounts for 100% of a person's work time and identifies all projects and account numbers charged for each person, including those costs charged to direct and indirect accounts.
- c) Time sheets, hours recorded on labor distribution reports, and the hours and dollars summarized in the payroll register must agree.
- d) A job-cost ledger or job-cost report in which costs related to all projects and account numbers are charged.
- e) Direct costs in the job-cost ledger or job-cost report must support and agree with direct costs contained in the general ledger.
- f) Periodic reconciliation of job-cost ledgers to the job-cost reports within the general ledger are conducted.

**RIGHT TO AUDIT CLAUSE**

The Vendor shall permit onsite visits by State and Department authorized employees, officers, and agents to conduct audits to ensure compliance with Section 20.055, Florida Statutes. The Vendor shall grant access to all records pertaining to this Contract including access to all computers, communications devices, and any other equipment used to store, monitor, produce, or transmit such records at any premises, whether onsite or offsite.

The Vendor shall maintain all records and other evidence of the Vendor, and any or all subcontractors, to support the costs incurred, and compensation received, directly or indirectly, by the Vendor. The Department, or its designated representatives, shall have the right to audit, copy, and inspect said records and accounts at all reasonable times during the performance of this Contract and the retention period of three years after the cancellation, termination, or final payment, or until the conclusion of any claim, litigation, settlement, or appeal; or for such longer period, if any, required by applicable law or regulation, whichever date is latest.

At any time, the Department discovers any excess payments, payments not in conformity with this Contract, or any disallowable costs were paid to the Vendor under this Contract, the Vendor agrees that such amounts are due to the Department upon demand. Vendor agrees that the Department may deduct from any payment due to the Vendor under any other between the Department and the Vendor an amount sufficient to satisfy any amount due the Department by the Vendor under this Contract. Final payment to the Vendor may be adjusted for audit results.

**[ ] OPTIONAL CONTINUED SERVICES**

The Vendor shall, at the Department's option, provide continued services to the Department for up to \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive annual periods after the initial Contract, under all the terms and conditions of this Contract. The price of such annual maintenance shall not exceed the Vendor's then prevailing annual maintenance fee.

**State of Florida  
PUR 1000  
General Contract Conditions**

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**1. Definitions.** The definitions contained in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:



(a) “Contract” means the legally enforceable agreement that results from a successful solicitation. The parties to the Contract will be the Customer and Contractor.

(b) “Customer” means the State agency or other entity identified in a contract as the party to receive commodities or contractual services pursuant to a contract or that orders commodities or contractual services via purchase order or other contractual instrument from the Contractor under the Contract. The “Customer” may also be the “Buyer” as defined in the PUR 1001 if it meets the definition of both terms.

(c) “Product” means any deliverable under the Contract, which may include commodities, services, technology or software.

(d) “Purchase order” means the form or format a Customer uses to make a purchase under the Contract (e.g., a formal written purchase order, electronic purchase order, procurement card, contract or other authorized means).

**2. Purchase Orders.** In contracts where commodities or services are ordered by the Customer via purchase order, Contractor shall not deliver or furnish products until a Customer transmits a purchase order. All purchase orders shall bear the Contract or solicitation number, shall be placed by the Customer directly with the Contractor, and shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the Contract and solicitation terms and conditions. Any discrepancy between the Contract terms and the terms stated on the Contractor’s order form, confirmation, or acknowledgement shall be resolved in favor of terms most favorable to the Customer. A purchase order for services within the ambit of section 287.058(1) of the Florida Statutes shall be deemed to incorporate by reference the requirements of subparagraphs (a) through (f) thereof. Customers shall designate a contract manager and a contract administrator as required by subsections 287.057(15) and (16) of the Florida Statutes.

**3. Product Version.** Purchase orders shall be deemed to reference a manufacturer’s most recently release model or version of the product at the time of the order, unless the Customer specifically requests in writing an earlier model or version and the contractor is willing to provide such model or version.

**4. Price Changes Applicable only to Term Contracts.** If this is a term contract for commodities or services, the following provisions apply.

(a) Quantity Discounts. Contractors are urged to offer additional discounts for one time delivery of large single orders. Customers should seek to negotiate additional price concessions on quantity purchases of any products offered under the Contract. State Customers shall document their files accordingly.

(b) Best Pricing Offer. During the Contract term, if the Customer becomes aware of better pricing offered by the Contractor for substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a product outside the Contract, but upon the same or similar terms of the Contract, then at the discretion of the Customer the price under the Contract shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.

(c) Sales Promotions. In addition to decreasing prices for the balance of the Contract term due to a change in market conditions, a Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving price reductions for a specified lesser period. A Contractor shall submit to the Contract Specialist documentation identifying the proposed (1) starting and ending dates of the promotion, (2) products involved, and (3) promotional prices compared to then-authorized prices. Promotional prices shall be available to all Customers. Upon approval, the Contractor shall provide conspicuous notice of the promotion.

(d) Trade-In. Customers may trade-in equipment when making purchases from the Contract. A trade-in shall be negotiated between the Customer and the Contractor. Customers are obligated to actively seek current fair market value when trading equipment, and to keep accurate records of the process. For State agencies, it may be necessary to provide documentation to the Department of Financial Services and to the agency property custodian pursuant to Chapter 273, F.S.

(e) Equitable Adjustment. The Customer may, in its sole discretion, make an equitable adjustment in the Contract terms or pricing if pricing or availability of supply is affected by extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace, that is, by circumstances that satisfy all the following criteria: (1) the volatility is due to causes wholly beyond the Contractor’s control, (2) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Contract source of

supply, (3) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial, and (4) the volatility so affects the Contractor that continued performance of the Contract would result in a substantial loss.

**5. Additional Quantities.** For a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of solicitation award, the Customer reserves the right to acquire additional quantities up to the amount shown on the solicitation but not to exceed the threshold for Category Two at the prices submitted in the response to the solicitation.

**6. Packaging.** Tangible product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage, and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled, shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing materials, cases, or other types of containers. All containers and packaging shall become and remain Customer's property.

**7. Inspection at Contractor's Site.** The Customer reserves the right to inspect, at any reasonable time with prior notice, the equipment or product or plant or other facilities of a Contractor to assess conformity with Contract requirements and to determine whether they are adequate and suitable for proper and effective Contract performance.

**8. Safety Standards.** All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies subject to operation under pressure, operation by connection to an electric source, or operation involving connection to a manufactured, natural, or LP gas source shall be constructed and approved in a manner acceptable to the appropriate State inspector. Acceptability customarily requires, at a minimum, identification marking of the appropriate safety standard organization, where such approvals of listings have been established for the type of device offered and furnished, for example: the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for pressure vessels; the Underwriters Laboratories and/or National Electrical Manufacturers' Association for electrically operated assemblies; and the American Gas Association for gas-operated assemblies. In addition, all items furnished shall meet all applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and state and federal requirements relating to clean air and water pollution.

**9. Americans with Disabilities Act.** Contractors should identify any products that may be used or adapted for use by visually, hearing, or other physically impaired individuals.

**10. Literature.** Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish literature reasonably related to the product offered, for example, user manuals, price schedules, catalogs, descriptive brochures, etc.

**11. Transportation and Delivery.** Prices shall include all charges for packing, handling, freight, distribution, and inside delivery. Transportation of goods shall be FOB Destination to any point within thirty (30) days after the Customer places an Order. A Contractor, within five (5) days after receiving a purchase order, shall notify the Customer of any potential delivery delays. Evidence of inability or intentional delays shall be cause for Contract cancellation and Contractor suspension.

**12. Installation.** Where installation is required, Contractor shall be responsible for placing and installing the product in the required locations at no additional charge, unless otherwise designated on the Contract or purchase order. Contractor's authorized product and price list shall clearly and separately identify any additional installation charges. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free of defects that would diminish the appearance of the product or render it structurally or operationally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging, and materials required to install or replace the product in the proper location. Contractor shall protect the site from damage and shall repair damages or injury caused during installation by Contractor or its employees or agents. If any alteration, dismantling, excavation, etc., is required to achieve installation, the Contractor shall promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Contractor shall perform installation work so as to cause the least inconvenience and interference with Customers and with proper consideration of others on site. Upon completion of the installation, the location and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat and unobstructed condition, with everything in satisfactory repair and order.

**13. Risk of Loss.** Matters of inspection and acceptance are addressed in s. 215.422, F.S. Until acceptance, risk of loss or damage shall remain with the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims. To assist the Contractor with damage claims, the Customer shall: record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's Bill of Lading; report damages to the carrier and the Contractor; and provide the Contractor with a copy of the carrier's Bill of Lading and damage inspection report.

When a Customer rejects a product, Contractor shall remove it from the premises within ten days after notification or rejection. Upon rejection notification, the risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming product shall remain with the Contractor. Rejected product not removed by the Contractor within ten days shall be deemed abandoned by the Contractor, and the Customer shall have the right to dispose of it as its own property. Contractor shall reimburse the Customer for costs and expenses incurred in storing or effecting removal or disposition of rejected product.

**14. Transaction Fee.** The State of Florida has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement System ("System"). Pursuant to section 287.057(23), Florida Statutes (2002), all payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which the Contractor shall pay to the State, unless exempt pursuant to 60A-1.032, F.A.C.

For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the Contractor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the Contractor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, Contractor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

Contractor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the Contractor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to the Contractor through no fault, act, or omission of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the Contractor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring the Contractor in default and recovering procurement costs from the Contractor in addition to all outstanding fees. **CONTRACTORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES MAY BE SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES' VENDOR LIST AS PROVIDED IN RULE 60A-1.006, F.A.C.**

**15. Invoicing and Payment.** Invoices shall contain the Contract number, purchase order number if applicable, and the appropriate vendor identification number. The State may require any other information from the Contractor that the State deems necessary to verify any purchase order placed under the Contract.

At the State's option, Contractors may be required to invoice electronically pursuant to guidelines of the Department of Management Services. Current guidelines require that Contractor supply electronic invoices in lieu of paper-based invoices for those transactions processed through the system. Electronic invoices shall be submitted to the Customer through the Ariba Supplier Network (ASN) in one of the following mechanisms – EDI 810, cXML, or web-based invoice entry within the ASN.

Payment shall be made in accordance with sections 215.422 and 287.0585 of the Florida Statutes, which govern time limits for payment of invoices. Invoices that must be returned to a Contractor due to preparation errors will result in a delay in payment. Contractors may call (850) 413-7269 Monday through Friday to inquire about the status of payments by State Agencies. The Customer is responsible for all payments under the Contract. A Customer's failure to pay, or delay in payment, shall not constitute a breach of the Contract and shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligations to the Department or to other Customers.

**16. Taxes.** The State does not pay Federal excise or sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property. The State will not pay for any personal property taxes levied on the Contractor or for any taxes levied on employees' wages. Any exceptions to this paragraph shall be explicitly noted by the Customer in the special contract conditions section of the solicitation or in the Contract or purchase order.

**17. Governmental Restrictions.** If the Contractor believes that any governmental restrictions have been imposed that require alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the products offered under the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Customer in writing, indicating the specific restriction. The Customer reserves the right and the complete discretion to accept any such alteration or to cancel the Contract at no further expense to the Customer.

**18. Lobbying and Integrity.** Customers shall ensure compliance with Section 11.062, FS and Section 216.347, FS. The Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the State, directly or indirectly (1) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for any State officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State officer or employee. For purposes of clause (2), "gratuity" means any payment of more than nominal monetary

value in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. Upon request of the Customer's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, the Contractor shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor shall retain such records for the longer of (1) three years after the expiration of the Contract or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dhis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/genschedules/gensched.htm>). The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

**19. Indemnification.** The Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Customers, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or a Customer.

Further, the Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and Customers from any suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided, however, that the foregoing obligation shall not apply to a Customer's misuse or modification of Contractor's products or a Customer's operation or use of Contractor's products in a manner not contemplated by the Contract or the purchase order. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in the Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, the Contractor may at its sole expense procure for the Customer the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If the Contractor is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure the Customer the right to continue using the product, the Contractor shall remove the product and refund the Customer the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. The customer shall not be liable for any royalties.

The Contractor's obligations under the preceding two paragraphs with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or Customer giving the Contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense. The Contractor shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the State or Customer in any legal action without the Contractor's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**20. Limitation of Liability.** For all claims against the Contractor under any contract or purchase order, and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, the Contractor's liability under a contract or purchase order for direct damages shall be limited to the greater of \$100,000, the dollar amount of the contract or purchase order, or two times the charges rendered by the Contractor under the purchase order. This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under the Indemnity paragraph contain in this agreement.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract or in the purchase order, no party shall be liable to another for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the contract or purchase order requires the Contractor to back-up data or records), even if the party has been advised that such damages are possible. No party shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The State and Customer may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its affiliates to the State against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the State.

**21. Suspension of Work.** The Customer may in its sole discretion suspend any or all activities under the Contract or purchase order, at any time, when in the best interests of the State to do so. The Customer shall provide the Contractor written notice outlining the particulars of suspension. Examples of the reason for suspension include, but are not limited to, budgetary constraints, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. After receiving a suspension notice, the Contractor shall comply with the notice and shall not accept any purchase orders. Within ninety days, or any longer period agreed to by the Contractor, the Customer shall either (1) issue a notice authorizing resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume, or (2) terminate the Contract or purchase order. Suspension of work shall not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation.

**22. Termination for Convenience.** The Customer, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part when the Customer determines in its sole discretion that it is in the State's interest to do so. The Contractor shall not furnish any product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete the continued portion of the Contract, if any. The Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

**23. Termination for Cause.** The Customer may terminate the Contract if the Contractor fails to (1) deliver the product within the time specified in the Contract or any extension, (2) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Contract, (3) honor any term of the Contract, or (4) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. Rule 60A-1.006(3), F.A.C., governs the procedure and consequences of default. The Contractor shall continue work on any work not terminated. Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform the Contract arises from events completely beyond the control, and without the fault or negligence, of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is completely beyond the control of both the Contractor and the subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted products were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule. If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Customer. The rights and remedies of the Customer in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

**24. Force Majeure, Notice of Delay, and No Damages for Delay.** The Contractor shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of the Contractor or its employees or agents contributed to the delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Contractor's control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. In case of any delay the Contractor believes is excusable, the Contractor shall notify the Customer in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten (10) days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result, or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CONTRACTOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the Customer. The Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the Customer for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist the Contractor shall perform at no increased cost, unless the Customer determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State or to Customers, in which case the Customer may (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to Customers with respect to products subjected to allocation, or (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity, or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

**25. Changes.** The Customer may unilaterally require, by written order, changes altering, adding to, or deducting from the Contract specifications, provided that such changes are within the general scope of the Contract. The

Customer may make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the written consent of the Contractor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. If unusual quantity requirements arise, the Customer may solicit separate bids to satisfy them.

**26. Renewal.** Upon mutual agreement, the Customer and the Contractor may renew the Contract, in whole or in part, for a period that may not exceed 3 years or the term of the contract, whichever period is longer. Any renewal shall specify the renewal price, as set forth in the solicitation response. The renewal must be in writing and signed by both parties, and is contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations and subject to availability of funds.

**27. Purchase Order Duration.** Purchase orders issued pursuant to a state term or agency contract must be received by the Contractor no later than close of business on the last day of the contract's term to be considered timely. The Contractor is obliged to fill those orders in accordance with the contract's terms and conditions. Purchase orders received by the contractor after close of business on the last day of the state term or agency contract's term shall be considered void.

Purchase orders for a one-time delivery of commodities or performance of contractual services shall be valid through the performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the state term or agency contract shall apply to the single delivery/performance, and shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Contractors are required to accept purchase orders specifying delivery schedules exceeding the contracted schedule even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the state term or agency contract. For example, if a state term contract calls for delivery 30 days after receipt of order (ARO), and an order specifies delivery will occur both in excess of 30 days ARO and after expiration of the state term contract, the Contractor will accept the order. However, if the Contractor expressly and in writing notifies the ordering office within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the purchase order that Contractor will not accept the extended delivery terms beyond the expiration of the state term contract, then the purchase order will either be amended in writing by the ordering entity within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the contractor's notice to reflect the state term contract delivery schedule, or it shall be considered withdrawn.

The duration of purchase orders for recurring deliveries of commodities or performance of services shall not exceed the expiration of the state term or agency contract by more than twelve months. However, if an extended pricing plan offered in the state term or agency contract is selected by the ordering entity, the contract terms on pricing plans and renewals shall govern the maximum duration of purchase orders reflecting such pricing plans and renewals.

Timely purchase orders shall be valid through their specified term and performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the state term or agency contract shall apply to the recurring delivery/performance as provided herein, and shall survive the termination of the Contract.

Ordering offices shall not renew a purchase order issued pursuant to a state term or agency contract if the underlying contract expires prior to the effective date of the renewal.

**28. Advertising.** Subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning the Contract without prior written approval from the Customer, including, but not limited to mentioning the Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the Customer or the State as a reference, or otherwise linking the Contractor's name and either a description of the Contract or the name of the State or the Customer in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party to Contract, except potential or actual authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representative.

**29. Assignment.** The Contractor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under the Contract, or under any purchase order issued pursuant to the Contract, without the prior written consent of the Customer. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains secondarily liable for performance of the contract, unless the Customer expressly waives such secondary liability. The Customer may assign the Contract with prior written notice to Contractor of its intent to do so.

**30. Antitrust Assignment.** The Contractor and the State of Florida recognize that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the State of Florida. Therefore, the contractor hereby assigns to the State of Florida any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with the Contract.

**31. Dispute Resolution.** Any dispute concerning performance of the Contract shall be decided by the Customer's designated contract manager, who shall reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy on the Contractor. The decision shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty one (21) days from the date of receipt, the Contractor files with the Customer a petition for administrative hearing. The Customer's decision on the petition shall be final, subject to the Contractor's right to review pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. Exhaustion of administrative remedies is an absolute condition precedent to the Contractor's ability to pursue any other form of dispute resolution; provided, however, that the parties may employ the alternative dispute resolution procedures outlined in Chapter 120.

Without limiting the foregoing, the exclusive venue of any legal or equitable action that arises out of or relates to the Contract shall be the appropriate state court in Leon County, Florida; in any such action, Florida law shall apply and the parties waive any right to jury trial.

**32. Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents.** All Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Customer and shall comply with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Contract. The State may conduct, and the Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by the Contractor. The State may refuse access to, or require replacement of, any personnel for cause, including, but not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with a Customer's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract. The State may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

**33. Security and Confidentiality.** The Contractor shall comply fully with all security procedures of the United States, State of Florida and Customer in performance of the Contract. The Contractor shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by the Contractor or its agents, distributors, resellers, subcontractors, officers or employees in the course of performing Contract work, including, but not limited to, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or Customer. The Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential information or material that is publicly available through no fault of the Contractor, material that the Contractor developed independently without relying on the State's or Customer's confidential information, or material that is otherwise obtainable under State law as a public record. To insure confidentiality, the Contractor shall take appropriate steps as to its personnel, agents, and subcontractors. The warranties of this paragraph shall survive the Contract.

**34. Contractor Employees, Subcontractors, and Other Agents.** The Customer and the State shall take all actions necessary to ensure that Contractor's employees, subcontractors and other agents are not employees of the State of Florida. Such actions include, but are not limited to, ensuring that Contractor's employees, subcontractors, and other agents receive benefits and necessary insurance (health, workers' compensations, and unemployment) from an employer other than the State of Florida.

**35. Insurance Requirements.** During the Contract term, the Contractor at its sole expense shall provide commercial insurance of such a type and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide certificate of insurance. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the Contract. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in Florida.

**36. Warranty of Authority.** Each person signing the Contract warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the Contract.



**37. Warranty of Ability to Perform.** The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish the Contractor's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. The Contractor warrants that neither it nor any affiliate is currently on the convicted vendor list maintained pursuant to section 287.133 of the Florida Statutes, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Customer in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.

**38. Notices.** All notices required under the Contract shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, by reputable air courier service, or by personal delivery to the agency designee identified in the original solicitation, or as otherwise identified by the Customer. Notices to the Contractor shall be delivered to the person who signs the Contract. Either designated recipient may notify the other, in writing, if someone else is designated to receive notice.

**39. Leases and Installment Purchases.** Prior approval of the Chief Financial Officer (as defined in Section 17.001, F.S.) is required for State agencies to enter into or to extend any lease or installment-purchase agreement in excess of the Category Two amount established by section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.

**40. Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE).** Section 946.515(2), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out, the Contract shall be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946 of the Florida Statutes (PRIDE) in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 946.515(2) and (4) of the Florida Statutes; and for purposes of the Contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of the Contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the agency insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned." Additional information about PRIDE and the products it offers is available at <http://www.pridefl.com>.

**41. Products Available from the Blind or Other Handicapped.** Section 413.036(3), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles that are the subject of, or required to carry out, this contract shall be purchased from a nonprofit agency for the Blind or for the Severely Handicapped that is qualified pursuant to Chapter 413, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 413.036(1) and (2), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the State agency insofar as dealings with such qualified nonprofit agency are concerned." Additional information about the designated nonprofit agency and the products it offers is available at <http://www.respectofflorida.org>.

**42. Modification of Terms.** The Contract contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, which terms and conditions shall govern all transactions between the Customer and the Contractor. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Customer and the Contractor. No oral agreements or representations shall be valid or binding upon the Customer or the Contractor. No alteration or modification of the Contract terms, including substitution of product, shall be valid or binding against the Customer. The Contractor may not unilaterally modify the terms of the Contract by affixing additional terms to product upon delivery (e.g., attachment or inclusion of standard preprinted forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying or affixed to a product, whether written or electronic) or by incorporating such terms onto the Contractor's order or fiscal forms or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment. The Customer's acceptance of product or processing of documentation on forms furnished by the Contractor for approval or payment shall not constitute acceptance of the proposed modification to terms and conditions.

**43. Cooperative Purchasing.** Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Non-Customer purchases are independent of the agreement between Customer and Contractor, and Customer shall not be a party to any transaction between the Contractor and any other purchaser. State agencies wishing to make purchases from this agreement are required to follow the provisions of s. 287.042(16)(a), F.S. This statute requires the Department of Management Services to determine that the requestor's use of the contract is cost-effective and in the best interest of the State.

**44. Waiver.** The delay or failure by the Customer to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the Customer's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single



or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

**45. Annual Appropriations.** The State's performance and obligation to pay under this contract are contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

**46. Execution in Counterparts.** The Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**47. Severability.** If a court deems any provision of the Contract void or unenforceable, that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**State of Florida  
PUR 1001  
General Instructions to Respondents**

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**1. Definitions.** The definitions found in s. 60A-1.001, F.A.C. shall apply to this agreement. The following additional terms are also defined:

- (a) "Buyer" means the entity that has released the solicitation. The "Buyer" may also be the "Customer" as defined in the PUR 1000 if that entity meets the definition of both terms.
- (b) "Procurement Officer" means the Buyer's contracting personnel, as identified in the Introductory Materials.
- (c) "Respondent" means the entity that submits materials to the Buyer in accordance with these Instructions.
- (d) "Response" means the material submitted by the respondent in answering the solicitation.
- (e) "Timeline" means the list of critical dates and actions included in the Introductory Materials.

**2. General Instructions.** Potential respondents to the solicitation are encouraged to carefully review all the materials contained herein and prepare responses accordingly.

**3. Electronic Submission of Responses.** Respondents are required to submit responses electronically. For this purpose, all references herein to signatures, signing requirements, or other required acknowledgments hereby include electronic signature by means of clicking the "Submit Response" button (or other similar symbol or process) attached to or logically associated with the response created by the respondent within MyFloridaMarketPlace. The respondent agrees that the action of electronically submitting its response constitutes:

- an electronic signature on the response, generally,
- an electronic signature on any form or section specifically calling for a signature, and
- an affirmative agreement to any statement contained in the solicitation that requires a definite confirmation or acknowledgement.

**4. Terms and Conditions.** All responses are subject to the terms of the following sections of this solicitation, which, in case of conflict, shall have the order of precedence listed:

- Technical Specifications,
- Special Conditions and Instructions,
- Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001),
- General Conditions (PUR 1000), and
- Introductory Materials.

The Buyer objects to and shall not consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by a respondent, including any appearing in documents attached as part of a respondent's response. In submitting its response, a respondent agrees that any additional terms or conditions, whether submitted intentionally or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. Failure to comply with terms and conditions, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a response, shall be grounds for rejecting a response.

**5. Questions.** Respondents shall address all questions regarding this solicitation to the Procurement Officer. Questions must be submitted via the Q&A Board within MyFloridaMarketPlace and must be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN the time and date reflected on the Timeline. Questions shall be answered in accordance with the Timeline. All questions submitted shall be published and answered in a manner that all respondents will be able to view. Respondents shall not contact any other employee of the Buyer or the State for information with respect to this solicitation. Each respondent is responsible for monitoring the MyFloridaMarketPlace site for new or changing information. The Buyer shall not be bound by any verbal information or by any written information that is not contained within the solicitation documents or formally noticed and issued by the Buyer's contracting personnel. Questions to the Procurement Officer or to any Buyer personnel shall not constitute formal protest of the specifications or of the solicitation, a process addressed in paragraph 19 of these Instructions.

**6. Conflict of Interest.** This solicitation is subject to chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes. Respondents shall disclose with their response the name of any officer, director, employee or other agent who is also an employee of the State. Respondents shall also disclose the name of any State employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the respondent or its affiliates.

**7. Convicted Vendors.** A person or affiliate placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime is prohibited from doing any of the following for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list:

- submitting a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submitting a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submitting bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- being awarded or performing work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and
- transacting business with any public entity in excess of the Category Two threshold amount (\$25,000) provided in section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes.

**8. Discriminatory Vendors.** An entity or affiliate placed on the discriminatory vendor list pursuant to section 287.134 of the Florida Statutes may not:

- submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity;
- submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work;
- submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity;
- be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; or
- transact business with any public entity.

**9. Respondent's Representation and Authorization.** In submitting a response, each respondent understands, represents, and acknowledges the following (if the respondent cannot so certify to any of following, the respondent shall submit with its response a written explanation of why it cannot do so).

- The respondent is not currently under suspension or debarment by the State or any other governmental authority.
- To the best of the knowledge of the person signing the response, the respondent, its affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental authority and have not in the last ten (10) years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract.
- Respondent currently has no delinquent obligations to the State, including a claim by the State for liquidated damages under any other contract.

- The submission is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive response.
- The prices and amounts have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other respondent or potential respondent; neither the prices nor amounts, actual or approximate, have been disclosed to any respondent or potential respondent, and they will not be disclosed before the solicitation opening.
- The respondent has fully informed the Buyer in writing of all convictions of the firm, its affiliates (as defined in section 287.133(1)(a) of the Florida Statutes), and all directors, officers, and employees of the firm and its affiliates for violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract for violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract. This includes disclosure of the names of current employees who were convicted of contract crimes while in the employ of another company.
- Neither the respondent nor any person associated with it in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, or position involving the administration of federal funds:
  - Has within the preceding three years been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them or is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; or
  - Has within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government contracts terminated for cause or default.
- The product offered by the respondent will conform to the specifications without exception.
- The respondent has read and understands the Contract terms and conditions, and the submission is made in conformance with those terms and conditions.
- If an award is made to the respondent, the respondent agrees that it intends to be legally bound to the Contract that is formed with the State.
- The respondent has made a diligent inquiry of its employees and agents responsible for preparing, approving, or submitting the response, and has been advised by each of them that he or she has not participated in any communication, consultation, discussion, agreement, collusion, act or other conduct inconsistent with any of the statements and representations made in the response.
- The respondent shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Buyer and its employees against any cost, damage, or expense which may be incurred or be caused by any error in the respondent's preparation of its bid.
- All information provided by, and representations made by, the respondent are material and important and will be relied upon by the Buyer in awarding the Contract. Any misstatement shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Buyer of the true facts relating to submission of the bid. A misrepresentation shall be punishable under law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 817 of the Florida Statutes.

**10. Manufacturer's Name and Approved Equivalents.** Unless otherwise specified, any manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information or catalog numbers listed in a specification are descriptive, not restrictive. With the Buyer's prior approval, the Contractor may provide any product that meets or exceeds the applicable specifications. The Contractor shall demonstrate comparability, including appropriate catalog materials, literature, specifications, test data, etc. The Buyer shall determine in its sole discretion whether a product is acceptable as an equivalent.

**11. Performance Qualifications.** The Buyer reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether the product, qualifications, or facilities offered by Respondent meet the Contract requirements. Respondent shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsive and responsible. In determining Respondent's responsibility as a vendor, the agency shall consider all information or evidence which is gathered or comes to the attention of the agency which demonstrates the Respondent's capability to fully satisfy the requirements of the solicitation and the contract.

Respondent must be prepared, if requested by the Buyer, to present evidence of experience, ability, and financial standing, as well as a statement as to plant, machinery, and capacity of the respondent for the production,

distribution, and servicing of the product bid. If the Buyer determines that the conditions of the solicitation documents are not complied with, or that the product proposed to be furnished does not meet the specified requirements, or that the qualifications, financial standing, or facilities are not satisfactory, or that performance is untimely, the Buyer may reject the response or terminate the Contract. Respondent may be disqualified from receiving awards if respondent, or anyone in respondent's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts. This paragraph shall not mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the Buyer to make an investigation either before or after award of the Contract, but should the Buyer elect to do so, respondent is not relieved from fulfilling all Contract requirements.

**12. Public Opening.** Responses shall be opened on the date and at the location indicated on the Timeline. Respondents may, but are not required to, attend. The Buyer may choose not to announce prices or release other materials pursuant to s. 119.071(1)(b), Florida Statutes. Any person requiring a special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Procurement Officer at least five (5) workdays prior to the solicitation opening. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Buyer by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

**13. Electronic Posting of Notice of Intended Award.** Based on the evaluation, on the date indicated on the Timeline the Buyer shall electronically post a notice of intended award at [http://fcn.state.fl.us/owa\\_vbs/owa/vbs\\_main\\_menu](http://fcn.state.fl.us/owa_vbs/owa/vbs_main_menu). If the notice of award is delayed, in lieu of posting the notice of intended award the Buyer shall post a notice of the delay and a revised date for posting the notice of intended award. Any person who is adversely affected by the decision shall file with the Buyer a notice of protest within 72 hours after the electronic posting. The Buyer shall not provide tabulations or notices of award by telephone.

**14. Firm Response.** The Buyer may make an award within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening, during which period responses shall remain firm and shall not be withdrawn. If award is not made within sixty (60) days, the response shall remain firm until either the Buyer awards the Contract or the Buyer receives from the respondent written notice that the response is withdrawn. Any response that expresses a shorter duration may, in the Buyer's sole discretion, be accepted or rejected.

**15. Clarifications/Revisions.** Before award, the Buyer reserves the right to seek clarifications or request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of submissions from all respondents deemed eligible for Contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the response.

**16. Minor Irregularities/Right to Reject.** The Buyer reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions thereof, and to waive any minor irregularity, technicality, or omission if the Buyer determines that doing so will serve the State's best interests. The Buyer may reject any response not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.

**17. Contract Formation.** The Buyer shall issue a notice of award, if any, to successful respondent(s), however, no contract shall be formed between respondent and the Buyer until the Buyer signs the Contract. The Buyer shall not be liable for any costs incurred by a respondent in preparing or producing its response or for any work performed before the Contract is effective.

**18. Contract Overlap.** Respondents shall identify any products covered by this solicitation that they are currently authorized to furnish under any state term contract. By entering into the Contract, a Contractor authorizes the Buyer to eliminate duplication between agreements in the manner the Buyer deems to be in its best interest.

**19. Public Records.** Article 1, section 24, Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to all public records, and Section 119.011, Florida Statutes, provides a broad definition of public record. As such, all responses to a competitive solicitation are public records unless exempt by law. Any respondent claiming that its response contains information that is exempt from the public records law shall clearly segregate and mark that information and provide the specific statutory citation for such exemption.

**20. Protests.** Any protest concerning this solicitation shall be made in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.042(2) of the Florida Statutes and chapter 28-110 of the Florida Administrative Code. Questions to the Procurement Officer shall not constitute formal notice of a protest. It is the Buyer's intent to ensure that

specifications are written to obtain the best value for the State and that specifications are written to ensure competitiveness, fairness, necessity and reasonableness in the solicitation process.

Section 120.57(3)(b), F.S. and Section 28-110.003, Fla. Admin. Code require that a notice of protest of the solicitation documents shall be made within seventy-two hours after the posting of the solicitation.

Section 120.57(3)(a), F.S. requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

Section 28-110.005, Fla. Admin. Code requires the following statement to be included in the solicitation: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

**21. Limitation on Vendor Contact with Agency During Solicitation Period.** Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

RFP CHECKLIST  
**(DO NOT RETURN WITH YOUR PROPOSAL)**

This Checklist is provided as a guideline, only, to assist Proposers in the preparation of their RFP response. Included are some important matters that the proposer should check. This checklist is just a guideline, and is not intended to include all matters required by the RFP. Proposers are responsible to read and comply with the RFP in its entirety.

Check off each the following:

- 1. The Price Proposal has been completed, as specified, and enclosed in the RFP response.
- 2. The Federal Employers Identification Number or Social Security Number has been entered in the space provided.
- 3. The “Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification” form has been read, signed, and enclosed in the RFP response, if applicable.
- 4. “Scrutinized Companies Lists” certification form has been read, signed, and enclosed in the RFP price proposal, if applicable (proposals of \$1 million or more).
- 5. The “Bid Opportunity List” and the “DBE Participation Statement” form has been read, completed, and enclosed in the RFP response, if applicable.
- 6. The Scope of Services, Exhibit “A”, has been thoroughly reviewed for compliance to the RFP requirements.
- 7. The Technical Proposal (one original and the specified number of copies) has been completed, as specified, and enclosed in the RFP response.
- 8. A letter from a surety company to document your ability to obtain the required Performance Bond, as per Section 12 of the Special Condition, is included in the Technical Proposal (if applicable).
- 9. The [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) website has been checked and any Addendums posted have been completed, signed, and included in the RFP response.
- 10. The RFP response must be received, at the location specified, **on or before** the Opening Date and Time designated in the RFP.
- 11. On the Lower Left Hand Corner of the Envelope transmitting your RFP response, write in the following information:

RFP#: RFP-DOT-14/15-9020-RC

Title: Automated Identification and Quantification of Flexible and Rigid Pavement Distresses

Opening Date & Time: December 18, 2014 @ 3:00PM (Local Time)