

**State of Florida
Department of Transportation**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DISTRICT ONE COMMUTER SERVICES PROGRAM EXHIBIT

DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REGISTRATION

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RFP Number: DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT

Title: District One Commuter Service Program Exhibit

Proposal Due Date & Time (On or Before): September 29, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Proposal Opening Date & Time: September 29, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Potential proposers should notify our office by returning this Registration Form as soon as possible after downloading. Complete the information below and e-mail to Belinda M. Thomas D1-Purchasing@dot.state.fl.us

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Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Contact Person: _____

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Exhibit "C"

District One Commuter Service Program Exhibit

Price Proposal

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Employee Classification	Hourly Billing Rate*
Outreach Specialist	
Senior Outreach Specialist	
Website Operator/Graphics Specialist	
Clerical/Administration Support, Program Coordinator	
Regional Commuter Assistance Program Manager	
GIS Services	
Videographer	
Digital Media/Video Editor	
Event Staffer	
Research Assistant	
Planner	

*Hourly Billing Rates from Price Proposal

****FOR BIDDING PURPOSES ONLY**** These Classifications are intended to be included in the role but not limited.

NOTE: Unit Rates must be stated specifically in dollars and cents, NOT a percentage increase.

There will be a typical assignment for this project, prices will be placed into this format for the purpose of determining a "total bid price". This price will be used to assign point value and will also be used in the bid tabulation.

MFMP Transaction Fee: All payment(s) to the vendor resulting from this competitive solicitation **WILL** be subject to the MFMP Transaction Fee in accordance with the referenced Form PUR 1000 General Contract Condition #14. The Transaction Fees imposed shall be based upon the date of issuance of the payment.

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: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION

375-040-18
PROCUREMENT
03/17

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
**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. <input type="checkbox"/> DBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-DBE 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> Subconsultant	8. Annual Gross Receipts <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$1 million <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$1 - \$5 million <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$5 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$10 - \$15 million <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$15 million
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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 a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of contracting or renewal, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits a company from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract for goods or services of \$1,000,000 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 Lists which were created pursuant to s. 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, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. I further certify that the company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. 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: _____

Date: _____

DISTRICT ONE COMMUTER SERVICES PROGRAM EXHIBIT
“Exhibit-A”
SCOPE OF SERVICES
DOT-RFP-22-1121BT

1.0 Purpose

District One Commute Connector Vendor (hereafter referred to as Vendor) for the Florida Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as FDOT), shall provide planning, marketing services and technical assistance that supports the management and promotion of the District’s Regional Commuter Assistance Program (CAP), named Commute Connector. The program will promote commuter (work and higher education trips) access in an effort to mitigate congestion and promote mobility using innovative ideas across the region. It will comply with FDOT’s Commuter Assistance Program Procedure Number 725-030-008-g to support sound land use decision-making, livable communities, economic development and promotion of transportation demand management (TDM) strategies as well as adopting the State’s initiatives of the Vital Few.

FDOT will provide a Project Manager for the administration of the terms of this contract.

2.0 Region Covered

The region covered by this scope consists of the twelve counties comprising District One: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, and Sarasota.

3.0 Services – includes, but is not limited to the following:

The Vendor will conduct a fluid and innovative commuter assistance program that will continuously be managed to optimize the use of program funding and maintain strategies to seek partnerships and leverage additional funding opportunities. With the size and diversity of District One in mind, it is anticipated that a variety of commuter assistance strategies will be targeted to the appropriate operating environment and service type. The Vendor will annually assess all services, recommend priority use of budget funding and suggest the continuation, expansion, discontinuation and/or modification of program activities.

The District One Modal Development Unit will provide oversight for work under this contract. FDOT reserves the right to approve individuals or sub-consultants proposed by the Vendor for work under this contract. Employee classification of sub-consultants added to this agreement will be processed by an official amendment. The FDOT Project Manager will manage coordination between the Vendor and other FDOT offices and groups.

When services under the contract are required by FDOT, the District Project Manager will issue a Task Work Order to the Vendor. The Task Work Order will cover the type and amount of

services, personnel required, work activities/tasks, schedules, deliverables to be produced, documentation requirements, completion date for the activities/tasks, and negotiated total project costs for the authorized work. The service period shall terminate at the end of the contract term and all Task Work Order services shall be completed within the contract term.

The executed Task Work Order will be developed in cooperation with the Vendor and issued in writing to the Vendor's Project Manager. No work shall be performed under a Task Work Order until both the FDOT and Vendor have executed the Task Work Order and the FDOT directs the Vendor to proceed.

4.0 Coordination - includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Create and coordinate the overall promotion, operation and reporting of District One's Commute Connector activities.
2. Provide technical assistance to major employers in the development and implementation of TDM program initiatives.
3. Provide technical assistance to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) in the development and implementation of TDM program initiatives in plans such as Transit Development Plans and Long-Range Transportations Plans.
4. Coordinate program information, marketing and public outreach efforts with governmental agencies, public and private transportation operators and employer- based coordinators in the multi-county area.
5. Coordinate with FDOT Project Manager and staff for the development of the Work Plan for the District One CAP, Commute Connector.
6. Coordinate with local partners on the promotion of alternative modes of transportation such as, but not limited to, car sharing, vanpooling and bike sharing.
7. Coordinate with other FDOT Districts on statewide campaigns, initiatives and other TDM initiatives.

5.0 Operations/Technical - includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Operate an effective computerized carpool and vanpool ride matching program in the service area targeting priority areas to appropriately utilize limited resources. Update and maintain the software systems, as needed.
2. Maintain an information / call center to include a toll-free telephone service.
3. Maintain the District One Commute Connector website.
4. Establish and operate a Guaranteed Ride Home program that is customer focused and addresses incentives to participate in commuter services. This program should be tailored to proposed target services and optimization of funding.
5. Design and provide training on Commuter Assistance services and related projects to include but not be limited to Employee Transportation Coordinators.
6. Monitor and provide reviews and analysis of proposed federal, state, and local policy statements, directives, guidelines, manuals or procedures for opportunities to achieve program objectives.

7. Coordination and development of park and ride lots and related signage initiatives to complement the Regional Commuter Assistance Program. Provide evaluation and recommendations.
8. Conduct biannual Park and Ride Lot Inventories.

6.0 Planning - includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Develop a strategic planning approach to optimize the use of available annual program funding and anticipate any additional funding opportunities
2. Appropriately budget for participation in local and regional technical advisory committees and subcommittee activities as directed by FDOT.
3. Provide reviews and recommendations during the annual development of MPO congestion management systems (CMSs) and related projects as directed by FDOT.
4. Provide reviews and analysis of proposed policy statements, directives, guidelines, manuals or procedures for opportunities to achieve program objectives.
5. Participate in regional efforts to create and execute an implementation program for integration of TDM strategies with local government land development codes/regulations where appropriate (e.g. zoning, land development codes, concurrency, and subdivision regulations).
8. Coordinate with the FDOT Project Manager the FDOT Congestion Management Multimodal Planner to develop and implement TDM strategies into local plans such as Transit Development Plans and Long-Range Transportations Plans.
6. Assist with the review of the highway design plans for motorist information signage on major roadways and park and ride lots.

7.0 Marketing - includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Develop a two-year strategic marketing plan, with an optional third year. The marketing plan will be evaluated and updated annually for approval by FDOT. The plan will be designed to positively influence travel behavior, promote mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and improve work site access. The plan should also demonstrate the business impacts of the program on employers such as cost reductions, and enhanced employee recruitment and retention efforts. The plan objectives shall be specific, measurable, achievable, and realistic with respect to resources.
2. Promote and develop partnerships with local businesses and private individuals including employee outreach and education, public presentations/speeches to promote transportation alternatives (e.g. carpooling, vanpooling, telework, flex hours and guaranteed ride home). Assist in the establishment and management of carpools and vanpools.
3. Make use of virtual platforms to develop and maintain partner relationships.
4. Responsible for marketing TDM strategies in addition to park and ride lots, carshare and bikeshare programs.

5. Conduct outreach and provide guidance and assistance to employers seeking to be recognized as a Best Workplace for Commuters.
6. Participate and/or create Multi-District events, such as webinars.
7. Develop and create artistic services, which may include, but are not limited to program branding, design and production of brochures, maps, handouts, displays, exhibits, posters, audio visual and video material, website, public service announcements, and other public relations and marketing activities as required by the FDOT using the most cost-effective approach available.

8.0 Program Evaluation and Coordination - includes, but is not limited to the following:

The Vendor will be responsible for management of the Commute Connector program for District One to ensure that all procedure requirements, as outlined in the FDOT Commuter Assistance Program Procedure (No. 725-030-008-g) and other applicable FDOT procedures, rules and policies are met.

Highlights of the Vendor requirements include the following:

1. Prepare an annual work plan consistent with this scope of services that includes an organizational chart, project budget, program goals, timeline, measurable objectives, strategies, and activities to be approved by the District One Modal Development Unit.
2. Prepare an annual report to include the following:
 - a) Number of commuters requesting assistance.
 - b) Number of commuters switching from single occupant vehicles.
 - c) Number of vehicle trips eliminated.
 - d) Number of employer contacts and participants in ridesharing database; and
 - e) Number of carpools and vanpools in service.
3. Conduct continuous program evaluation as outlined in the FDOT Commuter Assistance Program Procedure.
4. Conduct regular progress meetings with FDOT staff to review program status and participate in transit and other agency progress meetings as appropriate.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the District One Regional Commute Connector program and identify/define strategies for improvement.
6. Prepare results and progress oriented monthly reports for FDOT showing work progress in a format approved by the FDOT Project Manager. Monthly reports will be submitted by the second week of the subsequent month. Frequency of reports may be adjusted by the FDOT Project Manager.
7. Obtain prior approval of media/press releases from the FDOT Project Manager and District One Public Information Officer(s).

9.0 Management of Contract - includes, but is not limited to the following:

It shall be the Vendor's responsibility to utilize best judgments, practices, and principles during the performance of the work specifically made under this contract. The Vendor shall also demonstrate good project management practices. These shall include effective communication with FDOT and others, efficient management of time and resources, and proper documentation of projects and tasks. The Vendor will be required to represent the FDOT at meetings and must be familiar with all pertinent laws, rules, procedures, guidelines, and funding sources with respect to all activities and tasks performed under this contract.

The Vendor shall establish and maintain throughout the performance of each activity and task a contract file in accordance with FDOT procedures.

9.1 Review and Coordination

The Vendor must submit all marketing materials to the Department project manager for review and approval prior to release.

9.2 Quality Control

The Vendor shall be responsible for ensuring that all work conforms to Department standards and criteria. This shall be accomplished through internal quality control processes (QC) performed by the Vendor. This QC shall ensure that quality is achieved through checking, reviewing and surveillance of work by objective and qualified individuals who are not directly responsible for performing the work. At a pre-work meeting, Vendor shall present a written document describing the QC, which identifies the products to be reviewed, the personnel who perform the reviews, and the method of documentation.

9.3 Pre-Work Meeting

The Vendor and key staff shall attend a pre-work meeting (virtual or in-person) with the FDOT Project Manager where relevant project information and procedures for administering the contract will be discussed

10.0 Professional Development - *includes, but is not limited to the following:*

The Vendor may be directed to attend in-state or out-of-state workshops on commuter services issues. All travel must be directly related to the requirements of this contract. Participation in such events shall be subject to prior approval of the FDOT Project Manager, and in accordance with FDOT travel procedures.

11.0 Staffing

The Vendor must maintain an appropriate staff level of personnel qualified to perform the work

listed in the above sections. At a minimum, the staff should consist of a Regional Commuter Assistance Program Manager, Outreach Specialist(s), Marketing Specialist and Clerical Support. Additional staff may be added with the approval of the Department.

12.0 Liquidated Damages

The Vendor acknowledges that failure to preform services as stated in the Task Work Order, may cause the Department to incur damages that, at present are and upon the occurrence of the failure to timely perform may be, difficult to determine. Therefore, in the event the Vendor fails to timely provide services in accordance with the Task Work Order, and the Department does not terminate this Agreement, the Department may exercise the remedy of liquidated damages against the Vendor, in the amount of \$200.00 per event for each instance services are not provided as required by the Task Work Order. The Vendor shall pay said sum to the Department not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages. The Department reserves the right to apply, as payment on such liquidated damages, any money the Department owes the Vendor.

Method of Compensation
DOT-RFP-22-1121BT
EXHIBIT "B"

1.0 PURPOSE

This Exhibit B defines the method and limits of compensation to be paid to the Vendor for the services described in Exhibit A (Scope of Services) and the procedure by which payments will be made.

2.0 FUNDING

The total funding currently available is \$475,000.00. The Department, based on need and availability of budget, may increase or decrease the amount of funding available as the Department determines is appropriate by Letter of Authorization. Each Letter of Authorization will detail the amount of funding being added and the total amount authorized to date.

3.0 COMPENSATION

This is a term Agreement for an indefinite quantity whereby the Vendor agrees to furnish services on an as needed basis, during a prescribed period of time. This is a Task Work Order driven Agreement. No work shall be performed except pursuant to specific written authorizations issued by the Department ("Task Work Order"). Each Task Work Order will specify the amount of compensation that will be paid for the performance of the work described therein. Execution of this Agreement does not guarantee that the work will be authorized. Furthermore, the Vendor is providing these services on a nonexclusive basis. The Department, at its option, may elect to have any of these services set forth herein performed

by other Vendors or Department staff.

3.1 Basis of Compensation

3.1.1 Compensation

Compensation under each Task Work Order will be either as a lump sum amount, a limiting amount, or a combination lump sum and limiting amount as specified in the Task Work Order. These bases of compensation are more particularly described as follows:

Lump Sum

Vendor will be paid the lump sum amount in full for proper completion of all the work identified to be included in the lump sum amount, regardless of the time, effort, or expense of the Vendor in performing that work. The Vendor may be paid a portion of the lump sum amount as a progress payment based on the percentage of the total lump sum work that has been completed, accepted by the Department, and properly invoiced by the Vendor during any billing period. Payment of the lump sum amount will constitute full compensation for the work and no additional compensation will be paid for overhead, operating margin, expenses, travel, costs, or any other matter.

Limiting Amount

Vendor will be paid up to, but not exceeding, the limiting amount for proper completion of all the work identified to be included in the limiting amount. The actual amount paid to the Vendor will be based on the time spent by the classification of employee authorized to perform the work in the Task Work Order at the hourly rate identified in the Task Work Order; provided, however, that at such time as the limiting amount has been paid in full, Vendor will be required to complete the work included in the limiting amount for no further compensation. In no event will Vendor be paid more than the hours actually worked multiplied by the applicable hourly rate. The rates are all inclusive and no additional compensation will be paid for overhead, operating margin, expenses, travel, costs, or any other matter. Progress payments will be made based on the hours worked on work that has been completed, accepted by the Department, and properly invoiced by the Vendor during any billing period at the rates shown in the Bid Price Proposal, included in this Exhibit "B" as Table 1.

3.1.2 Actual Expenditures

Actual Cost Expenses

In addition to the hourly rates the Vendor will be reimbursed at actual cost for the expenses that are beyond normal business expenses as invoiced and approved by the department. Normal Business Expenses are considered to be the allowable and allocable expenses that the business would incur in the normal course of conducting business with the Department. These include, but are not limited to overhead, building maintenance, computers, training, utilities, communications travel, office supplies, copies, presentation materials, pamphlets and brochures, which are included in the hourly billing rates.

3.2 Amount of Compensation

The amount of compensation in each Task Work Order, whether lump sum or limiting amount, shall be established based on the effort required to complete the work by the classification of employee at the hourly rate for that classification listed in the Vendor's Price Proposal included in this Exhibit "B" as Table 1, plus any promotional expense pre-approved and authorized by the Department.

4.0 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND REPLACEMENT WORK PERFORMED BY OTHERS:

4.1 Liquidated Damages

In the event the Vendor fails to complete the work within the time stated in the Services Period as stated in Exhibit "A", Scope of Services of that Task Work Order, the Vendor shall pay, not as penalty, but as liquidated damages, the amount defined in Exhibit "A", Scope of Services of this Agreement. The Department has the right to apply, as payment on such damages any money the Department owes to the Vendor. Liquidated Damages will be assessed and deducted from the monthly Lump Sum invoice as per section 5.0 below.

4.2 Replacement Work Performed by Others

In the event that the Vendor fails to perform the required services as described in the Agreement, and the Task Work Order and replacement staff is necessary to complete the services required the Department reserves the right to reduce the Vendors invoice by any amount necessary to compensate the replacement Vendor for services provided.

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5.0 INVOICING PROCEDURE

The Vendor will be eligible for progress payments under this agreement at intervals not less than monthly or when individual tasks or mileposts defined in a Task Work Order are completed or reached.

Invoices will be prepared by the Vendor and submitted in a format prescribed by the Department. The invoices will be supported by such information as may be required by Department procedures to substantiate the charges being invoiced. The Vendor will maintain for this purpose a job cost accounting system that is acceptable to the Department.

If requested by the Department, the final invoice for this agreement will be accompanied by a certified job cost summary report generated by the accounting system. The report will include at a minimum the total number of hours and salary cost actually charged to the project.

5.1 Reduction for Liquidated Damages:

Monthly at the time of invoice the Project Manager shall verify that no Liquidated Damages are due prior to approving any invoice. In the event that liquidated damages are due, the invoice shall be reduced by the amount due for the corresponding event at the rate shown in Exhibit "A", Scope of Services. The Department reserves the right to reduce any payment by any amount due under the Liquidated Damages provisions within this contract.

5.2 Replacement Work Performs by Others:

Monthly at the time of invoice the Project Manager shall verify that no replacement work reductions are due prior to approving any invoice. In the event that replacement work reductions are due, the invoice shall be reduced by the amount due for the corresponding event. The Department reserves the right to reduce any payment by any amount due for work performed by others as described in Exhibit "A", Scope of Services.

The Department will render a decision on the acceptability of services within 5 working days of receipt of either the services or invoice, whichever is later. The Department reserves the right to withhold payments for work not completed, or work completed unsatisfactorily, or work that is deemed inadequate or untimely by the Department. Any payment withheld will be paid to the Vendor on the next invoice submitted for that work after the work is subsequently completed satisfactorily and adequately.

6.0 PROJECT CLOSEOUT

If requested, the Vendor will permit the Department to perform or have performed an audit of the records of the Vendor and any or all sub-vendors to support the compensation paid the Vendor. The audit will be performed as soon as practical after completion and acceptance of the contracted services. In the event funds paid to the Vendor under this Agreement are subsequently properly disallowed by the Department because of accounting errors or charges not in conformity with this Agreement, the Vendor agrees that such disallowed costs are due to the Department upon demand. Further, the Department will have the right to deduct from any payment due the Vendor under any other contract any amount due the Department.

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 District One Commuter Service Program Exhibit. It is anticipated that the term of the contract will be effective for 24 months.

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 http://myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_main_menu (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>
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PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE (if applicable)	9-16-2021	10:00 AM
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DOT-RFP-22-1121BT Pre-Proposal
Thu, Sep 16, 2021 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (EDT)

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(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

United States: +1 (408) 650-3123
- One-touch: <tel:+14086503123,,506736997#>

Access Code: 506-736-997

Join from a video-conferencing room or system.
Dial in or type: 67.217.95.2 or inroomlink.goto.com
Meeting ID: 506 736 997
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DEADLINE FOR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS -	9-22-2021	3:00 PM
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(There is no deadline for administrative questions)

PROPOSALS DUE, ON OR BEFORE -	9-29-2021	9:00 AM
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(Technical and Price Proposal)
801 N. Broadway Ave
Bartow, FL 33830
863-698-3151

PUBLIC OPENING (Technical Proposal) - 9-29-2021 10:00 AM
 801 N. Broadway Ave
 Bartow, FL 33830

PUBLIC OPENING / MEETING (Price Proposal) - 10-12-2021 10:00 AM
 801 N. Broadway Ave
 Bartow, FL 33830

POSTING OF INTENDED AWARD - 10-12-2021 3:00 PM

3) AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Agenda – Public Opening (Technical Proposals)

Agenda for Public Opening of Technical Proposals for DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT

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 DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT

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 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 MFMP Transaction Fee in accordance with the referenced Form PUR 1000 General Contract Condition #14. The Transaction Fees imposed shall be based upon the date of issuance of the payment.

2) Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) W-9 REQUIREMENT

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 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 http://myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_main_menu (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:

Belinda M. Thomas @ D1-Purchasing@dot.state.fl.us

Questions regarding administrative aspects of the proposal process should be directed to the Procurement Agent in writing at the address above or by phone: **(863) 519-2207**

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 http://myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_main_menu (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

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) 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 small, minority, women, and service-disabled veteran businesses to compete for Department contracts, both as "Vendor" and as subcontractors. The Department, its vendors, suppliers, and consultants should take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that small, minority, women, and service-disabled veteran businesses have the opportunity to compete for and perform contract work for the Department in a nondiscriminatory environment. Bidders are requested to indicate their intention regarding MBE participation on the MBE Planned Utilization form and to submit the completed form with their Price Proposal. The contract vendor will be asked to submit payment certification for MBE subcontractors used.

To request certification or to locate certified MBEs, call the Office of Supplier Diversity, Department of Management Services at (850) 487-0915, or access their MBE directory on the Internet at www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/.

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 using the following criteria, in the order of preference listed below (from highest priority to lowest priority):

1. Section 295.187(4), Florida Statutes; Veteran Business Enterprise
2. Section 287.087, Florida Statute; Drug Free Work Place
3. Section 287.057(11); Minority Business Enterprise

In the event that the application of the above referenced preferences does not resolve the identical replies, the Department shall determine the award by means of random drawing.

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 excepted by the Department's Project Manager. Where State of Florida registration or certification is deemed appropriate, a copy of the registration or certificate should be included in the proposal package.

9.3 Authorized To Do Business in the State of Florida

In accordance with sections 607.1501, 605.0211(2)(b), 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 the 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

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

The Vendor shall not commence any work until they have obtained the following types of insurance, and certificates of such insurance have been received by the Department. Nor shall the Vendor allow any

subcontractor to commence work on this project until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained. The Vendor shall submit the required Certificates of Insurance to the **Florida Department of Transportation, Procurement Office**, Belinda M. Thomas 801 North Broadway Ave. Bartow, FL 33830 within ten (10) days after the ending date of the period for posting the intended award decision.

() No general liability insurance is required.

(X) The Vendor must carry and keep in force during the period of this contract a general liability insurance policy or policies with a company authorized to do business in the state of Florida, affording public liability insurance with combined bodily injury limits of at least \$ 200,000 minimum per person and \$ 300,000 minimum each occurrence, and property damage insurance of at least \$ 200,000 minimum each occurrence, for the services to be rendered in accordance with this contract.

() The Vendor must have and maintain during the period of this contract, a professional liability insurance policy or policies or an irrevocable letter of credit established pursuant to Chapter 675, Florida Statutes, and Section 337.106, Florida Statutes, with a company authorized to do business in the state of Florida, affording professional liability coverage for the professional services to be rendered in accordance with this contract in the amount of at least \$_____. The Vendor shall maintain professional liability coverage for a minimum of three years after completion of the services rendered under this contract.

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. 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.

The Department shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Vendor or subcontractor providing such insurance. Policies that include Self Insured Retention (SIR) will not be accepted.

12) **PERFORMANCE BOND**

(X) A Performance Bond is not required for this project.

() The intended award proposer shall provide the Department with a Performance Bond in the amount of \$_____ or "the full amount of the proposal" (choose one or the other). The Performance Bond shall be provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Florida. The Performance Bond shall be executed and furnished to the Department prior to contract execution and no later than ten (10) days after the ending date of the period for posting the intended award decision, unless the Department extends the time period in writing. **Failure to provide the required Performance Bond (Form 375-040-27) to the Department within the aforementioned timeframe will void the Intended Award's proposal and the Department will proceed in contracting with the next highest responsive proposer.**

The proposer must submit, with their Technical Proposal, a current letter from a surety company or bonding agent authorized to do business in the state of Florida and written on company letterhead, to document the proposer's present ability to obtain a Performance Bond in the amount of \$_____ or "the full amount of the proposal" (choose one or the other). Failure by the proposer to provide this letter with its response will constitute a non-responsive determination for its proposal. **Proposals found to be non-responsive will not be considered.**

13) METHOD OF COMPENSATION

Exhibit B

**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

ALL Responses, regardless of dollar value, must include a completed [Vendor Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists](#) to certify the respondent is not on either of those lists. The Form should be submitted with the Price Proposal.

A Vendor is ineligible to enter into a contract with the Department for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of entering into such contract, the Vendor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits companies from entering into a contract 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 Lists which were created pursuant to s. 215.473, Florida Statutes.

If the Department determines the Vendor submitted a false certification under Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes, the Department shall either terminate the Contract 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 of the Florida Statutes, or maintain the Contract if the conditions of Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes are met.

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. ALL determinations of responsiveness will be the responsibility of the FDOT Procurement Office.

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 DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT:
(One Separate Document for Technical)

PART II PRICE PROPOSAL NUMBER DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT:
(One Separate Document for Prices)

THE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS MAY BE E-MAILED TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.

22.2 Technical Proposal (Part I)

(Do not include price information in Part I)

The Proposer must submit one (1) original technical proposal which is 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 one separate document marked "TECHNICAL PROPOSAL NUMBER DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT"

1. PROPOSER'S MANAGEMENT PLAN **(Maximum 4 pages single-sided)**

The Proposer shall provide a management plan which describes administration, management and key personnel that would be assigned to this program.

a. Administration and Management

The Proposer should include a description of the organizational structure and management style established and the methodology to be used to manage the CAP, control costs, services reliability and to maintain schedules, as well as the means of coordination and communication between the organization and the Department. An organizational chart showing all team members (Prime & Sub) maybe included on a 11x17 inch paper and will not count toward the 4-page max.

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.

2. PROPOSER'S TECHNICAL PLAN **(Maximum 8 pages single-sided)**

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 where significant development difficulties may be anticipated and resolved. Any specific techniques to be used should also be addressed.

An innovative program approach is being sought that considers budget parameters and prioritizes target activities in areas that may provide the greatest positive impact on commuters. District wide support activities are anticipated however focused efforts that may be modified and adjusted annually will be considered.

A number of key points must be addressed in describing the technical approach of the vendor for the Commute Connector Program. The Vendor must provide responses to the following eight (8) areas:

1. Describe the techniques that will be used to coordinate and build relationships with existing public transportation agencies
2. Describe the approach for considering and developing services to include employer / employee commuter services benefits, ride sharing matching, and proposal of pilot projects, etc.
3. How will priority corridors, commuter travel patterns, service areas, and work sites be identified and prioritized for use of resources?
4. Describe how the rural area will be recognized and considered for implementation of TDM strategies.
5. Provide a description of potential strategies for reaching out to industry sectors that may demonstrate a higher proclivity to use commute alternatives
6. Provide descriptions of proposed metrics and/or evaluation criteria to assess activities and their progress.
7. Describe techniques that can be used for employer and partner outreach as a result of what has been learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.
8. A transition plan outlining the process that will be used from the existing Vendor to the new Vendor, if needed.

b. 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.

3. WORK PLAN **(Maximum 5 pages single-sided)**

The Proposer shall provide a Work Plan which outlines the activities anticipated over a three-year period of the Commute Connector Program.

22.3 Price Proposal (Part II)

The price proposal information is to be submitted in a separate sealed package marked "PRICE PROPOSAL NUMBER DOT-RFP-22-1121-BT ". 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 first in accordance with section 295.187(4), Florida Statutes, giving preference to "Veteran Business Enterprise" then to bid responses from vendors that certify the business has implemented a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. 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-21-1121-BT- 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) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:**Electronic Proposal Submittals**

Please follow the below instructions for the submittal of electronic Proposals, failure to do so, may result in your bid being found non-responsive. Non-responsive replies will not be evaluated.

- a) Subject line must show: RFP-DOT-22-1121-BT
- b) Email shall contain two file attachments marked as the following:
PART I – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL RFP-DOT-22-1121-BT
PART II – PRICE PROPOSAL RFP-DOT-22-1121-BT
- c) Documents shall be submitted in portable document format (PDF) and have a size limit of 25MB.
- d) The body of the email shall not contain any information other than the signature line.
- e) Proposals shall be submitted to: D1.Purch@dot.state.fl.us

It is the proposer's responsibility to assure that the 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.

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 Committee (TRC) will be established to review and evaluate each proposal submitted in response to this Request for Proposal (RFP). The TRC will be composed of at least three (3) persons who collectively have experience and knowledge in the program areas and service requirements for which the commodities and/or contractual services are sought.

The Procurement Office will distribute to each member of the TRC a copy of each technical proposal. The TRC 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. Due to the complexity of certain procurements, the TRC members are authorized to consult with subject matter experts for the purpose of gathering information, if needed. 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 29, Proposal Openings. The Procurement Office and/or the Project Manager/TRC will review and evaluate the price proposals and prepare a summary of its price evaluation. The Procurement Office and/or the Project Manager/TRC 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. Management Plan	20
2. Technical Plan	50
3. Work Plan	30

b. Price Proposal (25 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. There will be a typical assignment for this project, prices will be placed into this format for the purpose of determining a "total bid price". This price will be used to assign point value and will also be used in the bid tabulation.

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

(Low Price / Proposer's Price) x Price Points = 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 http://myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_main_menu, on the 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) 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

Services will be authorized to begin when the Vendor receives the following document(s), as appropriate, indicating the encumbrance of funds and award of the contract:

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

Price Proposal Form

Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification (Form 375-040-18)

MBE Planned Utilization (Form 375-040-24)

Bid Opportunity List

Vendor Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists (Form 375-030-60) Performance Bond Form 375-040-27

Performance Bond Form 375-040-27

35) TERMS AND CONDITIONS

35.1 General Contract Conditions (PUR 1000)

The State of Florida's General Contract Conditions are outlined in form PUR 1000, which is a downloadable document incorporated into this RFP by reference. Any terms and conditions set forth in this RFP document take precedence over the PUR 1000 form where applicable.

<http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/2933/11777/1000.pdf>

The following paragraphs do not apply to this solicitation:

Paragraph 31, Dispute Resolution - PUR 1000

Paragraph 40, PRIDE – PUR 1000, when federal funds are utilized.

35.2 General Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001)

The State of Florida's General Instructions to Respondents are outlined in form PUR 1001, which is a downloadable document incorporated into this RFP by reference. Any terms and conditions set forth in this RFP document take precedence over the PUR 1001 form where applicable.

<http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/2934/11780/1001.pdf>

The following paragraphs do not apply to this solicitation:

Paragraph 3, Electronic Submission – PUR 1001

Paragraph 4, Terms and Conditions – PUR 1001

Paragraph 5, Questions – PUR 1001

35.3 MFMP Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

All MFMP Purchase Order contracts resulting from this solicitation will include the terms and conditions of this solicitation and the State of Florida's standardized Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, which can be found at the Department of Management Services website at the following link:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/117735/646919/Purchase_Order_Terms_Sept_1,_2015_.pdf

Section 8(B), PRIDE, is not applicable when using federal funds.

36) ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

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/Specifications
- Price Proposal
- Standard Written Agreement
- Appendix I (Terms for Federal Aid Contracts) and/or Appendix II (Information Technology Resources)
- Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001)
- General Conditions (PUR 1000)
- Introduction Section

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STANDARD WRITTEN AGREEMENT

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.: DOT-RFP-22-1121BT
DMS Catalog Class No.: 80171603,92101503

BY THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into on _____ 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 District One Commuter Service Program Exhibit, 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

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. 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 will bill the Department for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the Vendor is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained will 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 on the Department's Travel Form No. 300-000-06 and will be paid in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S and the most current version of the 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 comply with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Specifically, the Vendor shall:
- (1) Keep and maintain public records required by the Department to perform the service.
 - (2) Upon request from the Department's custodian of public records, provide the Department with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - (3) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the Department.
 - (4) Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Department, all public records in possession of the Vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the Department to perform the service. If the Vendor transfers all public records to the Department upon completion of the Agreement, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Department, upon request from the Department's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Department.

Failure by the Vendor to comply with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, shall be grounds for immediate unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the Department.

IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Select District and hit TAB key

- 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. The Vendor agrees to comply with the Title VI Nondiscrimination Contract Provisions, Appendices A and E, available at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/index.shtm>, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.
- J. 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.
- K. Any intellectual property developed as a result of this Agreement will belong to and be the sole property of the State. This provision will survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement.
- L. The Vendor agrees to comply with s.20.055(5), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with s.20.055(5), Florida Statutes.

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. A Vendor is ineligible to enter into a contract with the Department for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of entering into such contract, the Vendor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits companies from entering into a contract 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 Lists which were created pursuant to s. 215.473, Florida Statutes. If the Department determines the Vendor submitted a false certification under Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes, the Department shall either terminate the Contract 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 of the Florida Statutes, or maintain the Contract if the conditions of Section 287.135 of the 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. The Department may grant the Vendor's employees or subconsultants access to the Department's secure networks as part of the project. In the event such employees' or subconsultants' participation in the project is terminated or will be terminated, the Vendor shall notify the Department's project manager no later than the employees' or subconsultants' separation date from participation in the project or immediately upon the Vendor acquiring knowledge of such termination of employees' or subconsultants' participation in the project, whichever occurs later.
- J. 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; and
 3. shall adhere to requirements in section 448.095, Florida Statutes.
- K. Time is of the essence as to each and every obligation under this Agreement.
- L. The following attachments are incorporated and made a part of this agreement:
- M. 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

(Print/Type)

Title: _____

BY: _____
Authorized Signature

(Print/Type)

Title: _____

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

APPROVED:

LEGAL REVIEW

SAMPLE

RFP CHECKLIST
(DOES NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED 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.
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 (1) 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 http://myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs_www.main_menu 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. Electronic Submission of Proposal guidelines laid out in Special Condition 27 are strictly followed.