

EXHIBIT "A"
CITY'S ITB #25-016, NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD AND CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSE



INVITATION TO BID

No. ITB 25-016

Sulfuric Acid 93% for Water
Treatment Plant Operations

April 18, 2025

ADVERTISEMENT, INVITATION TO BID NO. ITB 25-016, SULFURIC ACID 93% FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS

City of Deerfield Beach, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, will receive sealed bids from individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other legal entities authorized to do business in the State of Florida, to provide Sulfuric Acid 93% for Water Treatment Plant Operations, as specified in this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

A copy of the complete solicitation package and all related documents and requirements is available for download from the eProcurement Marketplace link on the Procurement and Contract Administration Division webpage of the City website at <https://www.deerfield-beach.com/64/Purchasing>.

1. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE DUE:

The Bid submittal deadline for submission of Bids in response to this ITB is **May 14, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. ET**. Bids shall be delivered electronically via the eProcurement Marketplace link on the webpage of the City website at <https://www.deerfield-beach.com/64/Purchasing>. The City shall not be responsible for a Bidder's inability to submit a response by the Close Date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of the eProcurement Marketplace

Bids will be opened immediately following the Bid Submittal Deadline and will be publicly opened in the Procurement and Contract Administration Division 2nd Floor, 401 SW 4th Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 or virtually via Zoom. Bidders will receive an advance notification through the eProcurement Marketplace advising on which platform will be used. Interested parties may attend the opening. Bids submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

2. SOLICITATION PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE:

No Pre-bid Conference will be conducted for this solicitation

3. DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUESTS:

The deadline to submit all questions, inquiries, or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this Invitation to Bid is **May 9, 2025 at 5:00 P.M ET**. Questions and inquiries should be submitted via the eProcurement Marketplace link on the Procurement and Contract Administration Division webpage of the City website at <https://www.deerfield-beach.com/64/Purchasing>.

Important: A cone of silence is in place. See Section III.18 for details. Violations by a Bidder potential Bidder, or their representatives may result in sanctions.



**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL
PURCHASING COOPERATIVE GROUP**

TO OUR PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS:

The attached Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposal represents a cooperative procurement for the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group.

For the past several years, approximately forty-five (45) government entities have participated in Cooperative Purchasing in Southeast Florida. The Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group was formed in an effort to provide cost savings and cost avoidances to all entities by utilizing the buying power of combined requirements for common, basic items.

The Government Agencies participating in this particular procurement and their respective delivery locations are listed in the attached document.

Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group Procurement Operational Procedures:

- All questions concerning this procurement should be addressed to the issuing agency, hereinafter referred to as the “lead agency”. All responses are to be returned in accordance with the instructions contained in the attached document. Any difficulty with participating agencies referenced in this award must be brought to the attention of the lead agency.
- Each participating governmental entity will be responsible for awarding the contract, issuing its own purchase orders, and for order placement. Each entity will require separate billings, be responsible for payment to the Contractor(s) awarded this contract and issue its own tax exemption certificates as required by the Contractor.
- The Contract/purchase order terms of each entity will prevail for the individual participating entity. Invoicing instructions, delivery locations and insurance requirements will be in accordance with the respective agency requirements.
- Any reference in the documents to a single entity or location will, in fact, be understood as referring to all participating entities referenced in the documents and cover letter unless specifically noted otherwise.
- The awarded Contractor(s) shall be responsible for advising the lead agency of those participants who fail to place orders as a result of this award during the contract period.
- The Contractor(s) shall furnish the Lead Agency a detailed Summary of Sales semi-annually during the contract period. Sales Summary shall include contract number(s),

contractor's name, the total of each commodity sold during the reporting period and the total dollar amount of purchases by commodity.

- Municipalities and other governmental entities which are not members of the Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group are strictly prohibited from utilizing any contract or purchase order resulting from this bid award. However, other Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group members may participate in this contract for new usage, during the contract term, or in any contract extension term, if approved by the lead agency. New Southeast Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group members may participate in any contract on acceptance and approval by the lead agency.
- None of the participating governmental entities shall be deemed or construed to be a party to any contract executed by and between any other governmental entity and the Contractor(s) as a result of this procurement action.

PURPOSE

The City of Deerfield Beach, Florida (City) invites qualified and experienced successful Bidder(s) to submit bids to provide the City and participating members of the Southeast Governmental Cooperative Group with Sulfuric Acid 93% for Water Treatment Plant Operations. Any further reference in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) to the City shall apply to all participating agencies referenced in the ITB.

SECTION I - RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Submission and Receipt of Responses

- a.** The City uses the eProcurement Marketplace to administer the competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to soliciting and receiving responses, issuing addenda, tabulating responses, posting results and issuing notification of an intended decision. Responses to this competitive solicitation will only be accepted from Bidders who submit electronically through the City's eProcurement Marketplace by the Close Date and Time indicated; hard copies will not be accepted. Bidders are strongly encouraged to read the successful Bidder Guides and Tutorials available in the eProcurement Marketplace well in advance of their intention of submitting a response to ensure familiarity with the eProcurement Marketplace and submitting a response through it. The City shall not be responsible for a Bidder's inability to submit a response by the closing date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of the eProcurement Marketplace.
- b.** All information submitted by Bidder shall be typewritten, scanned as an attachment, or provided as otherwise instructed in the solicitation documents. Bidders shall use and submit any applicable or required forms provided by the City and attach such to their response. Failure to use the forms provided by the City may cause the response to be rejected and deemed non-responsive.
- c.** Responses shall be submitted by an authorized representative of the firm. Responses must be submitted in the business entity's name by the President, Partner, Officer or Representative authorized to contractually bind the business entity. Responses shall include an attachment evidencing that the individual submitting the response, does in fact have the required authority to bind the business entity.
- d.** All responses will become the property of the City of Deerfield Beach. In the event of contract award, all documentation produced as part of the contract shall become the exclusive property of the City.
- e.** Responses will be publicly opened in the Procurement and Contract Administration Division, 2nd Floor, 401 SW 4th Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, or virtually via Zoom. Bidders will receive an advance notification through the eProcurement Marketplace advising on which platform will be used. It is the responsibility of the Bidders to check

the eProcurement Marketplace constantly for the latest updates. Bids will be tabulated and made available for public inspection at such time as the City provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after the closing date and time, whichever is earlier.

2. Required Documents and Information

The City deems certain documentation and information important in the determination of responsiveness and for the purpose of evaluating responses. The documents and information the City requires each Bidder to submit with their response can be found in the “Response Attachments” tab within the eProcurement Marketplace for this competitive solicitation. Responses should seek to avoid information in excess of what is requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the requirements of this competitive solicitation.

The responses shall be organized and divided into the sections indicated. The “Response Attachments” are not inclusive of all the information that may be necessary to properly evaluate the response and determine whether the Bidder has the capacity to meet the requirements of the scope of work and specifications. Additional documents and information should be provided as deemed appropriate by the Bidder in response to specific requirements stated herein or through the competitive solicitation. The apparent silence of the scope of work and any amendment regarding any details or the omission from the scope of work of a detailed description concerning any goods or services requested, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best industry practices are to prevail, and that only goods and workmanship of first quality are to be delivered. All interpretations of the scope of work shall be made upon the basis of this Solicitation and if the Solicitation is silent, basedn industry standards of best practices.

3. Financial Plan, Capital, and Capabilities

The City may request the firm’s financial audits and statements for the past two (2) reporting years (Income Statements and Balance Sheets). If your firm has financial audits and statements prepared by both existing employees and an external auditor or accountant, submit the financial audits and statements completed by the external auditor or accountant. Demonstrate your financial soundness and history of meeting financial obligations. Pursuant to Florida Statute 119.071 (1) General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records. (c) Any financial statement that an agency requires a prospective bidder to submit in order to prequalify for bidding or for responding to a proposal for a road or any other public works project is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Provide a general description of their financial condition and identify any conditions (e.g. bankruptcy, pending litigation, impending mergers) that may affect your firm’s ability to perform and/or complete the work.

4. ITB Schedule

Advertise Date	04/18/2025
Pre-bid Conference	N/A
Deadline for Questions	05/09/2025
Close Date and Time	05/14/2025
Projected Award/Commission Date	TBD
Contract Commencement Date	TBD

The City, in its sole discretion, reserves the rights to change this schedule of events.

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SECTION II - EVALUATION AND AWARD PROCEDURES

The City reserves the right, based upon its deliberations and in its opinion, to accept or reject any or all responses, or terminate the competitive solicitation process at any time and secure the solicited products and services by any other lawful means. The City also reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or variations to the specifications and in the competitive solicitation process.

1. Variances

For purposes of evaluating responses, Bidders must submit any change, variance or exclusion requests, from the terms, conditions, specifications, scope of work, minimum qualifications, and other requirements contained in the solicitation and any addenda. All requested changes, exclusions or variances to the terms and conditions must be submitted during the Question and Clarification period stated in the ITB.

If variances are not submitted during the Question and Clarification period, it will be assumed that the Bidder accepts all requirements in the solicitation and any addenda, and that the products and/or services quoted fully comply with the requirements.

All requested variances submitted are subject to review and approval by the City. Any modifications to the ITB documents will be incorporated via an addendum. The City reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to accept or reject any requests for changes, variances or exclusions. Further, the City reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to deem a Bid response containing variances as non-responsive and not consider the Bid response for award.

2. Evaluation Procedures

- a. After the sealed Bids are opened, City staff, in consultation with the City's consultant as applicable, shall examine the documentation submitted in the Bids to determine the responsiveness and responsibility of each response received. Responses will be evaluated to ensure each response:
 - i. Fully conforms in all material respects to the solicitation and all of its requirements, including the completion and submission of all required forms and information (Responsive)
 - ii. Is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the solicitation and resulting contract, possesses the full capability, including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required and is able to demonstrate the ability to provide good faith performance (Responsible)
 - iii. Bidder is in the business of providing the products and/or services required and possesses sufficient financial stability, personnel, equipment, and organization to ensure that it can satisfactorily perform the work if awarded a contract (Qualified). Responsiveness, responsibility, and qualifications are further defined in the General Terms and Conditions. Additionally, minimum qualifications, including licensing and

certification requirements, are stated in the Special Terms and Conditions.

- b. The City reserves the right to conduct site visits to Bidder's facilities to inspect record keeping procedures, staff, facilities, and equipment at any point during the evaluation process.

3. Contract Award

- a. Although it is the intent of the City to enter into a contract for the products and services contemplated in this competitive solicitation, the City is under no obligation to make an award pursuant to this competitive solicitation.
- b. The City reserves the right to award the contract to one or multiple Bidders who will best serve the interest of the City. Award of this contract shall be made to the responsive and responsible Bidder(s) providing the lowest price(s), best value and availability of the required products and services.
- c. An award recommendation to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder will be made by Procurement with concurrence by the using department director that the Bidder is able to meet the requirements of the bid specifications.
- d. Award recommendations will be presented to the City Commission for their final approval. The City Commission has full discretion to reject all bids and waive minor irregularities in the bid.

4. City's Exclusive Rights

The City reserves the exclusive rights to:

- a. Waive any deficiency or irregularity in the selection process.
- b. Accept or reject any or all qualifications statements or bids in part or in whole;
- c. Request additional information as appropriate.
- d. Award all or a portion of the services set forth in this ITB to one or more Bidders as determined to be in the best interest of the City.
- e. Reject any or all submittals if found not to be in the best interest of the City.
- f. In the event of a sole Bid, the City reserves the right to reject the sole Bid.

5. Contract Execution

By submitting a Bid in response to this ITB, Bidder acknowledges and agrees that (i) no enforceable contract shall be in force until the contract is fully executed by the City; (ii) that no action shall require the City execute such contract; and (iii) that each Bidder waives all claims to damages, lost profits, costs, expenses, reasonable attorney's fees, or other costs, as a result of the City not executing the contract.

SECTION III - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Independent Contractor

The Bidder represents itself to be an independent contractor and shall not represent itself or its employees to be employees of the City of Deerfield Beach. Therefore, the Bidder shall assume legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, and other expenses for Bidder's operations, officers, employees and agents, and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the City of Deerfield Beach, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss; cost (including attorney fees); and damage of any kind related to such matters.

2. Subcontractors

If the Bidder proposes to use subcontractors in the course of providing the requested products and/or services to the City, Bidder shall disclose and include the name and specific type of good or service to be provided by the subcontractor as part of the Bidder's response. Such information shall be subject to review, acceptance and approval of the City, prior to any contract award. successful Bidders may also propose in writing the use of subcontractors during the term of the contract or changes to subcontractors during the term of the contract; the City reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any modifications to subcontractors during the term of the contract with shall not be unreasonably withheld and provided in writing. The City reserves the right to approve or disapprove of any proposed subcontractor in its best interest.

3. Addenda, Changes, and Interpretations

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to notify the City in writing and request modification or clarification of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error discovered in this competitive solicitation. Requests for clarification, modification, interpretation, or changes must be received prior to the "Deadline for Questions" as indicated in Section I, ITB Schedule, as may be amended by the City. Requests for clarification, modification, interpretation or changes must be submitted electronically via the City eProcurement Marketplace. Requests received after the deadline for questions will not be addressed.

Clarifications, modifications, interpretations, and changes shall only be made by the issuance of official addenda by the City. Under no circumstances shall an oral explanation given by any City official, officer, staff, or agent be binding upon the City. All requests from Bidders and explanations from the City shall be communicated via the eProcurement Marketplace. All addenda are a part of the competitive solicitation documents and each Bidder will be bound by such addenda, whether or not acknowledged by them. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to read and comprehend all addenda issued. Addenda will be posted no later than the "Last Date for Addenda" indicated in the "Tentative Schedule of Events".

4. Multiple Responses

More than one response to this competitive solicitation from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names will not be considered. Such a circumstance will lead to rejection of all responses in which the Bidder is involved, except for circumstances where Bidder is the subcontractor listed in another Bidder's response. If there is reason to believe that collusion exists between Bidders, those parties' responses will be rejected and deemed for City purposes to be a conviction of a public entity crime.

5. Omission of Details

The apparent silence of the specifications and any amendment regarding any details or the omission from the specifications of a detailed description concerning any services or material requested, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best industry practices are to prevail, and that only material and workmanship of first quality are to be used.

6. Mistakes

Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, and delivery instructions pertaining to the solicitation. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle them to any relief from the conditions imposed herein and may lead to rejection of the response.

7. Costs Incurred

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Bidders in responding to or in any way participating in this solicitation.

8. Withdrawal of Responses

Any response may be withdrawn up until the Close Date and time. Any response submitted to the City and not withdrawn prior to the Close Date and time shall constitute an irrevocable offer to the City to provide the product and/or services set forth in the solicitation. Bidder warrants by virtue of submitting the response that the response and any prices quoted in the response will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the close date unless otherwise agreed upon by the City and Bidder.

9. Acceptance of Responses / Minor Irregularities

Any or all responses to solicitations may be rejected by the City Manager in whole or in part when it is in the best interests of the City. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses, part of responses, and to waive minor irregularities or variances to specifications contained in responses that do not make the response conditional in nature, and minor irregularities in the solicitation process. A minor irregularity shall be a variation from the solicitation that does not affect the price of the contract, does not give a respondent an

advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other respondents, does not adversely impact the interests of other Bidders, and does not affect the fundamental fairness of the solicitation process.

10. Responsive

In order to be considered responsive to the solicitation, the Bidder's response shall fully conform in all material respects to the solicitation and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.

11. Responsible

In order to be considered as a responsible Bidder, Bidder shall be fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract, must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required, and must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.

12. Bidder's Qualifications

Bidder shall be in the business of providing the goods and services required and must possess sufficient financial support, equipment, personnel and organization to ensure that it can satisfactorily perform the work if awarded a contract. The City shall have the right to investigate the financial condition, experience record, qualifications, facilities, equipment and references of each Bidder and determine to its satisfaction the competency, reputation, quality of goods and services, and responsibility of each to perform the required work, meet the specifications, and conform in all material respects to the solicitation and all of its requirements.

- a. Bidder shall satisfy the Minimum Qualifications and Requirements in the ITB Attachment. Failure to do so may result in the response being deemed non-responsive or non-responsible and not considered for award.

13. Order of Precedence

In the event of inconsistency between provisions of this solicitation and the resulting contract, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- a. The contract
- b. Contract attachments
- c. Bidder's response and response enclosures whether attached or incorporated by reference
- d. Scope of Work that includes all requirements and technical specifications
- e. Contract General Conditions
- f. Contract Special Terms and Conditions
- g. Contract General Terms and Conditions. General Conditions of the Construction contract will control in the event of conflict with any of the documents.

14. Licenses and Certifications

The Bidder shall be appropriately licensed to perform the work and provide the products and services required. Bidder shall possess by the closing date and time all required licenses and certifications necessary to perform the requested service or provide the requested goods; unless the issuance of such license or certification is contingent upon the work to be performed under the resulting contract. The Bidder shall be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining all required licenses, certifications, and permits. Copies of all required licenses and certifications shall be submitted with the Response as a matter of responsiveness.

15. Insurance and Surety Bonds

The Bidder's response shall include evidence of insurability meeting the minimum insurance requirements attached herein and evidence of Bidders ability to obtain required surety bonds, when insurance and surety bonds are required. The Successful Bidder shall not commence the work or otherwise perform the work as required by the resulting contract, until a certificate of insurance naming the City of Deerfield Beach as additionally insured and evidencing the provision of the required insurance in a form acceptable to the City, and required surety bonds have been received and approved by the City. The Bidder shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance and surety bonds.

16. Legal Requirements

By the submission of a Bid, the Bidder certifies that a careful review of the Solicitation Documents has taken place and that the Bidder is fully informed and understands the requirements of:

- a. The solicitation documents.
- b. The quality and quantity of services to be performed and goods to be provided.
- c. The applicable provisions of all federal, state, and county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, governing this solicitation and the requested work. Lack of knowledge by any Bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

17. Protest Procedures

If a Bidder intends to protest a finding of Bidder's failure to qualify or proposed award, the Bidder may file a protest in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 38-118 of the City Code. The protest shall be in writing, shall identify the name and address of the protester, and shall include a factual summary of, and the basis for, the protest. Filing shall be considered complete when the protest and the protest bond are received by the Procurement and

Contract Administration Division. The time stamp clock located in the Procurement and Contract Administration Division office shall govern when the protest was received.

a. Protest of Failure to Qualify

Upon notification by the City that a Bidder is deemed non-responsive and/or non-responsible, the Bidder, who is deemed non-responsive and/or non-responsible may file a protest with the Purchasing Agent by close of business on the third (3rd) business day after notification (excluding the day of notification) or any right to protest is forfeited. It shall be the sole responsibility of such Bidder to verify the operating hours of Procurement and Contract Administration Division.

b. Protest of Award of a Contract

After a Notice of Intent to Award a contract is posted on the City eProcurement Marketplace, any actual bidder who is aggrieved in connection with the pending award of the contract or any element of the process leading to the award of the contract may file a protest with the Purchasing Agent by close of business on the third (3rd) business day after posting (excluding the day of posting) or any right to protest is forfeited. It shall be the sole responsibility of such Bidder to verify the operating hours of Procurement and Contract Administration Division.

c. Protest Fee

Any Bidder filing a protest shall simultaneously provide a protest fee to the City in the form of a cashier's check or payment bond. The protest fee will be based on the estimated contract amount. The estimated contract amount shall be based upon the pending award amount submitted by the recommended bidder/proposer. If no contract amount was submitted, the estimated contract amount shall be the City estimated contract amount. If the protest is decided in the protester's favor, the entire protest fee shall be returned to the protester. If the protest is not decided in the protester's favor, the protest fee shall be forfeited to the City.

d. Protest Fee Amount

- i. For solicitations for term contracts that provide for an annual expenditure amount, the protest fee shall be in the amount of \$1,000.00 for contracts with an estimated annual amount of \$100,000.00 or less, or one percent (1%) of the estimated annual contract amount for contracts that exceed \$100,000.00, with a maximum deposit of \$10,000.00.
- ii. For all other contracts, \$1,000.00 for contracts with an estimated annual amount of \$250,000.00 or less, or one percent (1%) of the estimated annual contract amount for contracts that exceed \$250,000.00, with a maximum deposit of \$10,000.00.

e. Protest Committee

A protest committee shall review all protests. If the Protest Committee denies the protest, the protester may appeal to the City Commission.

f. Protest Appeal

Any actual bidder who is aggrieved by a determination of the Protest Committee may appeal the determination to the City Commission by filing an appeal with the City Clerk by close of business on the third (3rd) business day after the protester has been notified (excluding the day of notification) of the determination by the Protest Committee. The appeal shall be in writing and shall include a factual summary of, and the basis for, the appeal. Filing of an appeal shall be considered complete when the appeal is received by the City Clerk.

18. Cone of Silence

In accordance with Section 38-127 of the City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ordinances, during the course of a sealed competitive solicitation, a cone of silence shall apply as follows:

- a. The cone of silence shall be in effect beginning upon the advertisement for the competitive solicitation or during such earlier procurement activities as may be declared by the City Commission. The cone of silence shall terminate at the time the City Commission takes final action or gives final approval of a contract, rejects all bids, or takes other action which terminates the solicitation process.
- b. Any entity that seeks a contract, contract amendment, award, recommendation, or approval related to a competitive solicitation or that is subject to being evaluated or having its Bid evaluated in connection with a competitive solicitation, including the entity's representative(s) shall not have any communication with any City Commissioner, the City Manager or any person or group of persons appointed or designated by the City Commission or the City Manager to evaluate, select, or make a recommendation to the City Commission or the City Manager regarding a competitive solicitation, including any member of the evaluation committee.
- c. The cone of silence shall not apply to written or oral communications with the City legal counsel or the Procurement and Contract Administration Division staff.
- d. Any action in violation of this Code of Ordinances Section 38.127 shall be cause for disqualification of the Bid. The determination of a violation and the penalty shall be made by the City Commission.

19. Local Business Preference Program

- a. The City established a local business preference program to facilitate local business participating in the competitive solicitation process. Except where prohibited by Federal requirements, Florida Statute, City policies, or funding source mandates to the contrary, and in accordance with City Code of Ordinances Section 38, preference shall be awarded to local businesses in the following manner:

- i. When a responsive, responsible nonlocal business submits the lowest price Bid, and the Bid submitted by one or more responsive, responsible local businesses is within five percent (5%) of the Bid submitted by the nonlocal business, then such local business(s) shall have the opportunity, within five calendar days of notification by the Purchasing Manager or designee, to submit a best and final Bid equal to or lower than the amount of the low Bid previously submitted by the nonlocal business with the lowest Bid price. Thereafter, contract award shall be made to the responsive, responsible business submitting the lowest, best and final Bid. In the case of a tie in the best and final Bid between a local business and a nonlocal business, contract award shall be made to the local business.
 - ii. The determination as to whether a Bidder is a local business shall be made by City staff based upon documentation submitted by the Bidder with its Bid submission and as verified by the Procurement and Contracts Division.
- b. This section shall not apply to professional services procured pursuant to the State of Florida Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), to direct acquisitions under Section 38-116(c), nor to solicitations utilizing federal funding sources in accordance with 2 CFR §200.319(b).
- c. An eligible bidder must satisfy the criteria as set forth City Code of Ordinances Section 38. to include the following:
 - i. Bidder shall complete, fully execute, and provide all required information contained in the competitive solicitation related to the local business preference requirements.
 - ii. Bidder shall have no history, within the prior five (5) years, of non-performance, delinquent fees, liens, or Code violations.
- d. The City, in its sole discretion shall determine whether a Bidder meets the criteria to qualify for a local business preference under the City Code.

20. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

The City established a disadvantaged business enterprise program to encourage and foster the participation of Certified Business Entities (CBEs), in the city's competitive solicitation process by providing preference to CBEs as detailed in Section 38-130 of the City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ordinances. The City will accept CBEs including small business enterprises (SBEs), minority business enterprises (MBEs), women business enterprises (WBEs), and veteran

business enterprises (VBEs) certifications from Bidders, including their subcontractors identified in their response, as defined and certified by the Florida Department of Management, Office of successful Bidder Diversity or other certifying organizations or jurisdictions in accordance with Section 287.0943 (1) and (2) Florida Statutes.

- a. During the course of a competitive solicitation when a responsive, responsible non-CBE submits the lowest price bid, and a bid submitted by one or more responsive, responsible CBE is within five percent of the bid submitted by the non-CBE, then such CBE shall have the opportunity to submit, within five calendar days of notification by the Procurement and Contract Administration Division, a best and final offer equal to or lower than the amount of the low bid submitted by the non-CBE.
- b. The price bid by the non-CBE shall not be revealed if exempted under Chapter 119 or 286, Florida Statutes contract award recommendation shall be made to the responsive, responsible business submitting the lowest responsive and responsible final offer. In the case of a tie in the best and final offer between a CBE business and a non-CBE business, contract award recommendation shall be made to the CBE.
- c. For all other competitive solicitations where the objective factors used to evaluate the responses from bidders are assigned point totals, where evaluation of criteria, including and beyond price, is the determining factor for award, the total score of each individual evaluation committee member's total points of the CBE vendor will adjust upward by five percent.
- d. In the case where a Bidder is claiming CBE participation by the use of permitted subcontractors identified in their response and where the subcontractor(s) is the CBE, subcontractor's portion of the work to be performed pursuant to the resulting contract shall equal at least 50 percent of the total work. Bidder shall provide information in the response to substantiate the subcontractor's portion of the work meeting the 50 percent requirement.
- e. A bidder shall complete, fully execute, and provide all required information contained in the competitive solicitation related to the disadvantaged business enterprise requirements.
- f. For the purpose of determining the best value in the award of a competitive solicitation where both the local business and disadvantaged business preference are applicable, the local business preference shall take precedence over the small business preference.
- g. In order to participate in the disadvantaged business enterprise program, Bidder shall have no history within the prior five years of non-performance, delinquent fees, liens, or code violations.
- h. The disadvantaged business enterprise program shall not apply to a competitive solicitation process when prohibited by law, contract, grant, funding source or other regulation applicable to the competitive solicitation process, contract, or funding source, or when the city acts as the lead agency for a cooperative procurement.

21. Ethics Code

Bidders are required to acquaint themselves with the provisions in the City of Deerfield Beach's Ethics Code Chapter 2, Article IX, City Code of Ordinances. The City Commission will strictly apply the Ethics Code, including Section 2-505 "Disclosure and Behavior Requirements of Applicants and Person/Entity seeking a City contract or currently doing business with the City". Bidder shall complete the "Ethics Code Disclosure" contained herein. Failure to do so may result in the response being deemed non-responsive.

22. Public Records / Confidential Information

- a. Florida law provides that municipal records shall at all times be open for personal inspection by any person, unless otherwise exempt. Information and materials received by the City in connection with a Bidder's response shall be deemed to be public records subject to public inspection. However, certain exemptions to the public records law are statutorily provided for in Section 119.07, F.S. Section 119.07, F.S. provides an exemption from public records law for sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.
- b. If the Bidder believes any of the information contained in the response is exempt from the Public Records Law, then the Bidder must in the response specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption, otherwise, the City will treat all materials received as public records.
- c. Pursuant to Section 119.0701(2)(a), Florida Statutes, the Bidder must keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the public agency in order to perform the service.

23. Excluded Parties from the Competitive Solicitation Process

- a. Public Entity Crime: A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Bidder, successful Bidder, 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, Fla. Stat. for category two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- b. Pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, a bidder may not bid on or submit a proposal for goods or services of \$1,000,000.00 or more if at the time of bidding or submitting a proposal, the bidder:

- i. 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; or
- ii. Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473 Florida Statutes; or
- iii. Is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

24. Anti-Collusion

Pursuant to Chapter 838 Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for a bidder to knowingly and intentionally influence or attempt to influence any competitive solicitation of the City of Deerfield Beach. The Bidder certifies that it has not divulged, discussed or compared its response and the contents contained therein with other respondents, except subcontractors if they form part of the response, and has not colluded with any other Bidders or parties to a response whatsoever. No premiums, rebates or gratuities are permitted either with, prior to, or after any delivery of material or service. Any violation of this provision will result in the immediate cancellation of the contract and removal from the Vendor List.

25. Conflict of Interest

- a. The Bidder covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the Bidder's diligent and proper performance of the services hereunder. The Bidder further covenants that no person having any such known interest shall be employed or conveyed an interest, directly or indirectly, in the contract.
- b. No contract will be awarded to a Bidder who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the Bidder has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidder must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's vendor List and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City.

26. Entire Agreement

This competitive solicitation, all attachments and exhibits, addenda, and the resulting contract and/or purchase order states the entire contract between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior and contemporaneous understandings, representations and agreements are merged herein or superseded hereby. If a contract will be executed, a draft contract containing the major business concerns for the City may be attached to this competitive solicitation.

27. Waiver

No waiver or modification of any contract resulting from this solicitation or of any covenant, condition or limitation contained in it shall be valid unless the waiver or modification is in writing and duly executed by the party to be charged with it. Further, no evidence of any waiver or modification shall be offered or received in evidence in any proceeding, arbitration, or litigation between the parties arising out of or affecting the contract, or the right or obligations of any party under it, unless such waiver or modification is in writing, and duly executed by the party to be charged with the waiver or modification. The parties agree that provisions of this paragraph may not be waived except by a duly executed writing.

28. Warranty

- a. Warranty of Title - The Bidder warrants that all goods and materials offered in their response or furnished under a resulting contract will be new unless otherwise specified and that Bidder possesses good, clear, and marketable title to said goods and there are no pending liens, claims or encumbrances whatsoever against said goods and materials. All goods and materials not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized may be considered defective.
- b. Warranty of Specifications - The Bidder warrants that all goods, materials and workmanship offered in their response or furnished under a resulting contract, whether by Bidder or its sub-contractors and successful Bidders, will comply with the specifications, plans, and other descriptions and requirements supplied or adopted.
- c. Warranty of Merchantability - The Bidder warrants that the goods offered in their response or furnished under the resulting contract are merchantable, of good quality and free from defects, whether patent or latent in material or workmanship.
- d. Warranty of Material and Workmanship - The Successful Bidder warrants all material and workmanship for a minimum of one (1) year from date of delivery and acceptance by the City. The Successful Bidder shall provide a warranty certificate or bond, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's Office, stating the terms and conditions of the warranty, which terms shall be consistent with the requirements herein. If within the warranty period, or within such larger period of time as may be prescribed by law or warranted by the Successful Bidder and product manufacturers, any of the materials and workmanship is found to be defective or not in accordance with the contract documents, the Successful Bidder shall after receipt of a written notice from the City to do so, promptly correct the condition unless the City has previously given the Successful Bidder a written acceptance of such condition.
- e. Warranty of Intellectual Property - The Bidder warrants that there has been no violation of copyright, patent, or other intellectual property rights either in the United States of America

or in foreign countries in connection with the work to be performed pursuant to this competitive solicitation and resulting contract.

29. Survivorship Rights

The contract pursuant to this competitive solicitation shall be binding on both parties to the benefit of the respective parties and their executors, administrators, heirs, personal representative, successors, and assignees.

30. Severability

If any term or provision of the contract resulting from this competitive solicitation is found to be illegal and unenforceable, such term(s) shall be deemed stricken and the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.

31. Venue

The venue for any and all litigation arising out of the contract shall be in Broward County, Florida for state court actions and in the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida for federal court actions.

32. Service Test Period

If the Bidder has not previously provided the goods or services to the City, the City reserves the right to require a service test period to determine if the Bidder can perform in accordance with the requirements of the contract, to the City's satisfaction, and within the rights of the City in. The service test period shall be conducted under all specifications, terms and conditions contained in the contract.

33. Examination of Records

The Bidder shall keep adequate records and supporting documentation applicable to the subject matter of this ITB to include, but not be limited to, records of costs, time worked, working paper and/or accumulations of data, and criteria or standards by which findings or data are measured. Said records and documentation shall be retained by the Bidder for a minimum of three (3) years from the date the contract is completed and accepted by the City.

If any litigation, is started before the expiration of the three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings, involving the records have been resolved, unless otherwise instructed by the City. Should any questions arise concerning this contract, the City and its authorized agents shall have the right to review, inspect, and copy all determining an award recommendation.

The length of such test period shall be determined by the City, and shall be an appropriate timeframe for the City to effectively evaluate the goods and services offered such records and

documentation during the record retention period stated above; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours and shall be at City expense. Any subcontractor(s) employed or utilized by the Successful Bidder shall be subject to these requirements and the Bidder is required to so notify any such subcontractor(s).

34. Transfer of Responsibility

Upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of the contract, the successful Bidder shall assist City of Deerfield Beach to ensure an orderly transfer of responsibility and/or continuity of those products and services required under the terms of the contract to an organization designated by City of Deerfield Beach, if requested in writing. The successful Bidder shall provide and/or perform any or all of the following responsibilities:

The successful Bidder shall deliver, FOB destination, prepaid, all records, documentation, reports, data, recommendations, master, or printing elements, etc., which were required to be produced under the terms of the contract to City of Deerfield Beach and/or to City of Deerfield Beach's designee within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the written request. Any and all records which are on electronic media must be delivered in a format which is compatible with the system(s) currently in use by City of Deerfield Beach.

The successful Bidder shall agree to continue providing any part or all of the services in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days after the expiration, termination or cancellation date of the contract for a price not to exceed those prices set forth in the contract in the event City requests for successful Bidder to continue providing services for such extension period.

35. Quantities

No guarantee or warranty is given or implied by the City as to the amount that may or may not be purchased from any resulting contract. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities or add or delete any item or quantity from the contract if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City in its sole discretion.

36. Risk of Loss

The risk of loss, injury or destruction, regardless of the cause of the casualty, shall be on the Successful Bidder until the delivery of completed project and facilities to the City, and inspection and final acceptance of the entire project by the City. Title to all goods, chattel and facilities shall pass to City upon delivery and acceptance of the goods by City as evidenced in writing.

37. Delivery

All items shall be delivered FOB destination to a specified City address. All delivery costs and charges must be included in the bid price. The City reserves the right to cancel orders or any part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made at the time specified in the contract.

38. Required Compliances and Regulations

In performing the Work, Bidder shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, County, City and local laws, rules and regulations.

39. Safety

- a. The Successful Bidder shall be responsible for coordinating, funding, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions, measures, and programs for the Work consistent with applicable law and industry standards. The Successful Bidder shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Florida Department of Commerce regarding industrial safety (Florida Statutes Section 440.56) and with the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and its amendments.
- b. The Successful Bidder shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
 - i. All employees on the work site and all other persons who may be affected thereby.
 - ii. The work and all materials and equipment incorporated therein.
 - iii. Other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of the work.
- c. Occupational Health and Safety - In compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this Bid must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which may be obtained from the manufacturer. The MSDS must include the following information:
 - i. The chemical name and the common name of the toxic substance.
 - ii. The hazards or other risks in the use of the toxic substance, including:
 - (1) The potential for fire, explosion, corrosivity and reactivity;
 - (2) The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the toxic substance; and
 - (3) The primary routes of entry and symptoms of overexposure.

- iii. The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protection equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the toxic substances, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of exposure.
- iv. The emergency procedure for spills, fire, disposal and first aid.
- v. A description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the toxic substance intended to alert any person reading this information.
- vi. The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.

40. Clean-Up and Worksite Appearance

The Successful Bidder shall at all times keep the Work site free from accumulation of waste materials, rubbish and debris. At the completion of the Work, Successful Bidder shall remove all waste materials, debris, tools, equipment, machinery, and surplus materials from and about the worksite, and return the worksite to a condition suitable for use by the City. All waste materials, rubbish and debris shall be disposed of in accordance with all Federal, State and local codes and regulations.

41. Commercial Refuse Collection

Per Chapter 58, Division 4 of the City's Code of Ordinances, the City is the exclusive provider for collection and disposal of commercial refuse within the City. Successful Bidder shall comply with the City's regulations addressing commercial refuse.

42. Non-exclusive Agreement

Bidder agrees and understands that any contract entered into pursuant to this competitive solicitation shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services at its sole option.

43. Background Checks

- a. In accordance with Section 38-140 of the City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ordinances, any contracts which require a successful Bidder, subcontractor, to perform work in or on city property, as defined in Section 38-115, that is open to the public, where the successful Bidder or any sub-contractor or employees will perform work or services in close proximity to facilities with minors, the elderly, or persons with special needs of where the services are of a nature which would reasonably warrant background checks.

- b. Criminal background checks shall be conducted through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Computerized Criminal History (CCH) database (Level I) or through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) data base (Level II) as specified and required in this competitive solicitation. The successful Bidder shall, at its expense, obtain a criminal background check for each of its employees having access to city property prior to beginning the work, and depending on the contract's term, on an annual basis thereafter.
- c. The successful Bidder shall ensure a similar background check has been done of its subcontractors' employees who will have access to city property.
- d. The successful Bidder shall, at their expense, be required to submit an affidavit on the form provided with this ITB certifying that background checks shall be completed for all employees who will perform work on city property that is open to the public.
- e. The successful Bidder shall submit such affidavit to the City contract administrator prior to any work being performed.
- f. Successful Bidder or consultant shall maintain such records of the criminal history checks for each person doing work on City property during the contract period and for one year thereafter and shall make such records available for inspection and verification by the City.
- g. If such a check reveals a conviction or a plea of nolo contendere, regardless of when the plea or conviction occurred, which includes a felony or misdemeanor involving terrorist behavior, violence, use of a dangerous weapon, crimes of moral turpitude or breach of trust/fiduciary responsibility or which raises concerns about building, system, or personal security or is otherwise a job-related crime, the successful Bidder shall not assign the individual to any work in or on City property that is open the public. If such a check reveals any of the foregoing after access has already been granted, any access privileges already granted shall be immediately revoked and shall not be reinstated without the City's express written authorization.
- h. For all new hires to perform the required services, successful Bidder shall conduct the background checks on the new hire at the time of the hire.
- i. The City reserves the right to approve or disapprove whether the successful Bidder's or consultant's employees perform the services for the City. Disapproval would apply solely to this contract and shall have no bearing on the Bidder's employment of an individual outside of this contract.

44. Excluded Parties from the Competitive Solicitation Process

- a. Successful Bidder certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the City may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the successful Bidder or its

subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the successful Bidder, or its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement.

- b. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, the successful Bidder certifies that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the City may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the successful Bidder, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the successful Bidder, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Agreement.
- c. The successful Bidder agrees to observe the above requirements for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of Work under this Agreement. d) As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize the above-stated contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.
- d. In accordance with City of Deerfield Resolution, the City Manager and appropriate City officials shall review all City contracts and successful Bidders to ensure consistency with all federal sanctions against Russia and confirm the City is not doing business with Russian companies; directing the divestment of investments in Russia and with Russian-related institutions, companies or entities, and individuals; providing for implementation and an effective date.

45. Manner of Performance and Personnel

- a. The successful Bidder shall perform the Work in a competent and professional manner satisfactory to the Owner in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Owner shall be entitled to satisfactory performance of all Work described herein and to full and prompt cooperation by the successful Bidder in all aspects of the Work. At the request of the City, the successful Bidder shall promptly remove from the Project any successful Bidder employee, subcontractor, or any other person performing Work under the Agreement.
- b. The successful Bidder shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify the City and shall be liable and responsible for any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs (including attorney's fees and court costs) made against the City, occurring on account of, arising from or in connection with the removal and replacement of any successful Bidder's personnel performing services hereunder at the behest of the City. Removal and replacement of any

successful Bidder's personnel as used in this Article shall not require the termination or demotion of such successful Bidder's personnel.

- c. The successful Bidder shall employ, maintain and assign to the performance of the Work a sufficient number of competent and qualified professionals and other personnel to meet the Contract requirements.
- d. The successful Bidder agrees to adjust its personnel staffing levels or to replace any of its personnel if so directed upon reasonable request from the City, should the City make a determination, in its sole discretion, that said staffing is inappropriate or that any individual is not performing in a manner consistent with the requirements for such a position.
- e. The successful Bidder warrants and represents that its personnel have the proper skill, training, background, knowledge, experience, rights, authorizations, integrity, character and licenses as necessary to perform the Work described herein, in a competent and professional manner. Each employee of successful Bidder shall have and wear proper identification and shall comply with any of City applicable security policies and procedures while performing any Work under this Agreement. Successful Bidder shall require each employee of its subcontractors to have and wear proper identification, and comply with all City applicable security policies and procedures while performing any Work under this contract.
- f. The successful Bidder shall, at all times, cooperate with the City and coordinate its respective work efforts to most effectively and efficiently maintain the progress in performing the Work.

46. Indemnification

The parties agree that one percent (1%) of the total compensation paid to the Successful Bidder for the work of an awarded contract shall constitute specific consideration to the Successful Bidder for the indemnification to be provided under the awarded contract. The Successful Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless City, its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Successful Bidder, and other persons employed or utilized by the Successful Bidder in the performance of the awarded contract. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the awarded contract. To the extent considered necessary by contract Administrator and City Manager, any sums due to the Successful Bidder under the awarded contract may be retained by City until all of City's claims for indemnification pursuant to the awarded contract have been settled or otherwise resolved, and any amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by City.

47. Draft Contract

A draft copy of the Contract is attached to this competitive solicitation and includes the major business concerns for the City. This is the Agreement that will govern the Successful Bidder's performance and shall be executed by the Successful Bidder. All Bidders, by submission of their bids, agree to execute this Agreement, or a substantially similar Agreement, if selected by the City to perform the Work. The final Agreement may not be in the same form as the Draft Agreement.

48. Piggybacking

Successful Bidder may, if it has sufficient capacity or quantities available, and if legally allowed, provide to other government agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of this competitive solicitation and the resulting contract.

49.E-Verify

The successful Bidder shall comply with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," including the registration and use of the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of employees. Failure to comply with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. shall result in termination of the contract. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If the contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the successful Bidder, the successful Bidder may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one year after the date of termination.

50. Debarment

By submitting a response to this solicitation, Bidder acknowledges that the City has the right to debar or suspend a person in accordance with Section 38-124 of the City Code for the person's:

- a. Material misrepresentation or omission to the City;
- b. Breach of contract with the City;
- c. Felony convictions, convictions of crimes involving moral turpitude, or "public entity crime convictions" of a "person" or an "affiliate" of a person, as defined in Section 287.133, Fla. Stat.;
- d. Failure to comply with the code of silence; or
- e. A finding of violation of the state ethics law or a county or municipal ethics ordinance.

51. Responsible Vendor Determination

Bidder is hereby notified that Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, requires that the City may not request documentation of, or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder.

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SECTION IV - SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To be considered responsible and eligible for contract award, the Bidder must demonstrate that it meets the mandatory minimum qualification requirements as set forth in the ITB and its exhibits and attachments to include, but not limited to the following. The Bidder shall submit documentation and information as required demonstrating compliance with the requirements. The City reserves the right to request additional documentation or to conduct a site visit as a means of determining responsibility.

1. Mandatory Minimum Qualifications

- a. **Required Licenses and Certifications:** Bidder or subcontractor (s) of Bidder, or key personnel of Bidder proposed to perform the Work shall possess all licenses, certifications and credentials to perform the work, and shall provide a copy of such licenses, certifications, and other credentials with Bidder's response.
- b. **Experience:** Bidder and key personnel of Bidder proposed to perform the Work shall have experience at successfully performing the type of work requested herein.
- c. **Capacity:** Bidder must have the necessary facilities, ability, and financial resources to provide the service specified herein in a satisfactory manner.
- d. **Past Performance:** The Bidder must have a history of good performance. The City may make reasonable investigations deemed necessary and proper to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform or provide the services specified herein.

2. Draft Contract

A draft copy of the Contract is attached to this competitive solicitation and includes the major business concerns for the City. The City reserves the right to negotiate a final contract with the Offeror being recommended for award. The final contract to be presented to the City Commission for award may include mutually negotiated and agreed upon terms and conditions including but not limited to changes in quantities, prices, scope of services, or other contract provisions. However, the final Contract shall substantially comply with and be consistent with the intent of the competitive solicitation and the Offeror's response. The final Contract need not be in the same form as the draft contract.

3. Non-Exclusive Contract

Offeror agrees and understands that any contract entered into pursuant to this competitive solicitation shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services at its sole option.

4. Delivery

(a) All items shall be delivered FOB destination to a specified City address. All delivery costs and charges must be included in the bid price. The City reserves the right to cancel orders or any part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made at the time specified in the contract.

(b) Deliveries shall be made within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of an order. In the event delivery cannot be made within ten (10) calendar days, the contractor shall immediately notify the ordering department. The City, in its sole discretion, may accept the delivery date, or cancel the order in part or in its entirety. The City of Deerfield Beach reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event of repeated delays in delivery.

5. Inventory

The contractor shall have access to adequate inventory to attain 100% fill rate. A 100% fill rate shall mean that 100% of the high use items will be delivered within seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of order. The City of Deerfield Beach and all other Cooperative Group agencies reserve the right to require proof of access to inventory. The vendor shall immediately notify the ordering department of each respective agency when they are out of stock of product due to circumstances beyond their control, or other supply chain issues effected delivery. The City and all other Cooperative Group agencies reserve the right to procure out of stock items from other sources in these circumstances.

6. Sample and Demonstrations

When requested, samples are to be furnished free of charge to the City. If a sample is requested it must be delivered within seven (7) days of the request unless otherwise stated in the bid. Each sample must be marked with the Offeror's name and manufacturer's brand name. The City will not be responsible for returning samples. The City may request a full demonstration of any product or service before the award of a contract. All demonstrations shall be done at the expense of the Offeror

7. Contract Term

(a) Initial and Renewal Options - The initial contract term shall be for three (3) years and shall commence upon final execution of the Contract by the City or as otherwise indicated in the final contract. The City reserves the right to renew the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year renewal terms providing all terms conditions and specifications remain the same, both parties agree to the renewal, and such renewal is approved by the City Manager. The City Manager shall execute any renewal contract.

(b) Contract Extension - In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of the contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the City Manager or designee. The extension period shall not extend for more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Proposer shall

be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

8. Price

(a) Offeror shall quote a firm, fixed price for the items listed in the “Bid Line Items” tab. Prices shall include all costs associated with the products and services being solicited including labor, equipment, supplies, management, travel, etc.

(b) Prices shall be shown in both unit amounts and extensions whenever applicable. In the event of discrepancies existing between unit amounts and extensions or totals, unit amounts shall govern. Discrepancies in the multiplication of units will be resolved in favor of the Unit Costs. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum. In the event such discrepancy is discovered by either party after the competitive solicitation closes, Offeror understands and accepts that no correction(s) shall be made, and the prices offered shall remain firm.

(c) All applicable discounts shall be extended to City and shall be part of the prices offered. Offeror may bid only one (1) discount for each Line Item. Chain discounts are not acceptable and will not be considered in determining an award.

(d) Offeror warrants by virtue of submitting a response that prices will be firm for acceptance for a period of Ninety (90) calendar days from the date of solicitation closing, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

9. Price Adjustments

(a) If during the contract the contract period, the City is able to purchase the products specified herein on the open market at prices less than the contract price, the contractor shall meet these prices or the City may rebid the products and services.

(b) Percentage discounts for all products and services purchased resulting from this competitive solicitation process shall remain firm for the initial contract term. Prices for subsequent optional renewal terms shall be subject to an adjustment only if increases in the industry occur. However, unless very unusual and significant changes have occurred in the industry, such increases shall not exceed five percent (5%) per year or, whichever is less, the latest yearly percentage increase in the All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U) (All Items), for the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL area, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. The yearly increase or decrease in the CPI shall be the latest index published and available ninety (90) days prior to the end of the contract term then in effect compared to the index for the same month one (1) year prior. Any requested price increase shall be fully documented and submitted to the City at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the current contract term. Any approved cost adjustment shall become effective on the first date of the renewal term.

(c) In the event the CPI or industry costs decline, the City shall have the right to receive from the Contractor a reasonable reduction in prices that reflect the cost change in the CPI or industry.

(d) The City has the right to refuse to accept a requested price increase or decrease if it is not properly documented, submitted less than ninety (90) days from the contract expiration date, or considered by the City to be excessive or insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted prices and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the contract can be terminated for convenience.

10. Reporting Requirements

The Contractor (s) shall furnish to the Lead Agency a detailed Summary of Sales report on a semi-annually basis during the contract period. The Summary of Sales report shall include the following information: contractor's name, contract name and number, the total dollar sales volume for each group during the reporting period for each participating agency. The report may be provided in greater detail, but no less than the requirement stated

11. Invoices and Payments

(a) Each Agency's invoice and payment, requirements and processes vary. Each Agency has specific requirements that must be met. The vendor shall insure that all invoices clearly state the purchase order number, date of delivery, delivery location, item description, quantity, list price, percentage discount per the contract, contract price, total price, and other requirements required by individual agencies.

(b) The Contractor and the City shall abide by the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, FL SS. 218.70-218.80

12. Safety

(a) The Successful Offeror shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work. The Successful Offeror shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Florida Department of Commerce regarding industrial safety (Florida Statutes Section 440.56) and with the standards set forth in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) and its amendments.

(b) The Successful Offeror shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:

(i) All employees on the work site and all other persons who may be affected thereby.

(ii) The work and all materials and equipment incorporated therein.

(iii) Other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of the work.

(c) Occupational Health and Safety - In compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes, any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this Bid must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which may be obtained from the manufacturer. The MSDS must include the following information:

(i) The chemical name and the common name of the toxic substance.

(ii) The hazards or other risks in the use of the toxic substance, including:

(1) The potential for fire, explosion, corrosivity and reactivity;

(2) The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the toxic substance; and

(3) The primary routes of entry and symptoms of overexposure.

(i) The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protection equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the toxic substances, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of exposure.

(ii) The emergency procedure for spills, fire, disposal and first aid.

(iii) A description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the toxic substance intended to alert any person reading this information.

(iv) The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information

13. Taxes

The Offeror shall include in its bid price and pay all State and local sales consumer and use taxes.

14. Waiver of Ownership Proposals

The Bidder's response to this ITB becomes the property of the City. All documents, including but not limited to, detailed reports, studies, plans, drawings, photographs, specifications, and all other data furnished by the Bidder in response to this ITB shall become the property of the City.

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SECTION V - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Bidder's response shall include evidence of insurability meeting the insurance requirements stated herein. The Successful Bidder shall not commence the Work or otherwise perform the Work as required by the resulting contract until the requirements stated herein are met and the Certificate(s) of Insurance are approved by the City. The Successful Bidder shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance.

1. General

- a. Successful Bidder shall furnish to the Procurement and Contract Administration Division a Certificate of Insurance or endorsements evidencing the insurance coverage specified herein within fifteen (15) calendar days after notification of award of the contract. The required Certificates of Insurance shall name the types of policies provided, refer specifically to the contract (Solicitation Title and Number), and state that such insurance is as required by this contract. successful Bidder's failure to provide to City the Certificates of Insurance or endorsements evidencing the insurance coverage within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification of award shall provide the basis for the termination of the contract.
- b. Such policy or policies shall be issued by approved companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida. successful Bidder shall pay all deductible amounts, if any. successful Bidder shall specifically protect City by naming the City and its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents as additional insured under all required liability policies except for Workers Compensation and secure waivers of subrogation, in favor of the City of Deerfield Beach, on all liability and workers' compensation policies.
- c. Coverage is not to cease and is to remain in force (subject to cancellation notice) until all performance required of successful Bidder is complete including all renewal terms. All policies must be endorsed to provide City with at least thirty (30) days' notice of expiration, cancellation and/or restriction. If any of the insurance coverages will expire prior to the completion of the Work, copies of renewal policies shall be furnished at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.
- d. City reserves the right to review and revise any insurance requirements at the time of renewal or amendment of this contract, including, but not limited to, deductibles, limits, coverage, and endorsements based on insurance market conditions affecting the availability or affordability of coverage, or changes in the scope of work or specifications that affect the applicability of coverage. If successful Bidder uses a subcontractor, successful Bidder shall ensure that subcontractor names City and the Deerfield Beach City Commission as additional insured under the Commercial Liability Policy as well as on any Excess Liability Policy coverage.

2. Coverages

Successful Bidder shall, at a minimum, provide, pay for, and maintain in force at all times during the term of this contract the following insurance as indicated with X's:

- Commercial Liability Insurance** - A Commercial Liability Insurance Policy shall be provided which shall contain limits of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for bodily injury liability, personal injury liability and property damage liability on a per project basis, and shall contain limits of no less than a Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate.

Coverage must be afforded on a form no more restrictive than CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01 Commercial Liability Policy, without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office and must include: premises and operations, independent successful Bidders, products and/or completed operations for contracts, broad form contractual coverage applicable to this specific contract including any hold harmless and/or indemnification contract, personal injury coverage with employee and contractual exclusions removed and policy limits shall be applied on a primary and non-contributory basis.

- Business Automobile Liability** - Business Automobile Liability shall be provided with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence or combined single limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. Coverage must be afforded on a form no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Business Automobile Liability policy, without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must at a minimum include liability coverage symbols: 2 (owned vehicles), 8 (hired vehicles) and 9 (non-owned vehicles).

- Workers Compensation Insurance** - Workers' Compensation insurance to apply for all employees in compliance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, the "Workers' Compensation Law" of the State of Florida, and all applicable Federal laws. In addition, the policy(ies) must include employers' liability with a limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each accident, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) aggregate limit by disease and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each employee by disease. Additionally, if there will be operations undertaken on or about navigable waters, a coverage endorsement must be included for the U.S. Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act and Jones Act. If exempt for Worker's Compensation, proper documentation shall be provided.

- Pollution Liability Insurance** - Pollution Liability Insurance for bodily injury, property damage, clean-up costs or corrective action and defense coverage with a limit of no less than \$10,000,000 each incident and a general aggregate limit of no less than \$10,000,000. This insurance shall include coverage for, but not be limited to; sudden and accidental discharges; dispersal; seepage; release or escape of any solid, liquid gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including but not limited to smoke, vapors, soot, fumes, acids,

alkalis, toxic chemicals, medical waste and waste material into or upon land or any structure on land, the atmosphere or any watercourse or body of water, including groundwater.

Other

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SECTION VI - SPECIFICATIONS

1. Inventory

The City of Deerfield Beach is actively seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide Sulfuric Acid 93% (H₂SO₄) in bulk, delivered on an as-needed basis to the Water Treatment Plant Operations, 290 Goolsby Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 and other participating SE Florida Governmental Purchasing Cooperative Group agencies as stated in this ITB. The City of Deerfield Beach is acting as the lead agency for the Cooperative as stated in this ITB. The City of Deerfield Beach is acting as the lead agency for the Cooperative Group for this bid. This will be a term contract.

2. Specifications

(a) Sulfuric Acid will (H₂SO₄) will be used by the City's Water Treatment Plant to produce drinking water, and all products bid must be authorized for such use by the City.

(b) This product is for use in the Water Treatment Plant's (membrane filtration system).

(c) Technical Grade: 93.19% minimum 66-degree Baume.

(d) Total iron content shall not exceed twenty-five parts per million (25ppm)

3. Certification and Testing

(a) The Sulfuric Acid supplied shall be listed by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) as being in full compliance with NSF/ANSI Standard 60 for Drinking Water Treatment Chemicals – Health Effects. The Contractor shall submit with their Response Attachments proof of certification that the product offered conforms to NSF/ANSI Standard 60.

(b) The City reserves the right during the contract period to determine by independent test if the product supplied by the Successful Offeror meets the specifications herein. If test meets the specifications, then cost of the test shall be paid for by the City. If the test does not meet the specifications, then cost of the test shall be paid for by the Successful Offeror. In addition, the facilities of the Florida State Department of Agriculture testing laboratories may be used for any referee testing.

(c) Offerors shall submit with their Response Attachments certified laboratory tests within the past six (6) months to substantiate minimum and average figures, along with a typical analysis of the Sulfuric Acid 93% product offered listing all impurities, detailed technical product specifications with applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), and proof that the product bid has been approved by applicable Federal agencies for use in drinking water. Reference Exhibit A – Material Data Sheet (MSDS) for the current product used by the City.

4. Standardization / Variances

The City intends to purchase a product as specified and contained herein. In no way does the City of Deerfield Beach intend to limit competition to one bidder. State any and all variances clearly in writing. Wherever in these contract documents a particular brand, make of material, manufactured article, device or equipment is shown or specified, such brand, make of material, manufactured article, device or equipment should be regarded as the standard.

5. Delivery

(a) The Contractor shall be notified by email, telephone, or facsimile for requested deliveries and shall make deliveries within seventy-two (72) hours of the request or as otherwise specified by the Bidder on the Bid Schedule. Deliveries shall be made in 25-ton increments. All deliveries shall be made on weekdays, excluding holidays observed by the City, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The City of Deerfield Beach reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event the delay in delivery is deemed unacceptable.

(b) The Contractor shall ensure that the product is delivered in clean containers/tanks and is free of contamination. If the stock is contaminated, the Contractor shall be liable for all cost associated with disposal of contaminated material, cleanup of storage facilities and full replacement of product at the Contractor's expense. The city reserves the right to reject any delivery that has been contaminated or does not conform to product specifications.

(c) The transfer of product from the delivery to the City's storage tanks shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for all health, safety, and costs associated with the transport and delivery of the product, to include but not limited to chemical spills and related cleanups.

(d) The fill lines to the City's storage tanks are equipped with a 2-inch, male, quick-connect coupling. In order to protect the acid tank fill line, transfer of acid must be performed at low pressure (25-30 psi).

6. Substitutions

(a) The City shall not accept substitute shipments of any kind. Contractor shall furnish the product specified in the bid once awarded. Any substitution of material will require prior written approval by the City of Deerfield Beach. Any substitute shipments that have not received the prior written approval of the City shall not be accepted and shall be returned at the expense of the Contractor.

(b) If a bid item is discontinued by the manufacturer during the period of award and the bid item is not available from within the vendors or manufacturers inventory, then the vendor shall advise the Purchasing Departments of all agencies, in writing, of non-availability of the bid item and shall include complete descriptive, technical literature on

the item offered to replace the discontinued bid item and, upon written approval, shall furnish the replacement item at the same firm price offered for the original bid item or at a lower price during the remainder of the period of award. Samples of replacement items, if requested, must be supplied for evaluation by the appropriate City staff. The City of Deerfield Beach shall not be held liable for any damages incurred to equipment during evaluation.

7. Samples and Demonstrations

When requested, samples are to be furnished free of charge to the City. If a sample is requested, it must be delivered within seven (7) days of the request, unless otherwise stated in the bid. Each sample must be marked with the Offeror's name and manufacturer's brand name. The City will not be responsible for returning samples. The city may request a full demonstration of any product or service before the award of a contract. All demonstrations shall be done at the expense of the Offeror.

8. Reporting Requirements

The Contractor(s) shall furnish to the City of Deerfield Beach, acting as lead agency for the Cooperative Group agencies, a detailed Summary of Sales report on a semi-annually basis during the contract period. The Summary of Sales report shall include the following information:

- Contractor's name
- Contact name and
- Tonnage for each participating Cooperative Group agency
- Total dollar sales volume for each participating Cooperative Group agency

The report may be provided in greater detail, but no less than the requirement stated herein.

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