



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

#55-23

Consulting Services – Osceola Avenue Corridor Improvement Project

August 11, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received by the City of Clearwater (City) until **10:00 AM, Local Time, September 12, 2023**, to provide **Consulting Services for Osceola Avenue Corridor Improvement Project (22-0017-EN)**.

Brief Description: The City of Clearwater (City) is soliciting responses from qualified multidisciplinary design firms to provide assessment, design, bidding assistance, project administration, construction engineering inspection (CEI) assistance and other landscape architecture, urban design and engineering-related services required for the development of a downtown streetscape for the Osceola Avenue Corridor Improvement Project.

Responses must be in accordance with the provisions, specifications and instructions set forth herein and will be received by the Procurement Division until the above noted time, when they will be publicly acknowledged and accepted.

This Request for Qualifications, any attachments and addenda are available for download at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp>

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit the response in accordance with the instructions. This document (less this invitation and the instructions) and any required documents, attachments, and submissions will constitute the response.

General, Process, or Technical Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed, IN WRITING, to the Procurement Manager.

This Request for Qualifications is issued by:

Lori Vogel, CPPB
Procurement Manager
lori.vogel@myclearwater.com

Procurement Division
100 S Myrtle Ave
Clearwater FL 33756-5520
PO Box 4748, 33578-4748
727-562-4630 Tel

INSTRUCTIONS

- i.1 **VENDOR QUESTIONS:** All questions regarding the contents of this solicitation, and solicitation process (including requests for ADA accommodations), shall be directed solely to the Contact listed on Page One (1). Questions should be submitted in writing via letter, fax or email. Questions received less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the due date and time may be answered at the discretion of the City.
- i.2 **ADDENDA/CLARIFICATIONS:** Any changes to the specifications will be in the form of an addendum. Addenda are posted on the City website no less than seven (7) days prior to the Due Date. **Vendors are cautioned to check the Purchasing Website for addenda and clarifications prior to submitting their response.** The City cannot be held responsible if a vendor fails to receive any addenda issued. The City shall not be responsible for any oral changes to these specifications made by any employees or officer of the City. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may result in disqualification of a response.
- i.3 **DUE DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION AND OPENING:**
Date: September 12, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM (Local Time)

The City will open all responses properly and timely submitted and will record the names and other information specified by law and rule. All responses become the property of the City and will not be returned except in the case of a late submission. Respondent names, as read at the opening, will be posted on the City website. Once a notice of intent to award is posted or 30 days from day of opening elapses, whichever occurs earlier, responses are available for inspection by contacting the Procurement Division.
- i.4 **SUBMIT RESPONSES TO:** It is recommended that responses are submitted electronically through our bids website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp>

Respondents may mail or hand-deliver responses to the address below. E-mail or fax submissions will not be accepted. Use label at the end of this solicitation package

City of Clearwater
Attn: Procurement Division
100 S Myrtle Ave, 3rd Fl, Clearwater FL 33756-5520
or
PO Box 4748, Clearwater FL 33758-4748

Responses will be received at this address. Respondents may mail or hand-deliver proposals; e-mail or fax submissions will not be accepted.

No responsibility will attach to the City of Clearwater, its employees or agents for premature opening of a response that is not properly addressed and identified.
- i.5 **LATE RESPONSES.** The respondent assumes responsibility for having the response delivered on time at the place specified. All responses received after the date and time specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened to the respondent. The respondent assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in handling of the mail by employees of the City of Clearwater, or any private courier, regardless whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery. It shall not be sufficient to show that you mailed or commenced delivery before the due date and time. All times are Clearwater, Florida local times. The respondent agrees to accept the time stamp in the City's Procurement Division as the official time.
- i.6 **LOBBYING; LOBBYING NO-CONTACT PERIOD; QUESTIONS REGARDING SOLICITATION.**
From the time a competitive solicitation is posted until such time as the contract is awarded by the city or the solicitation is cancelled, all bidders, offerors, respondents, including their employees, representatives, and other individuals acting on their behalf, shall be prohibited from lobbying city officers, city employees, and evaluation committee members.

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Violation of this section may result in rejection/disqualification from award of the contract arising out of the competitive solicitation.

All questions regarding the competitive solicitation must be directed to the procurement manager or designee, who will respond in writing and post such response to ensure that all respondents receive the same information during the No-Contact Period.

The penalty for violating the No-Contact Period may include suspension or debarment

- i.7 **RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND.** Failure to read, examine and understand the solicitation will not excuse any failure to comply with the requirements of the solicitation or any resulting contract, nor shall such failure be a basis for claiming additional compensation. If a vendor suspects an error, omission or discrepancy in this solicitation, the vendor must immediately and in any case not later than seven (7) business days in advance of the due date notify the contact on page One (1). The City is not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of the response. Respondents are cautioned to verify their responses before submission, as amendments to or withdrawal of responses submitted after time specified for opening of responses may not be considered. The City will not be responsible for any respondent errors or omissions.
- i.8 **FORM AND CONTENT OF RESPONSES.** Unless otherwise instructed or allowed, responses shall be submitted on the forms provided. An original and the designated number of copies of each response are required. Responses, including modifications, must be submitted in ink, typed, or printed form and signed by an authorized representative. Please line through and initial rather than erase changes. If the response is not properly signed or if any changes are not initialed, it may be considered non-responsive. The City may require that an electronic copy of the response be submitted. The response must provide all information requested and must address all points. The City does not encourage exceptions. The City is not required to grant exceptions and depending on the exception, the City may reject the response.
- i.9 **DEBARMENT DISCLOSURE.** If the respondent has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a (sub)contractor with any federal, state, or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the respondent shall include a letter with its response identifying the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above must be provided. A response from a respondent who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity may be rejected.
- i.10 **RESERVATIONS.** The City reserves the right to reject any or all responses or any part thereof; to reissue the solicitation; to reject non-responsive or non-responsible responses; to reject unbalanced responses; to reject responses where the terms and/or awards are conditioned upon another event; to reject individual responses for failure to meet any requirement; to award by part or portion, or total; to make multiple awards; to waive minor irregularities, defects, omissions, technicalities or form errors in any response. The City may seek clarification of the response from respondent at any time, and failure to respond is cause for rejection. Submission of a response confers on respondent no right to an award or to a subsequent contract. The City is responsible to make an award that is in the best interest of the City. All decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions shall be made solely at the City's discretion and made to favor the City. No binding contract will exist between the respondent and the City until the City executes a written contract or purchase order.
- i.11 **OFFICIAL SOLICITATION DOCUMENT.** Changes to the solicitation document made by a respondent may not be acknowledged or accepted by the City. Award or execution of a contract does not constitute acceptance of a changed term, condition or specification unless specifically acknowledged and agreed to by the City. The copy maintained and published by the City shall be

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the official solicitation document.

- i.12 **ETHICS.** It is the intention of the City to promote courtesy, fairness, impartiality, integrity, service, professionalism, economy, and government by law in the Procurement process. The responsibility for implementing this policy rests with each individual who participates in the procurement process, including respondents and contractors.

To achieve the purpose of this Article, it is essential that respondents and contractors doing business with the City also observe the ethical standards prescribed herein. It shall be a breach of ethical standards to:

- a. Exert any effort to influence any City employee or agent to breach the standards of ethical conduct.
 - b. Intentionally invoice any amount greater than provided in Contract or to invoice for Materials or Services not provided.
 - c. Intentionally offer or provide sub-standard Materials or Services or to intentionally not comply with any term, condition, specification or other requirement of a City Contract.
- i.13 **GIFTS.** The City will accept no gifts, gratuities or advertising products from respondents or prospective respondents and affiliates.
- i.14 **RIGHT TO PROTEST.** Pursuant to Section 2.562(3), Clearwater Code of Ordinances, a bidder who submitted a response to a competitive solicitation and was not selected may appeal the decision through the bid protest procedures, a copy of which shall be available in the Procurement Division. A protesting bidder must include a fee of one percent of the amount of the bid or proposed contract to offset the City's additional expenses related to the protest. This fee shall not exceed \$5,000.00 nor be less than \$50.00. Full refund will be provided should the protest be upheld. No partial refunds will be made.

ADDRESS PROTESTS TO:

City of Clearwater - Procurement Division

100 So Myrtle Ave, 3rd Fl

Clearwater FL 33756-5520

or

PO Box 4748

Clearwater FL 33758-4748

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- i.15 **EVALUATION PROCESS.** Responses will be reviewed by a screening committee comprised of City employees and/or authorized agents. The City staff may or may not initiate discussions with respondents for clarification purposes. Clarification is not an opportunity to change the response. Respondents shall not initiate discussions with any City employee or official.

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

- i.16 **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION AND AWARD.** The City evaluates three (3) categories of information: responsiveness, responsibility, and the technical response. All responses must meet the following responsiveness and responsibility criteria.

- a) **Responsiveness.** The City will determine whether the response complies with the instructions for submitting responses including completeness of response which encompasses the inclusion of all required attachments and submissions. The City must reject any responses that are submitted late. Failure to meet other requirements may result in rejection.
- b) **Responsibility.** The City will determine whether the respondent is one with whom it can or should do business. Factors that the City may evaluate to determine "responsibility" include, but are not limited to: past performance, references (including those found outside the response), compliance with applicable laws, respondent's record of performance and integrity- e.g. has the respondent been delinquent or unfaithful to any contract with the City, whether the respondent is qualified legally to contract with the City, financial stability and the perceived ability to perform completely as specified. A respondent must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the City, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. City staff may also use Dun & Bradstreet and/or any generally available industry information. The City reserves the right to inspect and review respondent's facilities, equipment and personnel and those of any identified subcontractors. The City will determine whether any failure to supply information, or the quality of the information, will result in rejection.
- c) **Technical Response.** The City will determine how well responses meet its requirements in terms of the response to the solicitation and how well the offer addresses the needs of the project. The City will rank offers using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation.

The criteria that will be evaluated and their relative weights are:

Evaluation Criteria (<i>Response Format, pgs. 11-12</i>)	Points
Professional Qualifications (<i>Tab 2</i>)	25
Relevant Project Experience (<i>Tab 3</i>)	25
Technical Approach (<i>Tab 4</i>)	25
Project Methodology and Schedule (<i>Tab 5</i>)	25

- i.17 **SHORT-LISTING.** The City at its sole discretion may create a short-list of the highest ranked proposals based on a preliminary evaluation against the evaluation criteria. Only those short-listed proposers would be invited to give presentations and/or interviews. The City will finalize ranking of the firms upon conclusion of presentations/interviews.
- i.18 **PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS.** If requested, the respondent must provide a formal presentation and/or interview. The location for these presentations and/or interviews will be determined by the City and may be held virtually.
- i.19 **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE.** Respondent must be prepared for the City to accept the response as submitted. If respondent fails to sign all documents necessary to

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successfully execute the final contract within a reasonable time as specified, or negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, the City may reject response or revoke the award, and may begin negotiations with another Respondent. Final contract terms must be approved or signed by the appropriately authorized City official(s). No binding contract will exist between the respondent and the City until the City executes a written contract or purchase order.

i.20 **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD.** Notices of the City's intent to award a Contract are posted to Purchasing's website. **It is the respondent's responsibility to check the City of Clearwater's Purchasing website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp> to view the Procurement Division's Intent to Award postings.**

i.21 **RFQ TIMELINE.** All dates are tentative and subject to change.

Release RFQ: 08/11/2023

Advertise Tampa Bay Times: 08/16/2023

Responses due: 09/12/2023

Review responses/presentations: 09/12/2023-09/26/2023

Award recommendation: 09/26/2023

Council authorization: November 2023

Contract begins: November 2023

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PROJECT MISSION.** The project mission is to provide cost effective municipal services and infrastructure, facilitate development of the economy and support a high quality of life and experience for Clearwater residents and visitors. The city is seeking an engineering consultant who shares the same vision as it relates to the Osceola Avenue Corridor Improvement Project.
2. **INTRODUCTION.** The City is seeking an engineering consulting firm for assessment, design, bidding assistance, project administration, planning, assistance with CEI services, construction management and other engineering-related services required for the Osceola Avenue Corridor Improvement Project.

The project will be all-inclusive meaning that all stormwater conveyances and structures, utility infrastructure (above and below-surface), streets, sidewalks, and landscaping within the public right-of-way shall be assessed for re-design, repair and/or replacement. Surface level improvements will focus on improving the pedestrian experience on Osceola Avenue.

3. **BACKGROUND.** The City of Clearwater has recently engaged in many projects and initiatives with the goals of revitalizing our Downtown area and encouraging economic development. With the re-opening of a completely rebuilt Coachman Park in June 2023, Osceola Avenue will be supporting an increased amount of pedestrian and vehicular traffic associated with normal park operations as well as large events and concerts occurring weekly in the park. Osceola Avenue is classified as a local street that runs from Jones Street (north) to Court Street (south) through Downtown Clearwater. The project area will only include the segment beginning at Court Street and extending north to Drew Street. The block between Drew Street and Jones Street is not included in the scope. The street is comprised of one travel lane in each direction, north and south, with certain sections having parallel parking and center turn lanes.

Major surface components of the existing right-of-way include existing pavement, sidewalks with minimal landscaping, striped medians and signalized intersections with pedestrian crosswalks. Major subgrade components include utility infrastructure such as stormwater conveyances, potable water, sanitary sewer, reclaimed water, natural gas, a chilled water line belonging to Pinellas County, and fiber optic lines/structures.

In addition, private infrastructure, such as power and communication utilities exist within the Osceola Avenue corridor right-of-way. It shall be the responsibility of the selected firm to field verify all utilities prior to design and construction. It is important to note that the intersecting utilities shall remain in service throughout the duration of the project.

The subsurface portion of the project will include the addition of new reclaimed water services in the corridor, consolidating the two existing water mains into one, new storm sewer, and evaluating the sanitary sewer line for either replacement or relining. The above-surface portion of the project includes improving the pedestrian experience, increasing landscaping, and creating connectivity between Coachman Park, the right-of-way corridor, and two adjacent bluff properties overlooking Coachman Park that will soon be extensively redeveloped with mixed-use commercial, restaurant, residential, and boutique hotel amenities. This project will also need to develop cohesion with a new City parking garage on Osceola Avenue to be completed by Spring 2025, and a nearby City corridor improvement project on Fort Harrison Avenue.

The following information is included with this solicitation to aid in preparing responses.

- i. Exhibit A – Project Location Map
- ii. Exhibit B – Sample Professional Service Agreement

4. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The project will consist of modifying Osceola Avenue to improve the pedestrian experience while maintaining functionality for public and emergency services access to major events held in Coachman Park, which can accommodate up to nine thousand ticketed event guests in addition to thousands more in the unticketed park space. Major infrastructure design as

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described above, with the addition of new reclaimed water lines, will be included. All design work must adhere to the City's Greenprint 2.0 Initiatives and provide opportunities for increased resiliency with the City's infrastructure. The streetscape design should create a pedestrian friendly corridor that is complimentary to active ground floor commercial uses and a dense urban development pattern. The selected firm is expected to provide all project related engineering and consulting services for project completion. This includes but is not limited to the preparation of various concept renderings, complete and comprehensive phased design drawings, specifications, colorized renderings, construction documents, analysis and preparation of project cost estimates, creation and organization of project presentations, coordination and attendance of all project meetings (including Neighborhood and City Council meetings) and direction and utilization of public engagement efforts. The project shall include urban design characteristics appropriate for this central business district corridor.

5. **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS.** Qualified firms must demonstrate competence in areas of civil engineering including but not limited to related fields such as roadway design, stormwater design, utility design, surveying and mapping, landscape architecture, environmental engineering, construction management, and inspection for similar municipal projects. Qualified firms shall have significant experience in urban design, stormwater and utility design within high traffic municipal corridors. Firms shall also have experience designing such systems to maintain service throughout construction with minimal disruption to the adjacent users using principles of Low Impact Design.
6. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** The Consultant shall, at its own cost and expense, acquire and maintain (and cause any subcontractors, representatives or agents to acquire and maintain) during the term with the City, sufficient insurance to adequately protect the respective interest of the parties. Coverage shall be obtained with a carrier having an AM Best Rating of A-VII or better. In addition, the City has the right to review the Contractor's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.

Specifically the Contractor must carry the following minimum types and amounts of insurance on an occurrence basis or in the case of coverage that cannot be obtained on an occurrence basis, then coverage can be obtained on a claims-made basis with a minimum three (3) year tail following the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Specific work may require additional coverage on a case by case basis:

- a. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** coverage, including but not limited to, premises operations, products/completed operations, products liability, contractual liability, advertising injury, personal injury, death, and property damage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per occurrence and \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) general aggregate.
- b. **Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance** coverage for any owned, non-owned, hired or borrowed automobile is required in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) combined single limit.
- c. Unless waived by the State of Florida and proof of waiver is provided to the City, statutory **Workers' Compensation Insurance** coverage in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and **Employer's Liability Insurance** in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) each employee each accident, \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) each employee by disease, and \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) disease policy limit. Coverage should include Voluntary Compensation, Jones Act, and U.S. Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Act coverage where applicable. Coverage must be applicable to employees, contractors, subcontractors, and volunteers, if any.
- d. **Professional Liability Insurance** coverage appropriate for the type of business engaged in by the Contractor with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per occurrence. If a claims made form of coverage is provided, the retroactive date of coverage shall be no later than the inception date of claims made coverage, unless prior policy was extended indefinitely

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to cover prior acts. Coverage shall be extended beyond the policy year either by a supplemental extended reporting period (ERP) of as great a duration as available, and with no less coverage and with reinstated aggregate limits, or by requiring that any new policy provide a retroactive date no later than the inception date of claims made coverage.

The above insurance limits may be achieved by a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

- a. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this Agreement remains in effect, the Contractor will furnish the City with a Certificate of Insurance(s) (using appropriate ACORD certificate, SIGNED by the Issuer, and with applicable endorsements) evidencing all of the coverage set forth above and naming the City as an "Additional Insured." In addition when requested in writing from the City, Contractor will provide the City with certified copies of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows:

**City of Clearwater
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P.O. Box 4748
Clearwater, FL 33758-4748**

- b. Contractor shall provide thirty (30) days written notice of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change or reduction in coverage.
- c. Contractor's insurance as outlined above shall be primary and non-contributory coverage for Contractor's negligence.
- d. Contractor reserves the right to appoint legal counsel to provide for the Contractor's defense, for any and all claims that may arise related to Agreement, work performed under this Agreement, or to Contractor's design, equipment, or service. Contractor agrees that the City shall not be liable to reimburse Contractor for any legal fees or costs as a result of Contractor providing its defense as contemplated herein.

The stipulated limits of coverage above shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the City, and failure to request evidence of this insurance shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified.

MILESTONES

1. **ANTICIPATED BEGINNING AND END DATE OF INITIAL TERM.** November 2023 through January 2027.

If the commencement of performance is delayed because the City does not execute the contract on the start date, the City may adjust the start date, end date and milestones to reflect the delayed execution.

2. **EXTENSION.** The City reserves the right to extend the term of this contract, provided however, that the City shall give written notice of its intentions to extend this contract no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the contract.

RESPONSE FORMAT

1. **RESPONSE SUBMISSION.** It is recommended that responses are submitted electronically through our bids website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp>.

For responses mailed and/or hand-delivered, firm must submit one (1) signed original (identified as ORIGINAL) response, three (3) copies of the response and one (1) copy in an electronic format, on a disc or thumb drive, in a sealed container using the label provided at the end of this solicitation. If submitting electronically, hard copies are not required.

2. **RESPONSE FORMAT** - Qualifications shall be submitted in bound volumes on standard 8½" x 11" paper. A single 8½" x 11" sheet printed on both sides is two (2) pages. All information must be assembled and indexed in the order indicated below. The page count shall not exceed twenty-six (26) total pages, including typed text, graphics, charts and photographs. The total page count does not include documents submitted for Tabs 6 and 7, the tabbed separator pages, cover page, and back page.

NOTE: Every response received by the City will be considered a public record pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Any response marked confidential may be deemed non-responsive to this RFQ.

TAB 1 – Letter of Interest (two [2] pages). A letter of interest detailing qualifications, related experience, ability to perform the work and to meet the above referenced selection criteria. Name, address, contact person and phone number shall be provided.

TAB 2 – Professional Qualifications (25 points; six [6] pages). Describe the firm's professional background. At a minimum include the following:

- a. Affirmative statement indicating the firm and all key personnel (where applicable) are legally able to perform work in Florida. *Note: At least one (1) key staff member must possess a Florida Professional Engineering License.*
- b. Organizational chart and descriptions of the functions, qualifications and relevant project experience of key staff members who will work on this project (any changes in key personnel after the contract award must be approved by the City). *Include the expected involvement for each key staff member.*
- c. Summary of the knowledge of local conditions and local codes/ordinances.

TAB 3 – Relevant Project Experience (25 points; six [6] pages). Describe the firm's professional experience with three (3) similar projects, preferably within the last 10 years, for which the firm has provided services relative to the Scope of Services for this project. Experience with municipal corridors, urban design and utility replacement/relocation is preferred. At a minimum include the following:

- a. Detailed description of each project.
- b. List of current key staff members that worked on each project.
- c. Client references for the three (3) selected projects including contact name, mailing address, email address, and phone number.

TAB 4 – Technical Approach (25 points; six [6] pages). Provide a description of the firm's technical abilities relevant to the Scope of Services. At a minimum include the following:

- a. Description of the ability to create, transfer and share technical data.
- b. List of technical hardware, equipment and software programs required for 2D and 3D drawings, professional plots, photographic & video displays, and presentations. Include all licenses for specialized software.
- c. Provide innovative methodologies used in data collection, design, and presentation. *E.g., capturing existing 3d terrain using drone data collection. E.g., presentations using 3d model printing.* Explain how these technologies can be used for this project.
- d. Explain how your firm maintains quality and cost control during design and construction phases.

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TAB 5 – Project Methodology and Schedule (25 points; six [6] pages). Demonstrate an understanding of specific project goals that meets the needs of the city. This may include the following:

- a. Specific needs for infrastructure repair, removal and/or replacement.
- b. Ideology of complete streets as it has been identified within this document.
- c. Detailed work phase/task plan, including a tentative schedule of completion How maintain schedule control during design and construction phases.
- d. Understanding of Greenprint 2.0 and Clearwater Downtown District & Development Standards.

TAB 6 – Litigation. *NOTE: this is not considered Confidential or Proprietary information – any response indicating such may be deemed non-responsive to the RFQ.*

- a. Provide a complete listing of any convictions or fines incurred by the respondent firm or any of its principals for violations of any state or federal law within the past three (3) years. Identify firm's executives who have current claims or who have participated in litigation against the City of Clearwater while with another firm. Executives of firms currently under litigation with the City may not be considered for this project.
- b. Provide a complete listing of all litigation involving a construction project or contract (excluding personal injury and workers' compensation) whether currently pending or concluded within the past three (3) years in which the respondent firm was a named party.
- c. Provide a complete listing of all administrative proceedings involving a construction project or contract, whether currently pending or concluded within the past three (3) years, in which the respondent firm was a named party. (NOTE: Administrative Proceedings shall include: (i) any action taken or proceeding brought by a governmental agency, department, or officer to enforce any law, regulation, code, legal, or contractual requirement, except for those brought in state or federal courts; (ii) any action taken by a governmental agency, department, or officer imposing penalties, fines, or other sanctions for failure to comply with any such legal or contractual requirement, or (iii) any other matter before an administrative body.)
- d. Provide a complete listing of all arbitrations involving a construction project or contract, whether currently pending or concluded in the past three (3) years, in which the respondent firm was a named party.

TAB 7 - Other Forms. The following forms should be completed and signed:

- a. Exceptions, Additional Materials, Addenda form
- b. Company Information form
- c. Response Certification form
- d. Exhibit C_Forms
- e. Copy of the firm's current Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation's License
- f. If the firm is a corporation, a copy of the current Florida Corporation Registration
- g. W-9 Form. All responses should include a fully completed, most current W-9 form. Failure to include the W-9 will not disqualify your bid. (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)

EXCEPTIONS/ADDITIONAL MATERIALS/ADDENDA

Respondents shall indicate any and all exceptions taken to the provisions or requirements in this solicitation document. Exceptions that surface elsewhere and that do not also appear under this section shall be considered invalid and void and of no contractual significance.

Exceptions (mark one):

****Special Note – Any material exceptions taken to the City’s Terms and Conditions may render a Response non-responsive.**

_____ No exceptions

_____ Exceptions taken (describe--attach additional pages if needed)

Additional Materials submitted (mark one):

_____ No additional materials have been included with this response

_____ Additional Materials attached (describe--attach additional pages if needed)

Addenda

Respondents are responsible for verifying receipt of any addenda issued by checking the City’s website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp> prior to the bid opening. Failure to acknowledge any addenda issued may render a Bid Non-responsive.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda (initial for each addenda received, if applicable):

Addenda Number	Initial to acknowledge receipt

Vendor Name _____ **Date** _____

COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Legal/Corporate Name: _____

Doing Business As (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Website: _____

DUNS # _____

Remit to Address (if different than above):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Order from Address (if different from above):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact for Questions about this response:

Name: _____

Fax: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Day-to-Day Project Contact (if awarded):

Name: _____

Fax: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

_____ Certified Small Business

Certifying Agency: _____

_____ Certified Minority, Woman or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Certifying Agency: _____

Provide supporting documentation for your certification, if applicable.

RESPONSE CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this Bid/Proposal/Qualification/Response, the Vendor certifies that:

- a) It is under no legal prohibition on contracting with the City of Clearwater.
- b) It has read, understands, and is in compliance with the specifications, terms and conditions stated herein, as well as its attachments, and any referenced documents.
- c) It has no known, undisclosed conflicts of interest.
- d) The prices offered were independently developed without consultation or collusion with any of the other vendors or potential vendors or any other anti-competitive practices.
- e) No offer of gifts, payments or other consideration were made to any City employee, officer, elected official, or consultant who has or may have had a role in the procurement process for the commodities or services covered by this contract. The Vendor has not influenced or attempted to influence any City employee, officer, elected official, or consultant in connection with the award of this contract.
- f) It understands the City may copy all parts of this response, including without limitation any documents or materials copyrighted by the Vendor, for internal use in evaluating respondent's offer, or in response to a public records request under Florida's public records law (F.S. Chapter 119) or other applicable law, subpoena, or other judicial process; provided that the City agrees not to change or delete any copyright or proprietary notices.
- g) It hereby warrants to the City that the Vendor and its subcontractors will comply with, and are contractually obligated to comply with, all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders.
- h) It certifies that Vendor is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded, or disqualified from participation in this matter from any federal, state, or local agency.
- i) It will provide the commodities or services specified in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders if awarded by the City.
- j) It is current in all obligations due to the City.
- k) It will accept all terms and conditions as set forth in this solicitation if awarded by the City.
- l) The signatory is an officer or duly authorized representative of the Vendor with full power and authority to submit binding offers and enter into contracts for the commodities or services as specified herein.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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