



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #15-17 Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Services

May 4, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received by the City of Clearwater (City) until **10:00 AM, Local Time, June 1, 2017** to provide **Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Services**.

Brief Description: The City of Clearwater seeks proposals from qualified firms to perform debris removal and disposal in the event of a major disaster event. The selected Contractor must provide required services in accordance with applicable regulations, including but not limited to: the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Department of Health (FDH), Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

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

Proposal packets, any attachments and addenda are available for download at:

<https://www.myclearwater.com/bid>

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

General, Process or Technical Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed, IN WRITING, to the following Sr. Procurement Analyst:

Lori Vogel
Sr. Procurement Analyst
lori.vogel@myclearwater.com

This Request for Proposals is issued by:

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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 Purchasing Manager listed on Page 1. Questions should be submitted in writing via letter, fax or email. Questions received less than seven (7) 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 and mailed to those who register on the City website when downloading solicitations 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 proposal.** 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 proposal.

i.3 **VENDOR CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:** ☐ Yes ☒ No
Mandatory Attendance: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so designated above, attendance is mandatory as a condition of submitting a proposal. The conference/site visit provides interested parties an opportunity to discuss the City's needs, inspect the site and ask questions. During any site visit you must fully acquaint yourself with the conditions as they exist and the character of the operations to be conducted under the resulting contract.

i.4 **DUE DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION AND OPENING:**

Date: June 1, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM (Local Time)

The City will open all proposals properly and timely submitted, and will record the names and other information specified by law and rule. All proposals 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 bid 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, proposals are available for inspection by contacting Purchasing.

i.5 **PROPOSAL FIRM TIME:** 120 Days from Opening

Proposal shall remain firm and unaltered after opening for the number of days shown above. The City may accept the proposal, subject to successful contract negotiations, at any time during this time.

i.6 **PROPOSAL SECURITY:** ☒ Yes \$5,000 ☐ No

If so designated above, a proposal security in the amount specified must be submitted with the proposal. The security may be submitted in any one of the following forms: an executed surety bond issued by a firm licensed and registered to transact such business with the State of Florida; cash; certified check, or cashier's check payable to the City of Clearwater (personal or company checks are not acceptable); certificate of deposit or any other form of deposit issued by a financial institution and acceptable to the City. Such proposal security shall be forfeited to the City of Clearwater should the proposer selected fail to execute a contract when requested.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Proposers must include with their response a letter from their bonding company/surety that guarantees the firm will be able to provide a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 or 100% of the contract value, whichever is greater, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract. The bond will be requested by the City at the time a major event is anticipated – approximately four (4) to seven (7) days in advance. The security may be submitted in any one of the following forms: an executed surety bond issued by a firm licensed and registered to transact such business with the State of Florida; cash; certified check, cashier's

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check or money order payable to the City of Clearwater (personal and company checks are not acceptable); certificate of deposit or any other form of deposit issued by a financial institution and acceptable to the City. If the Contractor fails or refuses to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the contract, the City shall have the right to use all or such part of said security as may be necessary to reimburse the City for loss sustained by reason of such breach. The balance of said security, if any, will be returned to Contractor upon the expiration or termination of the contract.

- i.7 **SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:** Use label at the end of this solicitation package

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

Proposals will be received at this address. Proposers 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 proposal that is not properly addressed and identified.

- i.8 **LATE PROPOSALS.** The proposer assumes responsibility for having the proposal delivered on time at the place specified. All proposals received after the date and time specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened to the proposer. The proposer 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 proposer agrees to accept the time stamp in the City Purchasing Office as the official time.

- i.9 **LOBBYING PROHIBITION.** The purpose of this prohibition is to preserve the integrity of the procurement process. Any communication regarding this solicitation for the purpose of influencing the process or the award, between any person or affiliates seeking an award from this solicitation and the City, including but not limited to the City Council, employees, and consultants hired to assist in the solicitation, is prohibited.

This prohibition is imposed from the time of the first public notice of the solicitation until the City cancels the solicitation, rejects all responses, awards a contract or otherwise takes action which ends the solicitation process. This section shall not prohibit public comment at any City Council meeting, study session or Council committee meeting.

This prohibition shall not apply to vendor-initiated communication with the contact(s) identified in the solicitation or City-initiated communications for the purposes of conducting the procurement including but not limited to pre-bid conferences, clarification of responses, presentations if provided in the solicitation, requests for Best and Final Proposals, contract negotiations, protest/appeal resolution, or surveying non-responsive vendors.

Violations of this provision shall be reported to the Purchasing Manager. Persons violating this prohibition may be subject to a warning letter, rejection of their response depending on the nature of the violation, and/or debarment of the proposer as provided in Clearwater's Purchasing Policy and Procedures, Section 27.

- i.10 **COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.** If proposer begins any billable work prior to the City's final approval and execution of the contract, proposer does so at its own risk.

- i.11 **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

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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 proposal. Proposers are cautioned to verify their proposals before submission, as amendments to or withdrawal of proposals submitted after time specified for opening of proposals may not be considered. The City will not be responsible for any proposer errors or omissions.

- i.12 **FORM AND CONTENT OF PROPOSALS.** Unless otherwise instructed or allowed, proposals shall be submitted on the forms provided. An original and the designated number of copies of each proposal are required. Proposals, 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 proposal is not properly signed or if any changes are not initialed, it may be considered non-responsive. In the event of a disparity between the unit price and the extended price, the unit price shall prevail unless obviously in error, as determined by the City. The City may require that an electronic copy of the proposal be submitted. The proposal 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 proposal.
- i.13 **SPECIFICATIONS.** Technical specifications define the minimum acceptable standard. When the specification calls for "Brand Name or Equal," the brand name product is acceptable. Other products will be considered upon showing the other product meets stated specifications and is equivalent to the brand product in terms of quality, performance and desired characteristics.
- Minor differences that do not affect the suitability of the supply or service for the City's needs may be accepted. Burden of proof that the product meets the minimum standards or is equal to the brand name product is on the proposer. The City reserves the right to reject proposals that the City deems unacceptable.
- i.14 **MODIFICATION / WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL.** Written requests to modify or withdraw the proposal received by the City prior to the scheduled opening time will be accepted and will be corrected after opening. No oral requests will be allowed. Requests must be addressed and labeled in the same manner as the proposal and marked as a MODIFICATION or WITHDRAWAL of the proposal. Requests for withdrawal after the bid opening will only be granted upon proof of undue hardship and may result in the forfeiture of any proposal security. Any withdrawal after the bid opening shall be allowed solely at the City's discretion.
- i.15 **DEBARMENT DISCLOSURE.** If the vendor submitting a proposal has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any federal, state, or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the proposer shall include a letter with its proposal 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 proposal from a proposer who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity may be rejected.
- i.16 **RESERVATIONS.** The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any part thereof; to rebid the solicitation; to reject non-responsive or non-responsible proposals; to reject unbalanced proposals; to reject proposals where the terms, prices, and/or awards are conditioned upon another event; to reject individual proposals for failure to meet any requirement; to award by item, part or portion of an item, group of items, or total; to make multiple awards; to waive minor irregularities, defects, omissions, technicalities or form errors in any proposal. The City may seek clarification of the proposal from proposer at any time, and failure to respond is cause for rejection. Submission of a proposal confers on proposer 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

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discretion and made to favor the City. No binding contract will exist between the proposer and the City until the City executes a written contract or purchase order.

- i.17 **OFFICIAL SOLICITATION DOCUMENT.** Changes to the solicitation document made by a proposer 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 the official solicitation document.
- i.18 **COPYING OF PROPOSALS.** Proposer hereby grants the City permission to copy all parts of its proposal, including without limitation any documents and/or materials copyrighted by the proposer. The City's right to copy shall be for internal use in evaluating the proposal.
- i.19 **CONTRACTOR 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 this purpose, 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.20 **GIFTS.** The City will accept no gifts, gratuities or advertising products from proposers or prospective proposers and affiliates. The City may request product samples from vendors for product evaluation.
- i.21 **PROTESTS AND APPEALS.** If a Respondent believes there is a mistake, impropriety, or defect in the solicitation, believes the City improperly rejected its proposal, and/or believes the selected proposal is not in the City's best interests, the Respondent may submit a written protest. All protests and appeals are governed by the City of Clearwater Purchasing Policy and Procedures Section 18 ("Purchasing Policy"). If there exists any discrepancy in this Section i.21 and the Purchasing Policy, the language of the Purchasing Policy controls.

Protests based upon alleged mistake, impropriety, or defect in a solicitation that is apparent before the bid opening must be filed with the Purchasing Manager no later than five (5) business days before Bid Opening. Protests that only become apparent after the Bid Opening must be filed within the earlier of ten (10) business days of the alleged violation of the applicable purchasing ordinance. The complete protest procedure can be obtained by contacting Purchasing.

ADDRESS PROTESTS TO:

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- i.22 **EVALUATION PROCESS.** Proposals will be reviewed by a screening committee comprised of City employees. The City staff may or may not initiate discussions with proposers for clarification purposes. Clarification is not an opportunity to change the proposal. Proposers shall not initiate discussions with any City employee or official.
- i.23 **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION AND AWARD.** The City evaluates three (3) categories of information: responsiveness, responsibility, the technical proposal/price. All proposals must meet the following responsiveness and responsibility criteria.
- a) Responsiveness. The City will determine whether the proposal complies with the instructions for submitting proposals including completeness of proposal which encompasses the inclusion of all required attachments and submissions. The City must reject any proposals that are submitted late. Failure to meet other requirements may result in rejection.
 - b) Responsibility. The City will determine whether the proposer 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: excessively high or low priced proposals, past performance, references (including those found outside the proposal), compliance with applicable laws, proposer's record of performance and integrity- e.g. has the proposer been delinquent or unfaithful to any contract with the City, whether the proposer is qualified legally to contract with the City, financial stability and the perceived ability to perform completely as specified. A proposer 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 proposer'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 Proposal. The City will determine how well proposals meet its requirements in terms of the response to the specifications 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.
 - d) If less than three (3) responsive proposals are received, at the City's sole discretion, the proposals may be evaluated using simple comparative analysis instead of any announced method of evaluation, subject to meeting administrative and responsibility requirements.

For this RFP, the criteria that will be evaluated and their relative weights are:

Evaluation Criteria (<i>proposal format, p. 29</i>)	Points
Qualifications and Experience of Personnel, Including the Administrator, or Project Manager, and other Key Personnel (<i>Tab 2</i>)	20
Demonstrated and Measurable Success in Executing Past Contracts (<i>Tab 3</i>)	20
Demonstrated Knowledge of FEMA, FDOT, and FHWA Requirements (<i>Tab 3</i>)	15
Additional Information Pertinent to Proposal Evaluation (<i>Tab 4</i>)	15
Fee Schedule (<i>Tab 4</i>)	15
Contractor's availability, including consideration of established commitments and the priority of Clearwater, Florida (<i>Tab 4</i>)	15

- i.24 **SHORT-LISTING.** The City at its sole discretion may create a short-list of the highest scored proposals based on a preliminary evaluation against the evaluation criteria. Only those short-listed proposers would be invited to give presentations and/or interviews. Upon conclusion of any presentations/interviews, the City will finalize the scoring against the evaluation criteria.
- i.25 **PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS.** The proposer must provide a formal presentation/interview on-site at a City location upon request.

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- i.26 **BEST & FINAL OFFERS.** The City may request best & final offers if deemed necessary, and will determine the scope and subject of any best & final request. However, the proposer should not expect that the City will ask for best & finals. Therefore, proposer should submit their best offer based on the terms and conditions set forth in this solicitation.
- i.27 **COST JUSTIFICATION.** In the event only one response is received, the City may require that the proposer submit a cost proposal in sufficient detail for the City to perform a cost/price analysis to determine if the proposal price is fair and reasonable.
- i.28 **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE.** Proposer must be prepared for the City to accept the proposal as submitted. If proposer fails to sign all documents necessary to successfully execute the final contract within a reasonable time as specified, or negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, the City may reject proposal or revoke the award, and may begin negotiations with another proposer. Final contract terms must be approved or signed by the appropriately authorized City official(s). No binding contract will exist between the proposer and the City until the City executes a written contract or purchase order.
- i.29 **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD.** Notices of the City's intent to award a Contract are posted to Purchasing's website. **It is the proposer's responsibility to check the City of Clearwater's website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/bid> to view relevant RFP information and notices.**
- i.30 **RFP TIMELINE.** Dates are tentative and subject to change.
Release RFP: May 4, 2017
Advertise Tampa Bay Times: May 5, 2017
Responses due: June 1, 2017
Review proposals: June 1 - 6, 2017
Presentations (if requested): week of June 12, 2017
Award recommendation: June 16, 2017
Council authorization: July 20, 2017
Contract begins: July, 2017

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- S.1 **DEFINITIONS.** Uses of the following terms are interchangeable as referenced: “vendor, contractor, supplier, proposer, company, parties, persons”, “purchase order, PO, contract, agreement”, “city, Clearwater, agency, requestor, parties”, “bid, proposal, response, quote”.
- S.2 **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** It is expressly understood that the relationship of Contractor to the City will be that of an independent contractor. Contractor and all persons employed by Contractor, either directly or indirectly, are Contractor’s employees, not City employees. Accordingly, Contractor and Contractor’s employees are not entitled to any benefits provided to City employees including, but not limited to, health benefits, enrollment in a retirement system, paid time off or other rights afforded City employees. Contractor employees will not be regarded as City employees or agents for any purpose, including the payment of unemployment or workers’ compensation. If any Contractor employees or subcontractors assert a claim for wages or other employment benefits against the City, Contractor will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from all such claims.
- S.3 **SUBCONTRACTING.** Contractor may not subcontract work under this Agreement without the express written permission of the City. If Contractor has received authorization to subcontract work, it is agreed that all subcontractors performing work under the Agreement must comply with its provisions. Further, all agreements between Contractor and its subcontractors must provide that the terms and conditions of this Agreement be incorporated therein.
- S.4 **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement may not be assigned either in whole or in part without first receiving the City’s written consent. Any attempted assignment, either in whole or in part, without such consent will be null and void and in such event the City will have the right at its option to terminate the Agreement. No granting of consent to any assignment will relieve Contractor from any of its obligations and liabilities under the Agreement.
- S.5 **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, BINDING EFFECT.** This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.
- S.6 **NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is intended for the exclusive benefit of the parties. Nothing set forth in this Agreement is intended to create, or will create, any benefits, rights, or responsibilities in any third parties.
- S.7 **NON- EXCLUSIVITY.** The City, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to request the materials or services set forth herein from other sources when deemed necessary and appropriate. No exclusive rights are encompassed through this Agreement.
- S.8 **AMENDMENTS.** There will be no oral changes to this Agreement. This Agreement can only be modified in a writing signed by both parties. No charge for extra work or material will be allowed unless approved in writing, in advance, by the City and Contractor.
- S.9 **TIME OF THE ESSENCE.** Time is of the essence to the performance of the parties’ obligations under this Agreement.
- S.10 **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.**
- a. **General.** Contractor must procure all permits and licenses, and pay all charges and fees necessary and incidental to the lawful conduct of business. Contractor must stay fully informed of existing and future federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations that in any manner affect the fulfillment of this Agreement and must comply with the same at its own expense. Contractor bears full responsibility for training, safety, and providing necessary equipment for all Contractor personnel to achieve throughout the term of the Agreement. Upon request, Contractor will demonstrate to the City’s satisfaction any programs, procedures, and other activities used to ensure compliance.
 - b. **Drug-Free Workplace.** Contractor is hereby advised that the City has adopted a policy establishing a drug-free workplace for itself and those doing business with the City to ensure the safety and health of all persons working on City contracts and projects. Contractor will require a drug-free workplace for all Contractor personnel working under this Agreement. Specifically, all Contractor personnel who are working under this Agreement must be notified

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in writing by Contractor that they are prohibited from the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or unlawful use of a controlled substance in the workplace. Contractor agrees to prohibit the use of intoxicating substances by all Contractor personnel, and will ensure that Contractor personnel do not use or possess illegal drugs while in the course of performing their duties.

- c. **Federal and State Immigration Laws.** Contractor agrees to comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) in performance under this Agreement and to permit the City and its agents to inspect applicable personnel records to verify such compliance as permitted by law. Contractor will ensure and keep appropriate records to demonstrate that all Contractor personnel have a legal right to live and work in the United States.
- (i) As applicable to Contractor, under this provision, Contractor hereby warrants to the City that Contractor and each of its subcontractors will comply with, and are contractually obligated to comply with, all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees (hereinafter "Contractor Immigration Warranty").
 - (ii) A breach of the Contractor Immigration Warranty will constitute as a material breach of this Agreement and will subject Contractor to penalties up to and including termination of this Agreement at the sole discretion of the City.
 - (iii) The City retains the legal right to inspect the papers of all Contractor personnel who provide services under this Agreement to ensure that Contractor or its subcontractors are complying with the Contractor Immigration Warranty. Contractor agrees to assist the City in regard to any such inspections.
 - (iv) The City may, at its sole discretion, conduct random verification of the employment records of Contractor and any subcontractor to ensure compliance with the Contractor Immigration Warranty. Contractor agrees to assist the City in regard to any random verification performed.
 - (v) Neither Contractor nor any subcontractor will be deemed to have materially breached the Contractor Immigration Warranty if Contractor or subcontractor establishes that it has complied with the employment verification provisions prescribed by Sections 274A and 274B of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act.
- d. **Nondiscrimination.** Contractor represents and warrants that it does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and represents and warrants that it complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and executive orders regarding employment. Contractor and Contractor's personnel will comply with applicable provisions of Title VII of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), and applicable rules in performance under this Agreement.

S.11 SALES/USE TAX, OTHER TAXES.

- a. Contractor is responsible for the payment of all taxes including federal, state, and local taxes related to or arising out of Contractor's services under this Agreement, including by way of illustration but not limitation, federal and state income tax, Social Security tax, unemployment insurance taxes, and any other taxes or business license fees as required. If any taxing authority should deem Contractor or Contractor employees an employee of the City, or should otherwise claim the City is liable for the payment of taxes that are Contractor's responsibility under this Agreement, Contractor will indemnify the City for any tax liability, interest, and penalties imposed upon the City.
- b. The City is exempt from paying state and local sales/use taxes and certain federal excise taxes and will furnish an exemption certificate upon request.

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- S.12 **AMOUNTS DUE THE CITY.** Contractor must be current and remain current in all obligations due to the City during the performance of services under the Agreement. Payments to Contractor may be offset by any delinquent amounts due the City or fees and charges owed to the City.
- S.13 **OPENNESS OF PROCUREMENT PROCESS.** Written competitive proposals, replies, oral presentations, meetings where vendors answer questions, other submissions, correspondence, and all records made thereof, as well as negotiations or meetings where negotiation strategies are discussed, conducted pursuant to this RFP, shall be handled in compliance with Chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes.

Proposals or replies received by the City pursuant to this RFP are exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the proposals, whichever is earlier. If the City rejects all proposals or replies pursuant to this RFP and provides notice of its intent to reissue the RFP, then the rejected proposals or replies remain exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued RFP or until the City withdraws the reissued RFP. A proposal or reply shall not be exempt from public disclosure longer than 12 months after the initial City notice rejecting all proposals or replies.

Oral presentations, meetings where vendors answer questions, or meetings convened by City staff to discuss negotiation strategies, if any, shall be closed to the public (and other proposers) in compliance with Chapter 286 Florida Statutes. A complete recording shall be made of such closed meeting. The recoding of, and any records presented at, the exempt meeting shall be available to the public when the City provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening proposals or final replies, whichever occurs first. If the City rejects all proposals or replies pursuant to this RFP and provides notice of its intent to reissue the RFP, then the recording and any records presented at the exempt meeting remain exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued RFP or until the City withdraws the reissued RFP. A recording and any records presented at an exempt meeting shall not be exempt from public disclosure longer than 12 months after the initial City notice rejecting all proposals or replies.

In addition to all other contract requirements as provided by law, the contractor executing this agreement agrees to comply with public records law.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, Rosemarie Call, phone: 727-562-4092 or Rosemarie.Call@myclearwater.com, 112 S. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

The contractor's agreement to comply with public records law applies specifically to:

- a) Keep and maintain public records required by the City of Clearwater (hereinafter "public agency") to perform the service being provided by the contractor hereunder.
- b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided for in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, or as otherwise provided by law.
- c) Ensure that the public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.

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- d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.
- e) A request to inspect or copy public records relating to a public agency's contract for services must be made directly to the public agency. If the public agency does not possess the requested records, the public agency shall immediately notify the contractor of the request and the contractor must provide the records to the public agency or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.
- f) The contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees that if the contractor does not comply with the public agency's request for records, the public agency shall enforce the contract provisions in accordance with the contract.
- g) A contractor who fails to provide the public records to the public agency within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.
- h) If a civil action is filed against a contractor to compel production of public records relating to a public agency's contract for services, the court shall assess and award against the contractor the reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees, if:
 - 1. The court determines that the contractor unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within a reasonable time; and
 - 2. At least eight (8) business days before filing the action, the plaintiff provided written notice of the public records request, including a statement that the contractor has not complied with the request, to the public agency and to the contractor.
- i) A notice complies with subparagraph (h)2. if it is sent to the public agency's custodian of public records and to the contractor at the contractor's address listed on its contract with the public agency or to the contractor's registered agent. Such notices must be sent by common carrier delivery service or by registered, Global Express Guaranteed, or certified mail, with postage or shipping paid by the sender and with evidence of delivery, which may be in an electronic format.

A contractor who complies with a public records request within 8 business days after the notice is sent is not liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement.

- S.14 **AUDITS AND RECORDS.** Contractor must preserve the records related to this Agreement for five (5) years after completion of the Agreement. The City or its authorized agent reserves the right to inspect any records related to the performance of work specified herein. In addition, the City may inspect any and all payroll, billing or other relevant records kept by Contractor in relation to the Agreement. Contractor will permit such inspections and audits during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice by the City. The audit of records may occur at Contractor's place of business or at City offices, as determined by the City.
- S.15 **BACKGROUND CHECK.** The City may conduct criminal, driver history, and all other requested background checks of Contractor personnel who would perform services under the Agreement or who will have access to the City's information, data, or facilities in accordance with the City's

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current background check policies. Any officer, employee, or agent that fails the background check must be replaced immediately for any reasonable cause not prohibited by law.

- S.16 **SECURITY CLEARANCE AND REMOVAL OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.** The City will have final authority, based on security reasons: (i) to determine when security clearance of Contractor personnel is required; (ii) to determine the nature of the security clearance, up to and including fingerprinting Contractor personnel; and (iii) to determine whether or not any individual or entity may provide services under this Agreement. If the City objects to any Contractor personnel for any reasonable cause not prohibited by law, then Contractor will, upon notice from the City, remove any such individual from performance of services under this Agreement.

S.17 **DEFAULT.**

- a. A party will be in default if that party:
 - (i) Is or becomes insolvent or is a party to any voluntary bankruptcy or receivership proceeding, makes an assignment for a creditor, or there is any similar action that affects Contractor's capability to perform under the Agreement;
 - (ii) Is the subject of a petition for involuntary bankruptcy not removed within sixty (60) calendar days;
 - (iii) Conducts business in an unethical manner or in an illegal manner; or
 - (iv) Fails to carry out any term, promise, or condition of the Agreement.
- b. Contractor will be in default of this Agreement if Contractor is debarred from participating in City procurements and solicitations in accordance with Section 27 of the City's Purchasing and Procedures Manual.
- c. **Notice and Opportunity to Cure.** In the event a party is in default then the other party may, at its option and at any time, provide written notice to the defaulting party of the default. The defaulting party will have thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice to cure the default; the thirty (30) day cure period may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties, but no cure period may exceed ninety (90) days. A default notice will be deemed to be sufficient if it is reasonably calculated to provide notice of the nature and extent of such default. Failure of the non-defaulting party to provide notice of the default does not waive any rights under the Agreement.
- d. **Anticipatory Repudiation.** Whenever the City in good faith has reason to question Contractor's intent or ability to perform, the City may demand that Contractor give a written assurance of its intent and ability to perform. In the event that the demand is made and no written assurance is given within five (5) calendar days, the City may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the Agreement.

- S.18 **REMEDIES.** The remedies set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive. Election of one remedy will not preclude the use of other remedies. In the event of default:

- a. The non-defaulting party may terminate the Agreement, and the termination will be effective immediately or at such other date as specified by the terminating party.
- b. The City may purchase the services required under the Agreement from the open market, complete required work itself, or have it completed at the expense of Contractor. If the cost of obtaining substitute services exceeds the contract price, the City may recover the excess cost by: (i) requiring immediate reimbursement to the City; (ii) deduction from an unpaid balance due to Contractor; (iii) collection against the proposal and/or performance security, if any; (iv) collection against liquidated damages (if applicable); or (v) a combination of the aforementioned remedies or other remedies as provided by law. Costs includes any and all, fees, and expenses incurred in obtaining substitute services and expended in obtaining reimbursement, including, but not limited to, administrative expenses, attorneys' fees, and costs.

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- c. The non-defaulting party will have all other rights granted under this Agreement and all rights at law or in equity that may be available to it.
 - d. Neither party will be liable for incidental, special, or consequential damages.
- S.19 **CONTINUATION DURING DISPUTES.** Contractor agrees that during any dispute between the parties, Contractor will continue to perform its obligations until the dispute is settled, instructed to cease performance by the City, enjoined or prohibited by judicial action, or otherwise required or obligated to cease performance by other provisions in this Agreement.
- S.20 **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.** The City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in part or in whole upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice.
- S.21 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST F.S. Section 112.** Pursuant to F.S. Section 112, the City may cancel this Agreement after its execution, without penalty or further obligation, if any person significantly involved in initiating, securing, drafting, or creating the Agreement for the City becomes an employee or agent of Contractor.
- S.22 **TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION AND MODIFICATION FOR BUDGETARY CONSTRAINT.** The City is a governmental agency which relies upon the appropriation of funds by its governing body to satisfy its obligations. If the City reasonably determines that it does not have funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement, the City will have the right to terminate the Agreement without penalty on the last day of the fiscal period for which funds were legally available. In the event of such termination, the City agrees to provide written notice of its intent to terminate thirty (30) calendar days prior to the stated termination date.
- S.23 **PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR UPON TERMINATION.** Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor will be entitled only to payment for those services performed up to the date of termination, and any authorized expenses already incurred up to such date of termination. The City will make final payment within thirty (30) calendar days after the City has both completed its appraisal of the materials and services provided and received Contractor's properly prepared final invoice.
- S.24 **NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS.** There will be no waiver of any provision of this agreement unless approved in writing and signed by the waiving party. Failure or delay to exercise any rights or remedies provided herein or by law or in equity, or the acceptance of, or payment for, any services hereunder, will not release the other party of any of the warranties or other obligations of the Agreement and will not be deemed a waiver of any such rights or remedies.
- S.25 **INDEMNIFICATION/LIABILITY.**
 - a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the City, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against any and all liabilities, demands, claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, fines or judgments, including costs, attorneys', witnesses', and expert witnesses' fees, and expenses incident thereto, relating to, arising out of, or resulting from: (i) the services provided by Contractor personnel under this Agreement; (ii) any negligent acts, errors, mistakes or omissions by Contractor or Contractor personnel; and (iii) Contractor or Contractor personnel's failure to comply with or fulfill the obligations established by this Agreement.
 - b. Contractor will update the City during the course of the litigation to timely notify the City of any issues that may involve the independent negligence of the City that is not covered by this indemnification.
 - c. The City assumes no liability for actions of Contractor and will not indemnify or hold Contractor or any third party harmless for claims based on this Agreement or use of Contractor-provided supplies or services.
- S.26 **WARRANTY.** Contractor warrants that the services and materials will conform to the requirements of the Agreement. Additionally, Contractor warrants that all services will be performed in a good, workman-like and professional manner. The City's acceptance of service or materials provided by Contractor will not relieve Contractor from its obligations under this

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warranty. If any materials or services are of a substandard or unsatisfactory manner as determined by the City, Contractor, at no additional charge to the City, will provide materials or redo such services until in accordance with this Agreement and to the City's reasonable satisfaction.

Unless otherwise agreed, Contractor warrants that materials will be new, unused, of most current manufacture and not discontinued, will be free of defects in materials and workmanship, will be provided in accordance with manufacturer's standard warranty for at least one (1) year unless otherwise specified, and will perform in accordance with manufacturer's published specifications.

- S.27 **THE CITY'S RIGHT TO RECOVER AGAINST THIRD PARTIES.** Contractor will do nothing to prejudice the City's right to recover against third parties for any loss, destruction, or damage to City property, and will at the City's request and expense, furnish to the City reasonable assistance and cooperation, including assistance in the prosecution or defense of suit and the execution of instruments of assignment in favor of the City in obtaining recovery.
- S.28 **NO GUARANTEE OF WORK.** Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is not entitled to deliver any specific amount of materials or services or any materials or services at all under this Agreement and acknowledges and agrees that the materials or services will be requested by the City on an as needed basis at the sole discretion of the City. Any document referencing quantities or performance frequencies represent the City's best estimate of current requirements, but will not bind the City to purchase, accept, or pay for materials or services which exceed its actual needs.
- S.29 **OWNERSHIP.** All deliverables, services, and information provided by Contractor or the City pursuant to this Agreement (whether electronically or manually generated) including without limitation, reports, test plans, and survey results, graphics, and technical tables, originally prepared in the performance of this Agreement, are the property of the City and will not be used or released by Contractor or any other person except with prior written permission by the City.
- S.30 **USE OF NAME.** Contractor will not use the name of the City of Clearwater in any advertising or publicity without obtaining the prior written consent of the City.
- S.31 **PROHIBITED ACTS.** Pursuant to Florida Constitution Article II Section 8, a current or former public officer or employee within the last two (2) years shall not represent another organization before the City on any matter for which the officer or employee was directly concerned and personally participated in during their service or employment or over which they had a substantial or material administrative discretion.
- S.32 **FOB DESTINATION FREIGHT PREPAID AND ALLOWED.** All deliveries will be FOB destination freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise agreed.
- S.33 **RISK OF LOSS.** Contractor agrees to bear all risks of loss, injury, or destruction of goods or equipment incidental to providing these services and such loss, injury, or destruction will not release Contractor from any obligation hereunder.
- S.34 **SAFEGUARDING CITY PROPERTY.** Contractor will be responsible for any damage to City real property or damage or loss of City personal property when such property is the responsibility of or in the custody of Contractor or its employees.
- S.35 **WARRANTY OF RIGHTS.** Contractor warrants it has title to, or the right to allow the City to use, the materials and services being provided and that the City may use same without suit, trouble or hindrance from Contractor or third parties.
- S.36 **PROPRIETARY RIGHTS INDEMNIFICATION.** Without limiting the foregoing, Contractor will without limitation, at its expense defend the City against all claims asserted by any person that anything provided by Contractor infringes a patent, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right and must, without limitation, pay the costs, damages and attorneys' fees awarded against the City in any such action, or pay any settlement of such action or claim. Each party agrees to notify the other promptly of any matters to which this provision may apply and to cooperate with each other in connection with such defense or settlement. If a preliminary or final

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judgment is obtained against the City's use or operation of the items provided by Contractor hereunder or any part thereof by reason of any alleged infringement, Contractor will, at its expense and without limitation, either: (a) modify the item so that it becomes non-infringing; (b) procure for the City the right to continue to use the item; (c) substitute for the infringing item other item(s) having at least equivalent capability; or (d) refund to the City an amount equal to the price paid, less reasonable usage, from the time of installation acceptance through cessation of use, which amount will be calculated on a useful life not less than five (5) years, plus any additional costs the City may incur to acquire substitute supplies or services.

- S.37 **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.** The contract will be administered by the Purchasing Department and/or an authorized representative from the using department. All questions regarding the contract will be referred to the Purchasing Department for resolution. Supplements may be written to the contract for the addition or deletion of services.
- S.38 **FORCE MAJEURE.** Failure by either party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including acts of nature, acts of the public enemy, riots, fire, explosion, legislation, and governmental regulation. The party whose performance is so affected will within five (5) calendar days of the unforeseeable circumstance notify the other party of all pertinent facts and identify the force majeure event. The party whose performance is so affected must also take all reasonable steps, promptly and diligently, to prevent such causes if it is feasible to do so, or to minimize or eliminate the effect thereof. The delivery or performance date will be extended for a period equal to the time lost by reason of delay, plus such additional time as may be reasonably necessary to overcome the effect of the delay, provided however, under no circumstances will delays caused by a force majeure extend beyond one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days from the scheduled delivery or completion date of a task unless agreed upon by the parties.
- S.39 **COOPERATIVE USE OF CONTRACT.** The City has entered into various cooperative purchasing agreements with other Florida government agencies, including the Tampa Bay Area Purchasing Cooperative. Under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, any contract may be extended for use by other municipalities, school districts and government agencies with the approval of Contractor. Any such usage by other entities must be in accordance with the statutes, codes, ordinances, charter and/or procurement rules and regulations of the respective government agency.
- Orders placed by other agencies and payment thereof will be the sole responsibility of that agency. The City is not responsible for any disputes arising out of transactions made by others.
- S.40 **FUEL CHARGES AND PRICE INCREASES.** No fuel surcharges will be accepted. No price increases will be accepted without proper request by Contractor and response by the City's Purchasing Division.
- S.41 **NOTICES.** All notices to be given pursuant to this Agreement must be delivered to the parties at their respective addresses. Notices may be (i) personally delivered; (ii) sent via certified or registered mail, postage prepaid; (iii) sent via overnight courier; or (iv) sent via facsimile. If provided by personal delivery, receipt will be deemed effective upon delivery. If sent via certified or registered mail, receipt will be deemed effective three (3) calendar days after being deposited in the United States mail. If sent via overnight courier or facsimile, receipt will be deemed effective two (2) calendar days after the sending thereof.
- S.42 **GOVERNING LAW, VENUE.** This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The exclusive venue selected for any proceeding or suit in law or equity arising from or incident to this Agreement will be Pinellas County, Florida.
- S.43 **INTEGRATION CLAUSE.** This Agreement, including all attachments and exhibits hereto, supersede all prior oral or written agreements, if any, between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the work to be performed.
- S.44 **PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW.** Any provision required by law to be in this Agreement is a part of this Agreement as if fully stated in it.

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- S.45 **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared void or unenforceable, such provision will be severed from this Agreement, which will otherwise remain in full force and effect. The parties will negotiate diligently in good faith for such amendment(s) of this Agreement as may be necessary to achieve the original intent of this Agreement, notwithstanding such invalidity or unenforceability.
- S.46 **SURVIVING PROVISIONS.** Notwithstanding any completion, termination, or other expiration of this Agreement, all provisions which, by the terms of reasonable interpretation thereof, set forth rights and obligations that extend beyond completion, termination, or other expiration of this Agreement, will survive and remain in full force and effect. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, completion, termination, or other expiration of this Agreement will not release any party from any liability or obligation arising prior to the date of termination.

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1. **INTRODUCTION.** The City of Clearwater (City) is located on the West Coast of Florida in the Tampa Bay region. It is the third largest city in the region with an estimated population of 110,000 residents. The City of Clearwater is also a major tourist destination – Clearwater Beach was recently rated #1 U.S. Beach by *TripAdvisor*, previously named “Florida’s Best Beach Town 2013” by USA Today, and was on the “Top Ten List of Best Beaches from Maine to Hawaii”. The City of Clearwater is home to the Philadelphia Phillies Spring Training and Clearwater Threshers Minor League Baseball and hosts several sports tournaments through the year that attract visitors from across the country. Clearwater is home for Winter the Dolphin and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Winter’s story has made it all the way to Hollywood in the motion pictures “Dolphin Tale” and “Dolphin Tale 2”, both filmed here in Clearwater.
2. **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURPOSE.** The City of Clearwater seeks to obtain proposals from qualified firms to perform disaster debris removal and disposal services. The City will negotiate an agreement with the applicant whose proposal is most responsive to this RFP and may consider a secondary award at their sole discretion. The agreement awarded as a result of this procurement will not be a guarantee of work to be performed.

Contractor shall provide all expertise, personnel, tools, materials, equipment, transportation, supervision, and all other services and facilities of any nature necessary to execute, complete the timely removal and lawful disposal of all disaster-generated debris. The term “debris”, as used herein, includes all forms of disaster-generated debris, such as vegetative, demolition, construction, household goods (hereinafter “white goods”), hazardous and industrial waste materials.

These contracted services shall provide for the cost effective and efficient removal and lawful disposal of debris from all public streets, roads, and other rights-of-way, including any other locally-owned facility or site as may be directed by the City, and in accordance with Federal Requirements. Contract services will only be performed when requested and as designated by the City, by an approved Task Order issued by the City. Contractor shall load and haul the debris from within the legal boundaries (per latitude/longitude plat book, GIS Engineering) of the City to site(s) designated by the City.

The City reserves the right to assign work to various Contractors, at its sole discretion. The City also reserves the right to approve all Sub-contractors hired by the Contractor and/or to require the Contractor to dismiss a Sub-contractor upon request.

3. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** Contractor agrees to perform contracted services in a professional and workmanlike manner and in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and permits. Only the highest quality workmanship will be acceptable. Services, equipment and workmanship not conforming to the intent of Agreement or meeting the approval of the City may be rejected. Replacements and/or rework, as required, will be accomplished on a timely basis at no additional cost to the City.

3.1 Emergency Push/Road Clearance

Contractor shall accomplish the cutting, tossing and/or pushing of debris, hanging limbs, or leaning trees off of transportation routes as identified by and directed by the City. The emergency push will normally be completed within the first 70 hours following activation of this contract, unless notified otherwise by the City. Time and material rate shall be applicable.

3.2 Debris Removal From Public Right-Of-Way (ROW)

As directed by the City, Contractor shall load and haul all eligible debris to an approved Debris Management Site (DMS) or other disposal destination, as specified or agreed to by the City. All collection and hauling will be consistent with Federal requirements applicable to the disaster event. The Contractor will ensure compliance with instructions from the City regarding the collection, hauling and disposal of hazardous wastes and/or other categories of debris.

3.3 Debris Clearance/Removal From Public Property

As directed by the City, Contractor shall clear eligible debris from public property, load and haul all debris to a designated Debris Management Site (DMS) or other disposal destination designated by the City. If necessary, the City or its designee will confirm the eligibility of the debris to be removed.

3.4 Demolition of Structures and Construction Debris Removal

As directed by the City, Contractor shall demolish unsafe structures and remove debris that has been determined by the City to be a threat to the health and safety of the public. Contractor will exercise due diligence in demolishing and/or removing debris from private property. The City will direct actions to secure the right of entry (ROE) onto private property to allow demolition and removal. All applicable local, state and federal regulatory requirements regarding asbestos containing materials shall be adhered to unless waived by applicable regulatory authorities.

3.5 Private Property Waivers

The City will direct all actions to secure necessary permissions, waivers, and ROE agreements from real property owners required for the lawful removal of debris and/or demolition of structures from real properties. All such actions will be consistent with Federal requirements applicable to the disaster event.

3.6 Debris Separation/Reduction and Debris Management Site(s) (DMS)

The Contractor shall operate and manage the DMS to accept and process all event debris. All actions will be implemented by the Contractor only with the prior approval of the City. Actions by the Contractor will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Ensure that only debris authorized by the City's Contract Administrator will be allowed in the DMS sites.
- Provide to the City a video record of the pre- and post-use site conditions.
- Prepare a plan of proposed site layout and review with the City prior to its implementation.
- Prepare a plan for site security and traffic control for both on the site and adjacent roadways and review with the City prior to its implementation.
- Provide adequate fire prevention/fighting equipment, including water truck and hoses, on site throughout the operational period of the DMS.
- Build and/or maintain roads as necessary for DMS operation.
- Provide and /or construct and maintain stabilized roofed inspection towers sufficient for a minimum of three (3) inspectors. Towers will be positioned at any entrance and any exit of the DMS.
- Comply with any applicable environmental requirements, to include litter control fencing, silt fencing, dust control, hazardous materials containment area, and/or water retention berms.
- Confine hours of operation of the DMS to those determined by the City.
- Process debris by methods that may include, but not be limited to, reduction by grinding, or other alternate methods of reduction, such as compaction.
- Prior to reduction, segregate all debris between vegetative debris, construction and demolition debris, white goods, and hazardous waste.
- Develop and implement, with the approval of the City, a procedure for management of the receipt of unauthorized and/or ineligible debris at the DMS.
- Provide the City with proper and acceptable documentation (including destination, tickets, weight) for final disposal of debris accepted at the DMS.
- Upon closure of the DMS, restore the site to its pre-use condition, meeting all regulatory requirements for the site closure. Survey the site to verify that it has been restored to pre-use elevation and condition.

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- As directed by the City, sod, hydro-seed or sprig the property once all other site closure issues have been addressed.

3.7 Designation and Management of Staging Areas

Contractor shall identify staging areas in collaboration with the City for the purposes of truck/equipment certification; provision of temporary fueling or vehicle maintenance (as required), and other operational service functions related to debris removal efforts. Contractor shall provide temporary tent, sanitary and other appropriate conveniences necessary for the care and well being of all Contractor and Sub-Contractor personnel. The City will approve of the location, size, layout and services to be provided at any staging area established by the Contractor, who will ensure that each area is managed in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements and in a manner to minimize disruption to the surrounding neighborhoods.

3.8 Disaster Recovery Technical Assistance

Contractor will provide Disaster Recovery Technical Assistance to the City to assist with guidance and consultation on all aspects of the recovery process. This assistance shall include documentation and management for the Public Assistance Program as pertains to debris management, planning, training and exercise development, as well as attendance at the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during activations of the EOC for exercise and actual disaster events as requested by the Contract Administrator.

3.9 Cost of Services

Contractor shall bear all of its own operating costs and is responsible for all permit and license fees, and maintenance of its own trucks and equipment to keep such property in a condition and manner adequate to accomplish contracted services. Upon receipt and acceptance of full documentation of the performance of services and an accurate invoice as specified by the City, the Contractor shall be reimbursed on a unit price basis - Attachment A.

Unknown and/or unforeseen events or conditions may require an adjustment to the unit costs established in the Agreement. Any amendments, extensions or changes to the scope of contracted services or unit prices are subject to full negotiations between the Contractor and City.

4. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

4.1 Contractor Representative and General Operations Plan

Contractor shall have a knowledgeable and responsible representative report to the Contract Administrator or designee and provide a copy of the Contractor's General Operations Plan within seven (7) days following the execution of an Agreement. The City will approve the General Operations Plan prior to its implementation within the City. The Contractor's representative shall have the authority to implement all actions required to begin the performance of contracted services as set out in the Agreement and Contractor's General Operations Plan.

4.2 Mobilization

When a Notice To Proceed (NTP) in advance of an event has been received by the Contractor, he/she will make all necessary arrangements to mobilize a minimum of 50% of the required resources within 48 hours and 100% of the required resources within 96 hours to commence and conduct these contracted services. The City may take such other actions as necessary to address the failure of the Contractor to mobilize resources on the schedule required by the City.

4.3 Other Agreements

The City may be required to enter into agreements with Federal and/or State agencies for disaster relief. Contractor shall be bound by the terms and conditions of such agreements, regardless of the additional burdens of compliance.

4.4 The City's Obligations

The City shall furnish all information and documents necessary for the commencement of contracted services, including a written Work Authorization or Notice To Proceed.

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4.5 Contractor's Conduct of Work

Contractor shall be responsible for planning and conducting all operations in a satisfactory and professional manner. All Contractor personnel and Sub-Contractors shall demonstrate and maintain a courteous and responsible demeanor toward all persons.

4.6 Supervision by Contractor

Contractor will supervise and/or direct all contracted services performed by its employees, agents and subcontractors. Contractor is solely responsible for all means, methods, techniques, safety and other procedures. Contractor will employ and maintain a qualified project manager at the work site(s) who shall have full authority to act on behalf of Contractor. All communications given to the project manager by the Contract Administrator or designee shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.

4.7 Self-Sufficiency of Contractor and Sub-Contractors

The Contractor shall ensure that its work force, including sub-contractors, maintain self-sufficiency related to fuel, vehicle repair/maintenance, housing, sanitation, food and related accommodations, in a manner that is consistent with local requirements and minimizing adverse affects on the community and the environment.

4.8 Damages by Contractor

Contractor shall be responsible for conducting all operations, whether contemplated by this Agreement or later requested as specialized services, in such a manner as to cause the minimum damage possible to existing public, private and commercial property and/or infrastructure. Contractor shall also be responsible for any damages due to the negligence of its employees and Sub-Contractors. Contractor must report such damage to the Contract Administrator in writing within 24 hours. Should any property be damaged due to negligence on the part of the Contractor, the City may either bill the Contractor for the damages, withhold funds due to the Contractor, or the Contractor may also repair all damage to the satisfaction of the City. The City shall make the determination of whether "negligence" has occurred.

4.9 Contractor's Duty Regarding Other Contractor(s)

Contractor acknowledges the presence of other Contractors involved in disaster response and recovery activities by the federal, state and local government and of any private utility, and shall not interfere with their work.

4.10 Contractor's Disposal of Debris

Unless otherwise directed by the City, the Contractor shall be responsible for determining and executing the method and manner for processing and/or lawful disposal of all eligible debris as approved by the City. The locations of the DMS and final disposal sites shall be mutually agreed upon by the City and the Contractor. The City may allow separate unit prices for delivery and disposal of debris to DMS and final disposal. Upon request from the Contractor, other sites may be utilized as directed and/or approved by the City. The tipping fees for final disposal will initially be paid by the Contractor but will be reimbursed at actual cost by presenting the verified load/weight tickets.

5. STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE

5.1 Multiple, Scheduled Passes

Contractor shall make scheduled passes of each area impacted by the event, at the direction of the City. The City shall direct the interval timing of all passes. Sufficient time shall be permitted between subsequent passes to accommodate reasonable recovery and additional debris placement at the ROW by the citizens and the City. The Contractor will document the completion of all passes based on the direction from the City and will provide this documentation to the City on the frequency requested by the City.

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5.2 Clean As You Go Policy

The Contractor shall provide a "Clean As You Go" policy. The Contractor shall supervise and enforce such policy during emergency debris management operations.

5.3 Operation of Equipment

Contractor shall operate all trucks, trailers, scales, and all other equipment in compliance with any/all applicable federal, state and local rules and regulations. Equipment shall be in good working condition. All loading equipment shall be operated from the road, street, or ROW using buckets and/or boom and grapple devices to collect and load debris. No equipment shall be allowed behind the curb or outside of the public ROW unless otherwise directed by the City. Should operation of equipment be required outside of the public ROW, the Contractor will ensure that a ROE Agreement has been obtained prior to property entry.

5.4 Security of Debris During Hauling

Contractor shall be responsible for the security of debris on/in each vehicle or piece of equipment utilized to haul debris. Prior to leaving the loading sites, Contractor shall ensure that each load is secure and trimmed so that no debris extends horizontally beyond the bed of the equipment in any direction. All loose debris shall be reasonably compacted and secured during transport in accordance with FDOT guidelines. As required, Contractor will survey the primary routes used by Contractor for debris hauling as soon as possible after the transport and will recover fallen or blown debris from the roadway(s).

5.5 Traffic Control

Contractor shall mitigate impact on local traffic conditions to the greatest extent possible. Contractor is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate traffic control in accordance with the most current edition of the US Department of Transportation Manual or Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Contractor shall provide sufficient signage, flagging and barricading to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at all debris removal, collection, reduction and/or disposal sites.

5.6 Work Days/Hours

Work days and/or work hours shall be as directed by the City following consultation and notification to Contractor. Working hours on holidays shall be at the discretion of the City.

5.7 Hazardous and Industrial Wastes

Contractor shall set aside and reasonably protect all hazardous or industrial material encountered during debris removal operations for collection and disposal. Prior to such actions, the Contractor will prepare a Hazardous and Industrial Materials Cleanup and Disposal Plan, and this plan will be in accordance with all local, state and Federal requirements and will be approved by the City. In accord with this plan, the Contractor may use the subcontracting services of a firm specializing in the management and disposal of such materials and waste.

5.8 Utilizing Local Resources

Contractor shall, to every extent possible, give priority to utilizing labor and other resources originating within Pinellas County.

5.9 Work Safety

Contractor shall provide and enforce a safe work environment as prescribed in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended. Contractor will provide such safety equipment, training and supervision as may be required by the City and/or other governmental regulations. Contractor shall ensure that its subcontracts contain an equivalent safety provision.

5.10 Inspection of Contractor Operations

All debris shall be subject to inspection by the City and other public authorities to ensure compliance with this Agreement, applicable federal, state and local laws, and in accordance with generally accepted standards of emergency management professionals. The City will, at all

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times, have access to all work sites and disposal areas. In addition, authorized representatives and agents of the government shall be permitted to inspect all work, materials, invoices, and other relevant records and documentation.

5.11 Corrective Actions Required of Contractor

When instructed by the City's Representative, the Contractor will immediately implement corrective actions to address health and safety issues and/or any other actions inconsistent with any of the terms of this agreement, as determined by the City in its sole discretion and notify the City within 24 hours.

5.12 Ineligible Work

Contractor will not be paid for the removal, transportation, storage, reduction and/or disposal of any material that does not meet the eligibility requirements identified herein.

5.13 Eligibility Inspections

City's monitors shall inspect each load, or shall inspect at some other frequency of the City's direction, to verify that the contents are in accordance with the accepted definition of eligible debris.

5.14 Eligibility Determinations

If any load is determined to contain material that does not conform to the definition of eligible debris, the load will be ordered to be deposited at another approved and certified receiving facility. No payment will be allowed for that load and Contractor will not invoice the City for such loads. The City, through its authorized representative, will be the sole judge as to whether the material conforms to the definition of eligible debris.

5.15 Other Agencies

The term "government" as used in this RFP refers to those governmental agencies which may have a regulatory or funding interest in the resulting Agreement.

6. REPORTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION

6.1 Reports

Contractor shall submit periodic, written reports in a format required by the City documenting the progress of debris removal and disposal. These reports may include, but are not limited to:

6.1.1 Daily Reports

Daily reports may detail the locations where passes for debris removal were conducted, the quantity of debris (by type) removed and disposed of, the total number of personnel by job title engaged in debris management operations, and the number of grinders, chippers and mulching machines in operation. Contractor will also report damages to private property caused by the debris operation or damage claims made by citizens and such other information as may be required to completely describe the daily conduct of Contractor's operations within 24 hours.

6.1.2 Weekly Summaries

A summary of all information contained in the daily reports as described in Section 6.1.1, shall be provided to the City within two days of the close of the week. At the request of the City, the data making up the weekly summaries shall also be submitted in electronic format. The submitted electronic weekly data will include: Collection Contractor, load ticket number, load date, load location, truck yardage, percent full, calculated yardage (or weight if applicable) field monitor name / number, DMS location, tower monitor / name, debris materials categorization, and location of collection, e.g., ROW, FHWA, Canal, etc.

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6.1.3 Report Delivery

The Contractor shall submit a report to the City's designee by 11:00 a.m. each business day of the term of the Task Order. Each report will contain at a minimum the following information:

- Contract Number.
- Daily and cumulative hours for each piece of equipment, if appropriate.
- Daily and cumulative hours for personnel, by position, if appropriate.
- Weights of debris handled.

6.1.4 Data Reconciliation

Reconciliation of data will be accomplished weekly between the Contractor and the City's Representative. All discrepancies will be resolved within five days.

6.1.5 Final Project Closeout

Upon final inspection and/or closeout of the project by the City, Contractor shall prepare and submit a detailed description of all debris management activities in an electronic spreadsheet, to include, but not limited to the total weight, by type of debris hauled, reduced and/or disposed of, final disposal locations and amounts of the debris managed by the Contractor, plus the total cost of the project invoiced to the City. The Contractor shall provide, upon request of the City and/or no later than project closeout, a release of liens demonstrating that all Sub-Contractors to the Contractor have been fully paid. Agreement will provide any other additional information as may be necessary to adequately document the conduct of the debris management operations for the City and/or government. Final project reconciliation must be approved by the City.

6.2 Certifications

The Contractor will be responsible for the certification of personnel and vehicles.

6.2.1 Certification of Vehicles and Load Capacity

Contractor shall ensure that all equipment is certified in accordance with most current FEMA guidelines. After a disaster, the City, or their designated representative, will begin the equipment certification at a pre-designated site, or at staging areas established by the Contractor.

All Contractor and Sub-Contractor trucks shall have valid registrations, insurance and meet basic operational criteria: tailgates or equivalent containment devices, tarps, etc., as well as all-applicable motor vehicle safety requirements. Drivers shall possess valid licenses. Truck body dimensions shall be measured, and information recorded on certification forms with calculated capacity noted. Each truck will receive two placards, one each of which shall be affixed on opposite sides of the truck body. The truck driver will be provided up to two (2) copies of the certification sheet for the Contractor and Sub-Contractor's records.

6.2.2 Certification of Personnel

- Senior management personnel of the Contractor assigned to implement work authorizations pursuant to this agreement will participate, upon request, in training and briefing sessions held by representatives of Pinellas County and/or the City.
- Senior, supervisory personnel of the Contractor and all Sub-Contractors thereto will have received training in debris management, and the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Personnel assigned by the Contractor as responsible for data management, invoicing and other documentation duties will be trained in the data management concepts and approaches to be used.
- Vehicle and equipment operators will be fully licensed and certified, as required by applicable local, State and Federal statutes and regulations.
- Upon their deployment for field operations, all Contractor and Sub-Contractor personnel will be briefed and trained appropriately in their duties, responsibilities, and the procedures to be utilized throughout the debris management process, including safety procedures, load ticket management procedures, and accident reporting procedures.

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6.3 Utilization of a Standardized “Load Ticket”

The Contractor and all Sub-Contractors will utilize a standardized “load ticket” (format as provided by the City or designee) for documenting each load of debris from its origin to the DMS and/or final disposal location, as indicated.

6.4 Additional Supporting Documentation

Contractor shall submit sufficient reports and/or documentation for debris loading, hauling, disposal, and load capacity measurements, and any other services provided by Contractor as may be required by the City and/or other governmental entity to support requests for debris project reimbursement from external funding sources.

6.5 Report Maintenance

Contractor will be subject to audit by federal, state and local agencies pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor will maintain all reports, records, debris reporting tickets and Agreement correspondence for a period of not less than three (3) years from project closeout.

7. OPTIONAL SERVICES

NOTE: The City may determine additional services are needed during a disaster event. As applicable, the specifications given above would also be applicable to the selected optional services.

- **Cleaning and restoration of beaches.** The Contractor will remove and dispose of debris accumulated on the beaches of the City, and will collect, screen for debris removal, and re-deposit sand on the beach that has accumulated in adjacent areas up to 2500 feet from the original land edge of the beach. Locations will be designated by the City’s authorized representative. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
- **Debris removal and restoration of canals.** The Contractor will remove debris resulting from the event from the drainage and navigation canals and adjacent banks, as directed by the City. Debris to be removed will be vegetative and/or construction and demolition debris affecting the canals. The Contractor will also haul, process and dispose of the collected debris, as well as restore, re-grade, and/or reseed the canal banks and slopes, as directed by the City. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
- **Motor Vehicles.** The Contractor will remove motor vehicles damaged by the disaster event and/or abandoned by the owner due to the circumstances of the event. The City will identify the area(s) from which motor vehicles are to be removed. Motor vehicles will be processed by or for the Contractor in a manner that complies with all requirements for removal and processing of hazardous materials, e.g., gasoline, oils and other fluids. The Contractor will also ensure the proper final disposal of the removed vehicle. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate, inclusive of all towing, processing and disposal costs.
- **Boats.** Boats severely damaged by the disaster event, and abandoned in or on the canals, marinas, and beaches of the jurisdiction will be collected by the Contractor, processed for removal and disposal of hazardous materials in accord with applicable regulations, demolished and transported to a suitable location for final disposal. The jurisdiction will determine the vessels to be removed, will establish that they have been legally abandoned by their owners, and will take other necessary steps as required by law before directing the Contractor to remove and dispose of the vessel. The Contractor is otherwise responsible for compliance with all regulations and requirements applicable to the removal and disposal process. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
- **Hazardous Waste and Contaminated Debris Management.** The Contractor will identify, separate, collect, transport and dispose of disaster-generated debris determined

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to be hazardous and/or contaminated, thereby requiring that it be separately managed from other debris. The Contractor will provide trained, experienced and equipped personnel to identify hazardous waste and contaminated debris at its point of origin, as well as to direct the Contractor personnel in the safe and proper handling and disposal of the material. All hazardous waste and contaminated debris will be collected, transported and disposed of by the Contractor as required by local, state and Federal regulations. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.

- **Fire Suppression Support.** In the event of water system failure in the jurisdiction, the Contractor will provide filled water trucks of a minimum capacity of 1,500 gallons, and equipped with outlet valves compatible with fire hose connections meeting national standards of the National Fire Protection Association, or as otherwise specified by the City. If the initial water supply is used, the City will be responsible for refilling the truck. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
- **Temporary bathrooms, showers, kitchens and feeding locations.** The Contractor will provide the City with "comfort stations," e.g., modular units to provide for the comfort and support of disaster victims within or near impacted neighborhoods. The modular units will include tents, portable toilets, hand basins, shower units, a mobile kitchen, chairs and tables for food service, and all necessary personnel, food, equipment and supplies to operate the units for extended periods. Each comfort station must include equipment compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The unit must be capable of serving three meals per day. The City will provide law enforcement and emergency medical services staff to compliment the work force provided by the Contractor. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
- **Temporary Satellite Communications.** The Contractor will provide satellite communications units capable of voice, text messaging, data transfer and internet access for use by the City personnel. The units will be rented/leased to the City and will be fully equipped, including AC/DC adapters (including automotive battery chargers), instructions and carrying cases. The units will be fully operational upon delivery to the City. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
- **Emergency Power Generation.** The Contractor will provide mobile electric power generation units for facilities and locations located within the City. The City will define the size and fuel type of the mobile units, which will be leased to the City. The City will require up to ((number of separate units)) of (specify 120 and/or 240 volt) units, ranging in capacity from (range of KW needed), and the Contractor will deliver the units to the facilities or locations designated by the City, and ensure connection of the unit to the existing electrical wiring by a licensed electrician. The Contractor will also ensure the unit is fueled, tested, and demonstrated to be operational prior to departure from the location. The Contractor will also provide fuel for the duration of the units use by the City, and will have readily available technical support and repair or replacement services. The Contractor will be reimbursed a fixed rate for this service.
- **Pumping and Water Relocation/Removal for Flood Control.** The Contractor will provide all personnel, trucks, pumps, hoses, fuel and other necessary equipment for removal of standing water from low collection areas where localized flooding threatens public safety or continuing property damage, as directed by the City. The minimum required capacity of the services to be provided to any such location, upon instruction of the City, will be (to be determined the # of gallons/minute). Water removal may be by pumping to adjacent storm sewers if functional, to nearby stream or drainage canals, or into tanker trucks. The Contractor must comply with any applicable environmental requirements concerning discharge of the water once pumped. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.

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- **Decontamination of Buildings and Facilities.** The Contractor will provide for chemical and/or biological decontamination of buildings, facilities or other structures as directed by the City. The Contractor is responsible for providing experienced, trained and equipped personnel, for all equipment and supplies, and for final disposal of all contaminated materials removed from the structure. All operations by the Contractor must be in full compliance with all health and safety standards, as well as environmental protection requirements applicable to the decontamination and disposal process. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
 - **Mold Remediation.** The Contractor will provide all personnel, equipment, supplies and services necessary for the planning of mold remediation services, removal and disposal of mold contaminated materials, and other mold remediation measures necessary for affected public buildings belonging to the City. The Contractor will comply with all Federal guidelines on mold remediation, and ensure compliance with all applicable health, safety and environmental protection standards. The City will designate which buildings or other structures are to be remediated, will approve the Contractor's mold remediation plan, and will designate the disposal facility to be utilized for mold-contaminated materials removed by the Contractor. The Contractor will be reimbursed at a fixed rate for this service.
8. **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS.** Respondents to this RFP will explain their experience and expertise as described in PROPOSAL FORMAT (pp. 30-31). A minimum of three (3) references, preferably from other public entities, are required. In addition to requirements set forth in the RFP, respondents must meet the following standards for proposal consideration:
- Respondent must be registered with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations to do business in Florida
 - Respondent must be properly licensed in Pinellas County as a general, demolition, environmental, and/or other applicable contractor category
 - Respondent is not listed on the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) Convicted Vendor List per State Statute 287.133(3)(d)
 - Respondent is not on the Federal Debarment List at www.SAM.gov
 - Respondent is not on the Florida State Board of Administration Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies
9. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** The Vendor 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. **Proof of Insurance coverages is required with RFP response.**
- Specifically the Vendor 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:
- 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.

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- c. **Professional Liability/Malpractice/Errors or Omissions Insurance** coverage appropriate for the type of business engaged in by the Respondent with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 (two 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 the prior policy was extended indefinitely to cover prior acts. Coverage shall be extended beyond the policy year either by a supplemental extended reporting period (SERP) 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.
- d. **Pollution Liability Insurance** coverage, which covers any and all losses caused by pollution conditions (including sudden and non-sudden pollution conditions) arising from the servicing and operations of Vendor (and any subcontractors, representatives, or agents) involved in the work/transport, in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per occurrence and \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) general aggregate.
- e. 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 \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) each employee each accident, \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) each employee by disease, and \$500,000 (five hundred thousand 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.

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 Vendor 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" on the Commercial General Liability Insurance and the Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance. In addition when requested in writing from the City, Vendor 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
Attn: Purchasing Department, RFP #15-17
P.O. Box 4748
Clearwater, FL 33758-4748
- b. Vendor shall provide thirty (30) days written notice of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change or reduction in coverage.
- c. Vendor's insurance as outlined above shall be primary and non-contributory coverage for Vendor's negligence.
- d. Vendor reserves the right to appoint legal counsel to provide for the Vendor's defense, for any and all claims that may arise related to Agreement, work performed under this Agreement, or to Vendor's design, equipment, or service. Vendor agrees that the City shall not be liable to reimburse Vendor for any legal fees or costs as a result of Vendor providing its defense as contemplated herein.

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The stipulated limits of coverage above shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the City, and City's failure to request evidence of this insurance shall not be construed as a waiver of Vendor's (or any contractors', subcontractors', representatives' or agents') obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified.

MILESTONES

1. **ANTICIPATED BEGINNING AND END DATE OF INITIAL TERM.** June 2017 through May 2018.
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.
3. **RENEWAL.** At the end of the initial term of this contract, the City may initiate renewal(s) as provided herein. The decision to renew a contract rests solely with the City. The City will give written notice of its intention to renew the contract no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration.

Two (2), one (1) year renewal is possible at the City's option.
4. **PRICES.** All pricing shall be firm for the initial agreement term of one (1) year except where otherwise provided by the specifications, and include all transportation, insurance and warranty costs. The City shall not be invoiced at prices higher than those stated in any contract resulting from this proposal.
 - a. The Contractor certifies that the prices offered are no higher than the lowest price the Contractor charges other buyers for similar quantities under similar conditions. The Contractor further agrees that any reductions in the price of the goods or services covered by this proposal and occurring after award will apply to the undelivered balance. The Contractor shall promptly notify the City of such price reductions.
 - b. Any escalation in pricing for each renewal period will be based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Cost Index (ECI), private industry workers, total compensation, management, professional, and other related occupations, service providers, non-seasonal (C.I.U. 201500100000A) change in most recent 12 month period.
 - c. At the end of the initial term, pricing may be adjusted for amounts other than inflation based on mutual agreement of the parties after review of appropriate documentation. Renewal prices shall be firm for each renewal term.

RESPONSE ELEMENTS

1. **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION** - Submit one (1) signed original proposal, three (3) copies of the proposal, and one (1) electronic format copy on a disc or thumb drive, together in a sealed container.

2. **PROPOSAL FORMAT (the following should be included and referenced with index tabs)**

Table of Contents: Identify contents by tab and page number

TAB 1 - Letter of Transmittal. A brief letter of transmittal should be submitted that includes the following information:

1. The proposer's understanding of the work to be performed.
2. A positive commitment to perform the service within the time period specified.
3. The names of key persons, representatives, project managers who will be the main contacts for the City.

TAB 2 – Qualifications and Experience of Personnel. Provide a statement of qualifications, abilities, experience and expertise in providing the requested services. Resumes, including relevant experience may be included.

TAB 3 – Demonstrated Success in Past Contracts and Relevant Knowledge.

1. A description of what qualifies your company, financial and otherwise, to provide the City with these services for the required period of time, provide appropriate staffing, provide necessary resources and show a history of demonstrated competence.
2. An assessment of the proposer's abilities to meet and satisfy the needs of the City, taking into consideration the requested services, additional services and/or expertise offered that exceed the requirements, including specific experience and knowledge relevant to FEMA, FDOT, and FHWA requirements.
3. References – A minimum of three (3) references, preferably from other public entities within the State of Florida, for whom you have provided similar services. Include the name of entity, contact person's names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, mailing addresses, type of service provided, dates these services were provided.

TAB 4 - Additional Information/Fee Schedule/Availability. Provide the following:

1. Additional information for consideration in the review of proposal
2. Fee Schedule – Attachment A
3. Overview of contractor's availability, including established commitments and the priority of Clearwater, Florida in the event of a disaster event

TAB 5 - Other Forms. The following forms should be completed and signed:

1. Exceptions/Additional Materials/Addendum form
2. Vendor Information form
3. Offer and Acceptance form
4. Proof of Insurance Coverages (certificate with "Additional Insured" designation will be required with execution of an agreement)
5. Safe Working Environment Policy
6. Safety Plan Policy
7. Subcontractor Plan – including company name, task specialties, contact information, and small/disadvantaged business status if applicable
8. Miscellaneous Required Forms - Attachment B
9. W-9 Form. All responses should include a fully completed, most current W-9 form. (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)

EXCEPTIONS / ADDITIONAL MATERIAL / ADDENDA

Proposers shall indicate any and all exceptions taken to the provisions or specifications 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 Proposal 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 proposal

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

Acknowledgement of addenda issued for this solicitation:

Prior to submitting a response to this solicitation, it is the vendor's responsibility to confirm if any addenda have been issued.

Addenda Number	Initial to acknowledge receipt

Vendor Name _____

Date: _____

VENDOR 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 proposal:

Name: _____ Fax: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

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

Name: _____ Fax: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Indicate appropriate certification(s) and certifying agency:

_____ Certified Small Business

Certifying Agency: _____

_____ Certified Minority, Woman or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Certifying Agency: _____

VENDOR CERTIFICATION OF OFFER

By signing and submitting this Proposal, the Vendor certifies that:

- a) It is under no legal prohibition to contract 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 respondents or potential respondents 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 services and or goods/materials covered by this contract.
- f) It understands the City of Clearwater may copy all parts of this response, including without limitation any documents and/or materials copyrighted by the respondent, for internal use in evaluating respondent's offer, or in response to a public records request under Florida's public records law (F.S. 119) or other applicable law, subpoena, or other judicial process.
- g) Respondent hereby warrants to the City that the respondent and each of its subcontractors ("Subcontractors") will comply with, and are contractually obligated to comply with, all Federal Immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees.
- h) Respondent certifies that they are not in violation of section 6(j) of the Federal Export Administration Act and not debarred by any Federal or public agency.
- i) It will provide the materials or services specified in compliance with all Federal, State, and Local Statutes and Rules if awarded by the City.
- j) It is current in all obligations due to the City.
- k) It will accept such terms and conditions in a resulting contract if awarded by the City.
- l) The signatory is an officer or duly authorized agent of the respondent with full power and authority to submit binding offers for the goods or services as specified herein.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

MAILING LABEL

CUT ALONG THE LINE AND AFFIX TO THE FRONT OF YOUR BID CONTAINER

----- For US Mail -----

SEALED PROPOSAL

Submitted by:

Company Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

RFP #15-17 Disaster Debris Removal/Disposal Services

Due Date: June 1, 2017, at 10:00 A.M.

City of Clearwater
Attn: **Purchasing**
PO Box 4748
Clearwater FL 33758-4748

----- For US Mail -----

----- For Hand Deliveries, FEDEX, UPS or Other Courier Services -----

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City of Clearwater
Attn: **Purchasing**
100 S Myrtle Ave 3rd Fl
Clearwater FL 33756-5520

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