

# Solicitation 125-11001

## State Legislative Lobbyist Services



**City of Fort Lauderdale**

## Bid 125-11001

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#### Description

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Please register at www.bidsync.com to download this RFP.

Added on Jun 11, 2012:

The RFP Number for the State Legislative Lobbyist Services is 125-11001. Please ignore the RFP#225-10834 stated in Section PART 1 - Introduction/Information, this should also read as RFP 125-11001.

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***Request for Proposal***

**125-11001**

**STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYIST SERVICES**



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**RFP# 225-10834****TITLE State of Florida Legislative Lobbyist Services****PART I – INTRODUCTION/INFORMATION****01. PURPOSE**

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**02. INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION**

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**03. TRANSACTION FEES**

The City of Fort Lauderdale uses BidSync ([www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)) to distribute and receive bids and proposals. There is no charge to vendors/contractors to register and participate in the solicitation process, nor will any fees be charged to the awarded vendor.

**04. ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for award of a contract in response to this solicitation, the Contractor must demonstrate that they have successfully completed services, as specified in the Technical Specifications / Scope of Services section of this solicitation are normally and routinely engaged in performing such services, and are properly and legally licensed to perform such work. In addition, the Contractor must have no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the Contractor for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**05. PRICING/DELIVERY**

All pricing shall be identified in PART VII - PROPOSAL PAGES – COST PROPOSAL. No additional costs may be accepted, other than the costs stated on the Proposal pages. If you don't use the City's Cost proposal page to provide your cost information, you may be found non-responsive.

Contractor must quote a firm, fixed annual price for all services stated in the RFP, which includes any travel associated with coming to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

06. RFP DOCUMENTS

The Contractor shall examine this RFP carefully. Ignorance of the requirements will not relieve the Contractor from liability and obligation under the Contract.

07. AWARD

The City reserves the right to award to one or more than one proposer who will best serve the interests of the City, for that product/service that will best serve the needs of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The City also reserves the right to waive minor variations in the specifications and in the bidding process. The City further reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals and to award or not award a contract based on this bid solicitation.

08. PRICE VALIDITY

Prices provided in this Request for Proposal (RFP) are valid for 120 days from time of RFP opening. The City shall award contract within this time period or shall request to the recommended awarded vendor an extension to hold pricing, until products/services have been awarded.

**PART II - RFP SCHEDULE**

EVENT	DATE/TIME
Release of RFP	May 21, 2012
Deadline for Questions/Request for Clarifications	May 31, 2012
Addendum released, if required	June 1, 2012
Proposal Due Date/Time (Deadline)	June 19, 2012

**PART III - SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

01. **GENERAL CONDITIONS**  
RFP General Conditions Form G-107 Rev. 4/12 (GC) are included and made a part of this RFP.
02. **NEWS RELEASES/PUBLICITY**  
News releases, publicity releases, or advertisements relating to this contract or the tasks or projects associated with the project shall not be made without prior City approval.
03. **RFP DOCUMENTS**  
The Contractor shall examine this RFP carefully. Ignorance of the requirements will not relieve the Contractor from liability and obligations under the Contract.
04. **CONTRACTORS' COSTS**  
The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Contractor in responding to this RFP.
05. **RULES AND PROPOSALS**  
The signer of the proposal must declare that the only person(s), company or parties interested in the proposal as principals are named therein; that the proposal is made without collusion with any other person(s), company or parties submitting a proposal; that it is in all respects fair and in good faith, without collusion or fraud; and that the signer of the proposal has full authority to bind the principal Contractor.
07. **CONTRACT PERIOD**  
The initial contract term shall commence upon date of award by the City or October 1, 2012, whichever is later, and shall expire two years from that date. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for two additional one year terms, providing all terms conditions and specifications remain the same, both parties agree to the extension, and such extension is approved by the City.  
  
In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the City as authorized by the awarding authority. The extension period shall not extend for more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.
08. **COST ADJUSTMENTS**  
Prices quoted shall be firm for the initial contract term two year(s). No cost increases shall be accepted in this initial contract term, or any renewal terms. Please consider this when providing your pricing for this request for proposal.
09. **CONTRACT COORDINATOR**  
The City Manager shall be designated as the Contract Coordinator whose principal duties shall be:
  - Liaison with Contractor.
  - Coordinate and approve all work under the contract.
  - Resolve any disputes.
  - Assure consistency and quality of Contractor's performance.
  - Schedule and conduct Contractor performance evaluations and document findings.
  - Review and approve for payment all invoices for work performed or items delivered.
10. **INVOICES/PAYMENT**  
The City will accept invoices no more frequently than once per month. Each invoice shall fully

detail the related costs and shall specify the status of the particular task or project as of the date of the invoice with regard to the accepted schedule for that task or project. Payment will be made within forty-five (45) days after receipt of an invoice acceptable to the City, in accordance with the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act. If, at any time during the contract, the City shall not approve or accept the Contractor's work product, and agreement cannot be reached between the City and the Contractor to resolve the problem to the City's satisfaction, the City shall negotiate with the Contractor on a payment for the work completed and usable to the City.

11. RELATED EXPENSES/TRAVEL EXPENSES

All costs including travel are to be included in your proposal. The City will not accept any additional costs.

12. NO EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT/ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services from another vendor at the City's sole option.

13. SUBSTITUTION OF PERSONNEL

It is the intention of the City that the Contractor's personnel proposed for the contract will be available for the initial contract term. In the event the Contractor wishes to substitute personnel, he shall propose personnel of equal or higher qualifications and all replacement personnel are subject to City approval. In the event substitute personnel are not satisfactory to the City and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to cancel the Contract for cause. See Section 5.09 General Conditions.

14. INSURANCE

The Contractor shall furnish proof of insurance requirements as indicated below. The coverage is to remain in force at all times during the contract period. The following minimum insurance coverage is required. The City is to be added as an "additional insured" with relation to General Liability Insurance. This MUST be written in the description section of the insurance certificate, even if you have a check-off box on your insurance certificate. Any costs for adding the City as "additional insured" will be at the contractor's expense.

The City of Fort Lauderdale shall be given notice 10 days prior to cancellation or modification of any stipulated insurance. The insurance provided shall be endorsed or amended to comply with this notice requirement. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested and addressed to the Procurement Services Division.

The Contractor's insurance must be provided by an A.M. Best's "A-" rated or better insurance company authorized to issue insurance policies in the State of Florida, subject to approval by the City's Risk Manager. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the contractor that precludes coverage for work contemplated in this RFP shall be deemed unacceptable, and shall be considered breach of contract.

**Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance**

Limits: Workers' Compensation – Per Florida Statute 440  
Employers' Liability - \$500,000

Any firm performing work on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale must provide Workers' Compensation insurance. Exceptions and exemptions will be allowed by the City's Risk

Manager, if they are in accordance with Florida Statute. For additional information contact the Department of Financial Services, Workers' Compensation Division at (850) 413-1601 or on the web at [www.fldfs.com](http://www.fldfs.com).

### **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

Covering premises-operations, products-completed operations, independent contractors and contractual liability.

Limits: Combined single limit bodily injury/property damage \$1,000,000.

This coverage must include, but not limited to:

- a. Coverage for the liability assumed by the contractor under the indemnity provision of the contract.
- b. Coverage for Premises/Operations
- c. Products/Completed Operations
- d. Broad Form Contractual Liability
- e. Independent Contractors

### **Automobile Liability Insurance**

Covering all owned, hired and non-owned automobile equipment.

Limits: Bodily injury	\$250,000 each person, \$500,000 each occurrence
Property damage	\$100,000 each occurrence

### **Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)**

#### Consultants

Limits: \$1,000,000 per occurrence

A copy of **ANY** current Certificate of Insurance should be included with your proposal.

In the event that you are the successful bidder, you will be required to provide a certificate naming the City as an "additional insured" for General Liability.

Certificate holder should be addressed as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale  
Procurement Services Division  
100 N. Andrews Avenue, Room 619  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

#### 15. SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor must be capable of performing all the services as contained in the bid specifications. If the Contractor intends to use sub-contractors in the performance of these services, bidder shall submit complete information on all proposed sub-contractors as a part of the bid response. The same qualification requirements, and all other terms and conditions of the bid shall also apply to the sub-contractor. The City reserves the right to approve or disapprove any sub-contractor proposed. Contractor shall ensure that all of Contractor's sub-contractors perform in accordance with the

terms and conditions of this Contract. Contractor shall be fully responsible for all of Contractor's sub-contractors' performance, and liable for any of Contractor's sub-contractors' non-performance and all of Contractor's sub-contractors' acts and omissions. Contractor shall defend, counsel being subject to the City's approval or disapproval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agents from and against any claim, lawsuit, third party action, or judgment, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, occasioned by or arising out of any act or omission by any of Contractor's sub-contractors.

16. INSURANCE – SUBCONTRACTORS

Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors to provide the aforementioned coverage as well as any other coverage that the contractor may consider necessary, and any deficiency in the coverage or policy limits of said subcontractors will be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

17. OWNERSHIP OF WORK

The City shall have full ownership and the right to copyright, otherwise limit, reproduce, modify, sell, or use all of the work or product produced under this contract without payment of any royalties or fees to the Contractor above the agreed hourly rates and related costs.

18. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

NOTE: Contractor, by submitting a proposal attests she/he/it has not been placed on the convicted vendor list.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

23. CANADIAN COMPANIES

The City may enforce in the United States of America or in Canada or in both countries a judgment entered against the Contractor. The Contractor waives any and all defenses to the City's enforcement in Canada, of a judgment entered by a court in the United States of America. All monetary amounts set forth in this Contract are in United States dollars.

24. LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

ALL CONTRACTORS PLEASE NOTE: Any contractor submitting a response to this solicitation must comply, if applicable, with City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-00-27 & Resolution No. 07-101, Lobbying Activities. Copies of Ordinance No. C-00-27 and Resolution No. 07-101 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office on the 7th Floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The ordinance may also be viewed on the City's website at: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/LobbyistDocs/lobbyistord1009.pdf> .

25. BID TABULATIONS/INTENT TO AWARD

(Notice of Intent to Award Contract/Bid, resulting from the City's Formal solicitation process, requiring City Commission action, may be found at [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices\\_of\\_intent.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices_of_intent.htm). Tabulations of receipt of those parties responding to a formal solicitation may be found at

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/bidresults.htm>, or any interested party may call the Procurement Office at 954-828-5933.

26. SAMPLE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

A sample of the formal agreement template, which may be required to be executed by the awarded vendor can be found at our website <http://fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/general/contractsample021412.pdf>

27. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE

Section 2-199.2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, (Ordinance No. C-12-04), provides for a local business preference.

In order to be considered for a local business preference, a bidder or proposer must include the Local Business Preference Certification Statement, Attachment "A" of this RFP, and documentation of the following, as applicable to the local business preference class claimed, **at the time of proposal submittal**:

Upon recommendation for contract award based on the application of a local Business Preference the Proposer shall within ten (10) calendar days submit the following documentation to the Local Business Preference Class claimed:

A) Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, **or** Broward County current year business tax receipt, **and**

B) List of the names of all employees of the bidder or proposer and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

Failure to comply at time of proposal submittal shall result in the Proposer being found ineligible for the local business preference.

**THE COMPLETE LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/index.htm>

**Definitions:** The term "Business" shall mean a person, firm, corporation or other business entity which is duly licensed and authorized to engage in a particular work in the State of Florida. Business shall be broken down into four (4) types of classes:

1. Class A Business – shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City **and** shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
2. Class B Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City **or** shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
3. Class C Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone **and** staffed with full-time employees within the limits of Broward County.
4. Class D Business – shall mean any Business that does not qualify as either a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

## PART IV - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS/SCOPE OF SERVICES

### **01. BACKGROUND:**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is governed by a five (5) member Commission. The Mayor is elected at-large, and each of the four (4) Commissioners is elected by district. All members of the Commission are elected to three (3) year terms. The City operates under a Commission-Manager form of government, with the administrative responsibilities vested with the City Manager. The City Commission appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, City Auditor, and the City Clerk.

Fort Lauderdale is the seventh (7th) largest city in the State of Florida and the largest municipality in Broward County. It also serves as the County seat for Broward County. The City has approximately 166,000 full time residents. An estimated six million (6,000,000) tourists are annually attracted to the hotels, beaches, convention center, restaurants, marine facilities, and other major attractions within the City.

The City currently contracts for State Legislative Lobbying services. The annual cost includes all costs to the City, including any travel. This fee includes all regular and special legislative sessions, and all expenses. The current lobbyist meets with the City Commission approximately four (4) times per year. City Staff is in weekly, often daily, during session, contact with the contractor.

### **02. GENERAL INFORMATION/OBJECTIVE:**

The City of Fort Lauderdale seeks to retain the services of a legislative consultant(s) for matters in which the City may need professional services before the Florida Legislature, State of Florida administrative agencies, the Florida Governor and Cabinet, et al. Such services shall include attending state legislative committee hearings and meetings, rule making proceedings or other administrative or legislative agency meetings.

The contract services shall include, but not necessarily be limited to: scheduled, extended, or special legislative sessions and meetings; state administrative and agency hearings, meetings, or rule making proceedings; and legal and legislative consulting services, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The successful Contractor(s) shall agree to be available at all times upon reasonable request to meet with the City Commission, City staff, and others as specified in order to perform the responsibilities assigned; and to attend meetings, represent the interests of the City, and act as liaison between the City and all branches, departments, and agencies of State government, at any legislative committee meeting or meetings with the Governor, Cabinet, or Cabinet members, or state agencies on matters under the scope of this Request for Proposal (RFP). It is expected that the successful Contractor will review and understand the Agendas of the House and Senate leaders in order to assist the City to strategically seek funds and policy change.

Although legal opinions are not required as a part of the Contractor(s) responsibilities, the City will expect the Contractor to understand applicable laws and proposals under consideration by the Governor, administrative agencies or the Legislators or their committees, and the Contractor shall be expected to have the ability to interpret legal implications and advise the City accordingly.

The Contractor is also expected to monitor proposals and activities in meetings regarding state administrative and agency hearings, as well as in rule challenges in the Division of Administrative

Hearings. This would include a review of the agendas and providing notification to the City as pertinent issues arise. The Contractor would also be expected to report the outcome of such meetings. Contractor should be prepared to lobby committee members prior to and at these meetings, to accomplish the City's desired positions.

There are no pre-set number of City meetings, or meetings of governmental agencies that the Contractor may be expected to attend or with which to interact. This will be mutually determined between the City and the Contractor following award, and/or as determined to be needed during the contract term.

### **03. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED:**

- a. Develop an overall strategy with staff to ensure issues of concern to the City are addressed to the City's satisfaction.
- b. Devise an overall funding strategy in light of shrinking opportunities.
- c. Identify relevant funding opportunities that may arise for which the City may qualify to apply; assist staff in submitting grant requests.
- d. Work with the Florida delegation (Executive Branch and administrative offices, Florida Senate and House of Representatives) to ensure their understanding and support of projects for which the City is seeking assistance.
- e. Draft letters to the members regarding issues of interest and concern to the City, thank you letters to staff after meetings or letters of appreciation.
- f. Review on a continuing basis all existing and proposed State policies, programs, and legislation. Identify those issues that may affect the City or its citizens, and regularly inform the City as to these matters. Provide legal and legislative expertise and consulting services.
- g. Review the legislative policy statements adopted by the Florida League of Cities and the policy statements of other local governments and lobbying groups for the purpose of identifying issues which may either positively or negatively affect the City and make recommendations on policy.
- h. Assist the City Commission and City staff in the coordination and development of the City's legislative program and appropriation requests.
- i. Monitor state legislative committee meetings, state agency hearings and meetings prior to and during the regular and special legislative session(s) at which specific issues within the City's adopted legislative program are considered, as well as other that may arise that affect the City.
- j. Work with the City Commission, staff, and the Broward County Legislative Delegation to develop special or general legislation in keeping with, or supportive of, the City's adopted legislative program.
- k. Develop and implement strategy for the support, opposition, or amendment of pending legislation by tracking bills regularly.
- l. Testify and lobby before the Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet as necessary on behalf of the City, during the annual legislative session, extended, or special session(s) and at legislative committee meetings and meetings of the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

- m. Appear and testify before state agency hearings, rule making proceedings and other administrative agency or legislative meetings, as required, to promote, oppose, and seek passage of legislation affecting the City or its citizens, and specific legislation contained in the City's legislative program.
- n. Upon request by the City, assist the City in coordinating applications and obtaining State permits and grants. The Contractor is not expected to prepare permit or grant applications.
- o. Upon request, coordinate appointments/meetings between the City Commission or other City staff, and appropriate state officials and legislators.

### **03.01 DELIVERABLES**

- 1. Required reports may include but not necessarily be limited to, personal briefings and information bulletins pertinent to any legislation, rules, or regulations, and other state policies or programs that affect the City and its citizens either directly or indirectly. A written summary report shall be submitted at the end of each week detailing legislative action taken during the week, status of legislative issues, anticipated action during the upcoming week, and suggested action plan that City administrators or elected officials may implement.
- 2. A written report that summarizes the status of the City's legislative priorities shall be provided within one (1) week of the closing of the session and a more detailed final written report on specific legislation and new requirements affecting the City shall be provided within a reasonable time period, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the close of session.
- 3. Provide periodic written reports (at least monthly) during those months that the legislature is not in session, on issues of interest or concern to the City. Such information may include, but not necessarily be limited to, action taken at interim committee meetings, rule making hearings, status of studies underway, and advance notice of legislation being proposed.

### **04. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR:**

- a. The Contractor shall perform the scope of services, as contained in the RFP specifications. This list of services shall not be deemed to be all-inclusive, and may be changed from time to time as authorized by the City Commission.
- b. All correspondence shall be directed through the City Manager, or designee.

### **05. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY:**

The City shall designate the City Manager as the "lead" staff person to coordinate with the Contractor; however, other individuals may be designated by the City Manager from time to time.

- a. The City shall have appropriate staff available as may be required to discuss issues with the Contractor, particularly during the legislative session.
- b. The City shall use its best efforts to cooperate with the Contractor in providing the information and documentation necessary in the performance of the Legislative consulting services under this contract.

**06. FEE COMPENSATION/EXPENSES:**

The proposed fee(s) shall detail be a firm, fixed annual fee, **which includes all expenses including travel** for the services outlined in the RFP, to be billed monthly.

**07. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

In the event the Contractor becomes aware of any conflicts or potential conflicts between the interest of the City and the interests of clients of the Contractor, the Contractor shall **immediately** notify the City Manager, or designee, in writing, of such conflict. Written notice may be in the form of e-mail notification. **Such conflict is defined as any client represented by the firm.** In the event the City becomes aware of any conflicts or potential conflicts between the interest of the City and the interests of clients of the Contractor, the City Manager, or designee, shall promptly notify the Contractor of such conflict. The City and the Contractor shall attempt to resolve any such conflict in a manner mutually acceptable to the City and the Contractor. If the conflict cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City reserves the right to procure these items/services from other vendors with an appropriate reduction to the Contractor's fee(s).

## **PART V - REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL**

All proposals must be submitted as specified on the proposal pages, which follow. Any attachments must be clearly identified. To be considered, the proposal must respond to all parts of the RFP. Any other information thought to be relevant, but not applicable to the enumerated categories, should be provided as an appendix to the proposal. If publications are supplied by a proposer to respond to a requirement, the response should include reference to the document number and page number. Proposals not providing this reference will be considered to have no reference material included in the additional documents. The City prefers all responses to this RFP to be less than 50 pages and that the Contractor utilize recyclable materials as much as possible. Expensive or fancy binders are not preferred.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed package with the RFP number, due and open date, and RFP title clearly marked on the outside. If more than one package is submitted they should be marked 1 of 2, etc.

**THIS IS A PAPER RFP WITH CD's.** All proposals must be received by the City of Fort Lauderdale, in the Procurement Services Division, Room 619, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301 prior to 2:00 pm on the date specified in PART II – RFP SCHEDULE. Submittal of response by fax or e-mail will NOT be acceptable.

**PROPOSERS MUST SUBMIT AN IDENTIFIED ORIGINAL HARD COPY, PLUS (6) ADDITIONAL HARD COPIES OF THEIR PROPOSAL PAGES INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS.**

**THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS TOTAL (7) HARD COPIES OF YOUR PROPOSAL. CONTRACTORS SHOULD SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL ALSO ON A CD. CONTRACTOR SHOULD PROVIDE (2) CD COPIES OF YOUR PROPOSAL. CD COPIES MUST MATCH THE ORIGINAL HARDCOPY. IN CASE OF ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL HARD COPIES AND THE CD, THE ORIGINAL HARD COPY PREVAILS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPOSALS AS STATED ABOVE, MAY BE GROUNDS TO FIND CONTRACTOR NON-RESPONSIVE.**

The proposer understands that the information contained in these Proposal Pages is to be relied upon by the City in awarding the proposed Agreement, and such information is warranted by the proposer to be true. The proposer agrees to furnish such additional information, prior to acceptance of any proposal, relating to the qualifications of the proposer, as may be required by the City.

**A representative who is authorized to contractually bind the Contractor shall sign the Bid/Proposal Signature page. Omission of a signature on that page may result in rejection of your proposal.**

**The following issues should be fully responded to in your proposal in concise narrative form. Each issue should be referenced and be presented in the following order:**

- A. LETTER OF INTEREST / COVER LETTER** - Briefly state the Proposer's understanding of the services to be rendered, and make a positive commitment to perform according to the requirements noted in this RFP. Include Proposal Signature Page and Non-Collusion Statement in this section.
- B. PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES /SAMPLE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE** - Submit a copy of all Licenses, Certificates, Registrations, Permits etc. that your company / staff possesses. Provide documentation of all business/occupational licenses required to perform these services as a part of the RFP response. Also include proof of insurance in this section.
- C. COMPANY PROFILE** - Legal name, address, Telephone number, Fax number, E-mail address, Web page address, etc. of the proposer, together with legal entity (corporation, partnership, etc.) Firm must be established as a legal entity in the State of Florida. Provide hours of operation; Years in business; State whether the firm is local, regional, or national; Provide addresses and phone numbers for Headquarters and other relevant offices if applicable;
- D. QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE** -
- D.1 Experience of Proposer and team: Detail experience, qualifications, and past performance of the Proposer and all persons designated for City's lobbying (include resumes, education, professional experience, and training information) and resources. A history of your organization, including a current organization chart (if applicable), and any other appropriate descriptive information, which will be helpful in our evaluation of your qualifications and experience. Include the number of years you have provided state lobbying services.
- D.2 Demonstrate your firms experience and understanding of legal implications of proposed laws and proposals that have been under consideration by Florida administrative bodies, and how you assisted your past clients regarding same.
- D.3 Describe five major successes your firm has had for clients in the past five years.
- D.4 What other Florida Cities and Counties does/has your firm represent(ed), and how many years has your firm represented those firms?
- D.5 Provide any additional information pertinent to your capability, demonstrated past performance; workload and availability to the City.
- E. REPORTS / CORESPONDANCE** - Discuss how you will report pertinent information back to City staff. Also provide samples (if any) of any reports and other forms of correspondences (letters, notifications, etc.) you will use for such purposes.
- F. SUB-CONTRACTORS** - If proposer intends to sub-contract any part of the services contained in the RFP, please indicate that intent in this section, and provide complete information on the Company, including address, principals telephone number, experience and references; qualifications licenses and insurance information.
- G. REFERENCES** – A list of minimum of three current and former major accounts along with contact persons E-mail address (current), name, address, phone and fax numbers. This list should include accounts that represent company's experience with entities of similar size and exposures as the City of Fort Lauderdale. How long ago was your contract awarded for these references? (See Exhibit "A").

- H. UNDERSTANDING OF REQUIREMENTS** - Discuss your understanding of the City's legislative, budgetary, and policy needs and your overall approach / strategies to meet those needs.
- I. RELATIONSHIPS, RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES**- Please describe your existing relationships with State of Florida Local Legislative Delegation and with other key legislators and support staff. Also discuss other resources and capabilities your firm will provide to this contract.

The proposer understands that the information contained in these Proposal Pages is to be relied upon by the City in awarding the proposed Agreement, and such information is warranted by the proposer to be true. The proposer agrees to furnish such additional information, prior to acceptance of any proposal, relating to the qualifications of the proposer, as may be required by the City.

**PART VI – PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The award of the contract will be based on certain objective and subjective considerations listed below:

Understanding of City of Fort Lauderdale's legislative, budgetary and policy needs and the proposers proposed methods strategies to meet those needs.	10%
Qualification of Firm - Firm's experience in State Lobbyist Services. to include but not be limited to: demonstrated knowledge of legislative affairs, interpretations of legal implications, legislative policy statements, major successes for clients, etc.; Including credentials, certifications, licenses, Insurance; Experience of staff assigned to this contract	30%
References; and proposed reports and other correspondences offered	20%
Relationships, Resources and Capabilities- Existing relationships with State of Florida Local Legislative Delegation and with other key legislators and support staff. Also other resources and capabilities your firm will provide to this contract.	10%
Cost to the City	30%
<b>TOTAL PERCENT AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>100%</b>

An evaluation committee of qualified City Staff or other persons selected by the City will conduct evaluations of proposals. It may be a two-step process. In step one, the committee will evaluate all responsive proposals based upon the information and references contained in the proposals as submitted. The committee shall review each proposal and rank each proposer's evaluation criteria as stated in this RFP (i.e. criteria 1, 2, 3, 4), and determine a minimum of three (3), if more than three (3) proposals are responsive, to be finalists for further consideration. In the event there are less than three (3) responsive proposals, the committee will give further consideration to all responsive proposals received. In step two, the committee may conduct discussions (oral presentations), for clarification purposes only, with the finalists and re-score and re-rank the finalists' proposals. The evaluation committee may then make a recommendation, resulting from this process, to the City Manager for award of a contract.

The City may require visits to customer installations or demonstrations of product by Contractor's, as part of the evaluation process.

The City of Fort Lauderdale reserves the right, before awarding the contract, to require a Proposer to submit any evidence of its qualifications as the City may deem necessary, and to consider any evidence available of financial, technical and other qualifications and capabilities, including performance experience with past and present users.

The City of Fort Lauderdale reserves the right to request additional clarifying information and request an oral presentation from any and all Proposers prior to determination of award.

The City reserves the right to award the contract to that Proposer who will best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right based upon its deliberations and in its opinion, to accept or reject any or all proposals. The City also reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or variations to the specifications and in the bidding process.

The City uses a mathematical formula for determining allocation of evaluation criteria including cost points, to each responsive, responsible proposer. Each evaluation criteria stated in the RFP has an identified weighted factor. Each evaluation committee member will rank each criteria, from each proposer, giving their first ranked proposer as number 1, and second proposer as number 2 and so on. The City shall average the ranking for each criteria, for all evaluation committee members, and then multiply that average ranking by the weighted criteria identified in the RFP. The lowest average final ranking score will determine the recommendation by the evaluation committee to the City Manager.

## PART VII - PROPOSAL PAGES – COST PROPOSAL

Cost to the City: Contractor must quote firm, fixed, annual fee, billed monthly, for all services identified in this request for proposal. This firm fixed annual fee includes any costs for travel to the City. No other costs will be accepted. The initial contract term is for two years. Contractor **MUST** provide pricing on this page or may be deemed non-responsive.

The proposed fee shall detail all costs: i.e. travel, and related incidental out-of-pocket expenses, if applicable. Contractor shall not be reimbursed or otherwise paid for internal word processing, data processing or other services (i.e. local telephone services, copies, mail or postage services) that would reasonably be deemed the Contractor's overhead expense. Contractor will be reimbursed on a monthly basis as a firm fixed annual fee, inclusive of all expenses.

**PLEASE FILL-IN THE TOTAL ANNUAL FIRM FIXED FEE BELOW FOR THE (INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD – (2) YEARS)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ /ANNUAL FEE x 2 yrs. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If a Contractor wishes to provide a proposal as a joint venture, Contractor shall provide on this Cost Proposal page a breakdown of their portion of the annual fee for the each joint venture Contractor being submitted. (i.e. ABC Company \$25,000 annual fee and DEF Company \$25,000 annual fee) x 2 yrs. = \$100,000. The total cost for the joint venture, is what will be considered in scoring for the cost criteria. If you do not provide the amount to be paid to each proposer, you may be deemed non-responsive. **THE JOINT PROPOSERS MUST ALSO, EACH PROVIDE A BID SIGNATURE PAGE, EXECUTED BY AN OFFICER OF THE COMPANY.**

Failure to use the City's COST PROPOSAL page (**PART VII - PROPOSAL PAGES – COST PROPOSAL**), and provide costs as requested in this RFP, may deem your proposal non-responsive.

**REFERENCES – Exhibit “A”**  
**RFP 125-11001 STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYIST SERVICES**

BIDDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the following:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES – A list of current and former major accounts along with contact persons E-mail address (current), name, address, phone and fax numbers. This list should include accounts that represent company’s experience with entities of similar size and exposures as the City of Fort Lauderdale.**

1. Provide three references for which you have performed similar services.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
When was your contract awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
When was your contract awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
When was your contract awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

RFP NO. 125-11001

TITLE: State Legislative Lobbyist Services

EXHIBIT "B"
LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The Business identified below certifies that it qualifies for the local BUSINESS preference classification as indicated herein, and further certifies and agrees that it will re-affirm it's local preference classification annually no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the anniversary of the date of a contract awarded pursuant to this RFP. Violation of the foregoing provision may result in contract termination.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a Class A Business as defined in City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. A copy of the City of Fort Lauderdale current year Business Tax Receipt and a complete list of full-time employees and their addresses are attached for justification.

Business Name

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ is a Class B Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. A copy of the Business Tax Receipt or a complete list of full-time employees and their addresses is attached as justification.

Business Name

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ is a Class C Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. A copy of the Broward County Business Tax Receipt is attached as justification.

Business Name

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ requests a Conditional Class A classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. Written certification of intent is attached.

Business Name

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ requests a Conditional Class B classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. Written certification of intent is attached.

Business Name

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ is considered a Class D Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. and does not qualify for Local Preference consideration. (Notary not required for Class "D")

Business Name

PROPOSER'S COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED COMPANY PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME SIGNATURE DATE

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ respectively, of \_\_\_\_\_ . They are [ ] personally known to me or [ ] have produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of  
(Signature of Notary taking Acknowledgment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Number

March 30, 2012

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These instructions are standard for all contracts for commodities or services issued through the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division. The City may delete, supersede, or modify any of these standard instructions for a particular contract by indicating such change in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, Instructions, Proposal Pages, Addenda, and Legal Advertisement. In this general conditions document, Invitation to Bid (ITB) and Request for Proposal (RFP) are interchangeable.

**PART I BIDDER PROPOSAL PAGE(S) CONDITIONS:**

- 1.01 BIDDER ADDRESS:** The City maintains automated vendor address lists that have been generated for each specific Commodity Class item through our bid issuing service, BidSync. Notices of Invitations to Bid (ITB'S) are sent by e-mail to the selection of bidders who have fully registered with BidSync or faxed (if applicable) to every vendor on those lists, who may then view the bid documents online. Bidders who have been informed of a bid's availability in any other manner are responsible for registering with BidSync in order to view the bid documents. There is no fee for doing so. If you wish bid notifications be provided to another e-mail address or fax, please contact BidSync. If you wish purchase orders sent to a different address, please so indicate in your bid response. If you wish payments sent to a different address, please so indicate on your invoice.
- 1.02 DELIVERY:** Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this ITB. The City reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the Bidder and accepted by the City.
- 1.03 PACKING SLIPS:** It will be the responsibility of the awarded Contractor, to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slips must provide a detailed description of what is to be received and reference the City of Fort Lauderdale purchase order number that is associated with the shipment. Failure to provide a detailed packing slip attached to the outside of shipment may result in refusal of shipment at Contractor's expense.
- 1.04 PAYMENT TERMS AND CASH DISCOUNTS:** Payment terms, unless otherwise stated in this ITB, will be considered to be net 45 days after the date of satisfactory delivery at the place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified, whichever occurs last. Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payment but they will not be considered in determination of award. If a Bidder offers a discount, it is understood that the discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery, at the place of acceptance, and receipt of correct invoice, at the office specified, whichever occurs last.
- 1.05 TOTAL BID DISCOUNT:** If Bidder offers a discount for award of all items listed in the bid, such discount shall be deducted from the total of the firm net unit prices bid and shall be considered in tabulation and award of bid.
- 1.06 BIDS FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, that the bid and the prices quoted in the bid will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated in the ITB.
- 1.07 VARIANCES:** For purposes of bid evaluation, Bidder's must indicate any variances, no matter how slight, from ITB General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications or Addenda in the space provided in the ITB. No variations or exceptions by a Bidder will be considered or deemed a part of the bid submitted unless such variances or exceptions are listed in the bid and referenced in the space provided on the bidder proposal pages. If variances are not stated, or referenced as required, it will be assumed that the product or service fully complies with the City's terms, conditions, and specifications.
- By receiving a bid, City does not necessarily accept any variances contained in the bid. All variances submitted are subject to review and approval by the City. If any bid contains material variances that, in the City's sole opinion, make that bid conditional in nature, the City reserves the right to reject the bid or part of the bid that is declared, by the City as conditional.
- 1.08 NO BIDS:** If you do not intend to bid please indicate the reason, such as insufficient time to respond, do not offer product or service, unable to meet specifications, schedule would not permit, or any other reason, in the space provided in this ITB. Failure to bid or return no bid comments prior to the bid due and opening date and time, indicated in this ITB, may result in your firm being deleted from our Bidder's registration list for the Commodity Class Item requested in this ITB.
- 1.09 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION AND BUSINESS DEFINITIONS:** The City of Fort Lauderdale wants to increase the participation of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in its procurement activities. If your firm qualifies in accordance with the below definitions please indicate in the space provided in this ITB.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) "A Minority Business" is a business enterprise that is owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons. Such disadvantage may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances or background or other similar cause. Such persons include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

The term "Minority Business Enterprise" means a business at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, minority group members are citizens of the United States who include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) a "Women Owned or Controlled Business" is a business enterprise at least 51 percent of which is owned by females or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by females.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) "Small Business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated, has either fewer than 100 employees or less than \$1,000,000 in annual gross receipts.

BLACK, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

WHITE, which includes persons whose origins are Anglo-Saxon and Europeans and persons of Indo-European decent including Pakistani and East Indian.

HISPANIC, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

NATIVE AMERICAN, which includes persons whose origins are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.

ASIAN AMERICAN, which includes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

#### 1.10 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION

It is the desire of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the City does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms. Proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishments and intended actions in this area. If proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties have to be identified in the proposal. If a proposer is considered for award, he or she will be asked to meet with City staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation can be formalized and included in the subsequent contract.

#### 1.11 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

This Section applies to any contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more:

The Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List as provided in section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2011), as may be amended or revised. The City may terminate this Contract at the City's option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2011), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List.

#### 1.12 DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED BIDDERS OR PROPOSERS

The bidder or proposer certifies, by submission of a response to this solicitation, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency.

### Part II DEFINITIONS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

#### 2.01 BIDDING DEFINITIONS

The City will use the following definitions in its general conditions, special conditions, technical specifications, instructions to bidders, addenda and any other document used in the bidding process:

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) when the City is requesting bids from qualified Bidders.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) when the City is requesting proposals from qualified Proposers.

BID – a price and terms quote received in response to an ITB.

PROPOSAL – a proposal received in response to an RFP.

BIDDER – Person or firm submitting a Bid.

PROPOSER – Person or firm submitting a Proposal.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER – A person whose bid conforms in all material respects to the terms and conditions included in the ITB.

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER – A person who has the capability in all respects to perform in full the contract requirements, as stated in the ITB, and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.

FIRST RANKED PROPOSER – That Proposer, responding to a City RFP, whose Proposal is deemed by the City, the most advantageous to the City after applying the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP.

SELLER – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order or Contract to provide goods or services to the City.

CONTRACTOR – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order, award Contract, Blanket Purchase Order agreement, or Term Contract to provide goods or services to the City.

CONTRACT – A deliberate verbal or written agreement between two or more competent parties to perform or not to perform a certain act or acts, including all types of agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of equipment, materials, supplies, services or construction.

CONSULTANT – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a contract to provide professional services to the City.

The following terms may be used interchangeably by the City: ITB and/or RFP; Bid or Proposal; Bidder, Proposer, or Seller; Contractor or Consultant; Contract, Award, Agreement or Purchase Order.

#### 2.02 SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Any and all Special Conditions contained in this ITB that may be in variance or conflict with these General Conditions shall have precedence over these General Conditions. If no changes or deletions to General Conditions are made in the Special Conditions, then the General Conditions shall prevail in their entirety,

### PART III BIDDING AND AWARD PROCEDURES:

#### 3.01 SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS:

To receive consideration, bids must be received prior to the bid opening date and time. Unless otherwise specified, Bidder's should use the proposal forms provided by the City. These forms may be duplicated, but failure to use the forms may cause the bid to be rejected. Any erasures or corrections on the bid must be made in ink and initialed by Bidder in ink. All information submitted by the Bidder shall be printed, typewritten or filled in with pen and ink. Bids shall be signed in ink. Separate bids must be submitted for each ITB issued by the City in separate sealed envelopes properly marked. When a particular ITB or RFP requires multiple copies of bids or proposals they may be included in a single envelope or package properly sealed and identified. Only send bids via facsimile transmission (FAX) if the ITB specifically states that bids sent via FAX will be considered. If such a statement is not included in the ITB, bids sent via FAX will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the Procurement Office, or other designated area, in the presence of Bidders, the public, and City staff. Bidders and the public are invited and encouraged to attend bid openings. Bids will be tabulated and made available for review by Bidder's and the public in accordance with applicable regulations.

#### 3.02 MODEL NUMBER CORRECTIONS:

If the model number for the make specified in this ITB is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bidder proposal page. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.

- 3.03 PRICES QUOTED:** Deduct trade discounts, and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. In the case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price quoted will govern. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges, Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Each item must be bid separately. No attempt shall be made to tie any item or items contained in the ITB with any other business with the City.
- 3.04 TAXES:** The City of Fort Lauderdale is exempt from Federal Excise and Florida Sales taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. Exemption number for EIN is 59-6000319, and State Sales tax exemption number is 85-8013875578C-1.
- 3.05 WARRANTIES OF USAGE:** Any quantities listed in this ITB as estimated or projected are provided for tabulation and information purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.
- 3.06 APPROVED EQUAL:** When the technical specifications call for a brand name, manufacturer, make, model, or vendor catalog number with acceptance of APPROVED EQUAL, it shall be for the purpose of establishing a level of quality and features desired and acceptable to the City. In such cases, the City will be receptive to any unit that would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal. In that the specified make and model represent a level of quality and features desired by the City, the Bidder must state clearly in the bid any variance from those specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information, in the bid, to enable the City to ensure that the bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the bid, it may be rejected. The City will be the sole judge in determining if the item bid qualifies as an approved equal.
- 3.07 MINIMUM AND MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:** The technical specifications may include items that are considered minimum, mandatory, or required. If any Bidder is unable to meet or exceed these items, and feels that the technical specifications are overly restrictive, the bidder must notify the Procurement Services Division immediately. Such notification must be received by the Procurement Services Division prior to the deadline contained in the ITB, for questions of a material nature, or prior to five (5) days before bid due and open date, whichever occurs first. If no such notification is received prior to that deadline, the City will consider the technical specifications to be acceptable to all bidders.
- 3.08 MISTAKES:** Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, delivery instructions and special conditions pertaining to the ITB. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle the bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed in the contract.
- 3.09 SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in Special Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.
- 3.10 LIFE CYCLE COSTING:** If so specified in the ITB, the City may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using Life Cycle Costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. The City reserves the right to use those or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.
- 3.11 BIDDING ITEMS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT:** In addressing environmental concerns, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages Bidders to submit bids or alternate bids containing items with recycled content. When submitting bids containing items with recycled content, Bidder shall provide documentation adequate for the City to verify the recycled content. The City prefers packaging consisting of materials that are degradable or able to be recycled. When specifically stated in the ITB, the City may give preference to bids containing items manufactured with recycled material or packaging that is able to be recycled.
- 3.12 USE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTS:** The City reserves the right to reject any part or all of any bids received and utilize other available governmental contracts, if such action is in its best interest.
- 3.13 QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION:** Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement Director reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.
- 3.14 BID SURETY:** If Special Conditions require a bid security, it shall be submitted in the amount stated. A bid security can be in the form of a bid bond or cashiers check. Bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after opening of bids. Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder after acceptance of the performance bond, if required; acceptance of insurance coverage, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; or conditions as stated in Special Conditions.
- 3.15 PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS/COPYRIGHT:** The Proposer's response to the RFP is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFP, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city's treatment of records as public records. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected.

EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.

**3.16 PROHIBITION OF INTEREST:** No contract will be awarded to a bidding firm who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the bidding firm has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidders must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's bidder lists and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City.

**3.17 RESERVATIONS FOR AWARD AND REJECTION OF BIDS:** The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variations to specifications contained in bids, and minor irregularities in the bidding process. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on a split order basis, lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB and whose bid is considered to best serve the City's interest. In determining the responsiveness of the offer and the responsibility of the Bidder, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform as required; whether the Bidder can perform promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder; the quality of past performance by the Bidder; the previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with related laws and ordinances; the sufficiency of the Bidder's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Bidder's supplies or services to the required use; the ability of the Bidder to provide future maintenance, service or parts; the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

If the ITB provides for a contract trial period, the City reserves the right, in the event the selected bidder does not perform satisfactorily, to award a trial period to the next ranked bidder or to award a contract to the next ranked bidder, if that bidder has successfully provided services to the City in the past. This procedure to continue until a bidder is selected or the contract is re-bid, at the sole option of the City.

**3.18 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

**3.19 BID PROTEST PROCEDURE: ANY PROPOSER OR BIDDER WHO IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT AND WHO ALLEGES A FAILURE BY THE CITY TO FOLLOW THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE OR ANY APPLICABLE LAW MAY PROTEST TO THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION (DIRECTOR), BY DELIVERING A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE DIRECTOR WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD IS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices\\_of\\_intent.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices_of_intent.htm)**

**THE COMPLETE PROTEST ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/protestordinance.pdf>**

#### **PART IV BONDS AND INSURANCE**

**4.01 PERFORMANCE BOND:** If a performance bond is required in Special Conditions, the Contractor shall within fifteen (15) working days after notification of award, furnish to the City a Performance Bond, payable to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the face amount specified in Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract. If the bond is on an annual coverage basis, renewal for each succeeding year shall be submitted to the City thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of the existing Performance Bond. The Performance Bond must be executed by a surety company of recognized standing, authorized to do business in the State of Florida and having a resident agent.

Acknowledgement and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein set for the Performance Bond is not intended to be nor shall be deemed to be in the nature of liquidated damages nor is it intended to limit the liability of the Contractor to the City in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor.

**4.02 INSURANCE:** If the Contractor is required to go on to City property to perform work or services as a result of ITB award, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in Special Conditions.

The Contractor shall provide to the Procurement Services Division original certificates of coverage and receive notification of approval of those certificates by the City's Risk Manager prior to engaging in any activities under this contract. The Contractor's insurance is subject to the approval of the City's Risk Manager. The certificates must list the City as an ADDITIONAL INSURED for General Liability Insurance, and shall have no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change. Further modification of the insurance requirements may be made at the sole discretion of the City's Risk Manager if circumstances change or adequate protection of the City is not presented. Bidder, by submitting the bid, agrees to abide by such modifications.

#### **PART V PURCHASE ORDER AND CONTRACT TERMS:**

**5.01 COMPLIANCE TO SPECIFICATIONS, LATE DELIVERIES/PENALTIES:** Items offered may be tested for compliance to bid specifications. Items delivered which do not conform to bid specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense. Any violation resulting in contract termination for cause or delivery of items not conforming to specifications, or late delivery may also result in:

- Bidders name being removed from the City's bidder's mailing list for a specified period and Bidder will not be recommended for any award during that period.
- All City Departments being advised to refrain from doing business with the Bidder.
- All other remedies in law or equity.

**5.02 ACCEPTANCE, CONDITION, AND PACKAGING:** The material delivered in response to ITB award shall remain the property of the Seller until a physical inspection is made and the material accepted to the satisfaction of the City. The material must comply fully with the terms of

the ITB, be of the required quality, new, and the latest model. All containers shall be suitable for storage and shipment by common carrier, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging. The City will not accept substitutes of any kind. Any substitutes or material not meeting specifications will be returned at the Bidder's expense. Payment will be made only after City receipt and acceptance of materials or services.

- 5.03 SAFETY STANDARDS:** All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of the Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended, and be in compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes. Any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this order must be accompanied by a completed Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).
- 5.04 ASBESTOS STATEMENT:** All material supplied must be 100% asbestos free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies that if awarded any portion of the ITB the bidder will supply only material or equipment that is 100% asbestos free.
- 5.05 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, the bidder may, if the bidder has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.
- 5.06 VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PROCEDURE:** No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any City employee. Only those communications which are in writing from an authorized City representative may be considered. Only written communications from Contractors, which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.
- 5.07 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Proposer shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in this ITB, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.
- 5.08 INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fort Lauderdale and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, claims, costs, charges for other expenses, or liabilities of every and any kind including attorneys fees, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of the work agreed to or performed by Contractor under the terms of any agreement that may arise due to the bidding process. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable Statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.
- 5.09 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the provisions of this Agreement, the City may upon written notice to the Contractor terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, or with such part or parts of the Agreement as to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused to the City by reason of such default and termination. In the event of such termination, any completed services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of the City, become the City's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the City. The Contractor, however, shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by reason of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor can be determined.
- 5.10 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
- 5.11 CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:** The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 5.12 RECORDS/AUDIT:** The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City Auditor or designee, during normal business hours and in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports and records relating to this contract should be retained for the duration of the contract and for three years after the final payment under this Agreement, or until all pending audits, investigations or litigation matters relating to the contract are closed, whichever is later.
- 5.13 PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES:** The successful Contractor shall, at their own expense, obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to business to be carried out under this contract.
- 5.14 LAWS/ORDINANCES:** The Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances rules and regulations that would apply to this contract.
- 5.15 NON-DISCRIMINATION:** There shall be no discrimination as to race, sex, color, creed, age or national origin in the operations conducted under this contract.
- 5.16 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If during a contract term where costs to the City are to remain firm or adjustments are restricted by a percentage or CPI cap, unusual circumstances that could not have been foreseen by either party of the contract occur, and those circumstances significantly affect the Contractor's cost in providing the required prior items or services, then the Contractor may request adjustments to the costs to the City to reflect the changed circumstances. The circumstances must be beyond the control of the Contractor, and the requested adjustments must be fully documented. The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City will reserve the following options:

1. The contract can be canceled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor with no penalty to the City or Contractor. The Contractor shall fill all City requirements submitted to the Contractor until the termination date contained in the notice.
2. The City requires the Contractor to continue to provide the items and services at the firm fixed (non-adjusted) cost until the termination of the contract term then in effect.
3. If the City, in its interest and in its sole opinion, determines that the Contractor in a capricious manner attempted to use this section of the contract to relieve themselves of a legitimate obligation under the contract, and no unusual circumstances had occurred, the City reserves the right to take any and all action under law or equity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, declaring the Contractor in default and disqualifying him for receiving any business from the City for a stated period of time.

If the City does agree to adjusted costs, these adjusted costs shall not be invoiced to the City until the Contractor receives notice in writing signed by a person authorized to bind the City in such matters.

- 5.17 ELIGIBILITY:** If applicable, the Contractor must first register with the Department of State of the State of Florida, in accordance with Florida State Statutes, prior to entering into a contract with the City.
- 5.18 PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The Contractor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City and its employees from liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.
- 5.19 ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this ITB without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this ITB, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City Commission or the City Manager or City Manager's designee, depending on original award approval.
- 5.20 LITIGATION VENUE:** The parties waive the privilege of venue and agree that all litigation between them in the state courts shall take place in Broward County, Florida and that all litigation between them in the federal courts shall take place in the Southern District in and for the State of Florida.

**NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT:**

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and free from collusion. Vendor shall disclose below any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale, FL Policy and Standards Manual, 6.10.8.3,

3.3. City employees may not contract with the City through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g. ownership of five (5) percent or more).

3.4. Immediate family members (spouse, parents and children) are also prohibited from contracting with the City subject to the same general rules.

**Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the City Procurement Code.**

**NAME**

**RELATIONSHIPS**

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**In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the City shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.**

**BID/PROPOSAL SIGNATURE PAGE**

**How to submit bids/proposals:** Proposals must be submitted by hard copy only. It will be the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that the bid reaches the City of Fort Lauderdale, City Hall, Procurement Services Division, Suite 619, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, prior to the bid opening date and time listed. Bids/proposals submitted by fax or email will NOT be accepted.

The below signed hereby agrees to furnish the following article(s) or services at the price(s) and terms stated subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications addenda, legal advertisement, and conditions contained in the bid. I have read all attachments including the specifications and fully understand what is required. By submitting this signed proposal I will accept a contract if approved by the CITY and such acceptance covers all terms, conditions, and specifications of this bid/proposal.

**Please Note:** All fields below **must** be completed. If the field does not apply to you, please note N/A in that field.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) (date)

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: (Legal Registration) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR, IF FOREIGN CORPORATION, MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE §607.1501 (visit <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>).**

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

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

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery: Calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order (section 1.02 of General Conditions): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Terms (section 1.04): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Bid Discount (section 1.05): \_\_\_\_\_

Does your firm qualify for MBE or WBE status (section 1.09): MBE \_\_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - Proposer acknowledges that the following addenda have been received and are included in the proposal:

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

**P-CARDS: Will your firm accept the City's Credit Card as payment for goods/services?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**VARIANCES:** State any variations to specifications, terms and conditions in the space provided below or reference in the space provided below all variances contained on other pages of bid, attachments or bid pages. No variations or exceptions by the Proposer will be deemed to be part of the bid submitted unless such variation or exception is listed and contained within the bid documents and referenced in the space provided below. If no statement is contained in the below space, it is hereby implied that your bid/proposal complies with the full scope of this solicitation. **HAVE YOU STATED ANY VARIANCES OR EXCEPTIONS BELOW? BIDDER MUST CLICK THE EXCEPTION LINK IF ANY VARIATION OR EXCEPTION IS TAKEN TO THE SPECIFICATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** If this section does not apply to your bid, simply mark N/A in the section below.

Variances:  
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## Question and Answers for Bid #125-11001 - State Legislative Lobbyist Services

### OVERALL BID QUESTIONS

#### Question 1

Does the preference of keeping the RFP response under 50 pages include the Reports/Coospondance samples under section E.? (Submitted: May 31, 2012 12:44:08 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- No. (Answered: May 31, 2012 6:14:59 PM EDT)

#### Question 2

Under Part III Special Conditions, Number 27 Local Business Preference, when applying for Class A Business, do all names of employees and evidence of residences need to be submitted or just those working on this proposed project? And does the documentation of residency (drivers license, utility bill, etc.) have to be submitted with the proposal or within 10 days when/if recommended for the contract? (Submitted: May 31, 2012 12:56:10 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- Just those names of employees working on the projected project. The documentation will need to be submitted within 10 days when/if recommended for award of the contract. (Answered: Jun 1, 2012 1:04:46 PM EDT)