



BID NO.: 9054-2/14

**OPENING: 2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 3, 2009**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**I N V I T A T I O N
T O B I D**

TITLE:

TENANT RENTAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (TRACS)

THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS BID, AS NOTED BELOW:

- CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY:..... N/A
- EQUIPMENT LIST:..... N/A
- EXPEDITED PURCHASING PROGRAM (EPP) N/A
- INDEMNIFICATION/INSURANCE:..... N/A
- LIVING WAGE: N/A
- PRE-BID CONFERENCE/WALK-THRU:..... N/A
- SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MEASURE:..... N/A
- SAMPLES/INFORMATION SHEETS: N/A
- USER ACCESS PROGRAM:..... N/A
- WRITTEN WARRANTY: N/A

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

R. CAMPBELL at rcamp@miamidade.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
BIDS AND CONTRACT DIVISION**

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOCAL PREFERENCE ON
PAGE 14 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE VENDOR
INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE**

**FAILURE TO SIGN PAGE 14 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER
YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE**



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID

Bid Number: 9054-2/14

Title: Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS)

Procurement Contracting Agent: R. Campbell

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Bids will be publicly opened. The County provides equal access and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs or services. It is our policy to make all communication available to the public, including those who may be visually or hearing impaired. If you require information in a non-traditional format please call 305-375-5278.

Instructions: The Clerk of the Board business hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Clerk of the Board is closed on holidays observed by the County. Each Bid submitted to the Clerk of the Board shall have the following information clearly marked on the face of the envelope: the Bidders name, return address, Bid number, opening date of the Bid and the title of the Bid. Included in the envelope shall be an original and two copies of the Bid Submittal, plus attachments if applicable. The Bidder may, at Bidder's option, also provide the Excel file containing the information on the Vendor Pricing document on CD or Diskette. The file to be provided is to be downloaded at [HTTP://SERVICES.MIAMIDADE.GOV/DPM/SOLICITATIONLIST.ASPX](http://services.miamidade.gov/dpm/solicitationlist.aspx). Failure to comply with this requirement may result in your Bid not being considered for award.

All Bids received time and date stamped by the Clerk of the Board prior to the bid submittal deadline shall be accepted as timely submitted. The circumstances surrounding all bids received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board after the bid submittal deadline will be evaluated by the procuring department, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, to determine whether the bid will be accepted as timely.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS:

- **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- **THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM CONTAINS IMPORTANT CERTIFICATIONS THAT REQUIRE REVIEW AND COMPLETION BY ANY VENDOR RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION**

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1.1. DEFINITIONS

Bid – shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this solicitation.

Bidder – shall refer to anyone submitting a Bid in response to this solicitation.

Bid Solicitation – shall mean this solicitation documentation, including any and all addenda.

Bid Submittal Form – defines the requirement of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with Bid. The Bidder should indicate its name in the appropriate space on each page.

County – shall refer to Miami-Dade County, Florida

DPM – shall refer to Miami-Dade County's Department of Procurement Management.

Enrolled Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the necessary documentation in order to receive Bid notifications from the County.

Registered Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and has satisfied all requirements to enter into business agreements with the County.

The Vendor Registration Package – shall refer to the Business Entity Registration Application.

For additional information about on-line vendor enrollment or vendor registration contact the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL 33128, Phone 305-375-5773. Vendors can enroll online and obtain forms to register by visiting our web site at www.miamidade.gov/dpm

1.2. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. Bidder Qualification

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the Bid Solicitation are encouraged to submit Bids. Vendors may enroll with the County to be included on a notification list for selected categories of goods and services. To be eligible for award of a contract (including small purchase orders), Bidders must become a Registered Vendor. Only Registered Vendors can be awarded County contracts. Vendors are required to register with the County by contacting the Vendor Assistance Unit. The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all qualified small business enterprises. For information and to apply for certification, contact the Department of Small Business Development at 111 N.W. 1 Street, 19th Floor, Miami, FL 33128-1900, or telephone at 305-375-3111. County employees and board members wishing to do business with the County are referred to Section 2-11.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code relating to Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics.

B. Vendor Registration

To be recommended for award the County requires that vendors complete a Miami-Dade County Vendor Registration Package. Effective June 1, 2008, a new Vendor Registration Package, including a Uniform Affidavit Packet (Affidavit form), must be completed by vendors and returned to the Department of Procurement Management (DPM), Vendor Assistance Unit, within fourteen (14) days of notification of the intent to recommend for award. In the event the Vendor Registration Package is not properly completed and returned within the specified time, the County may in its sole discretion, award to the next lowest responsive, responsible Bidder. The Bidder is responsible for obtaining the Vendor Registration Package, including all affidavits by downloading from the DPM website at www.miamidade.gov or from the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL 33128.

Bidders are required to affirm that all information submitted with the Vendor Registration Package is current, complete and accurate, at the time they submit a response to a Bid Solicitation, by completing the provided Affirmation of Vendor Affidavit form.

In becoming a Registered Vendor with Miami-Dade County, the vendor confirms its knowledge of and commitment to comply with the following:

1. **Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Affidavit**
(Sec. 2-8.1 of the County Code)
2. **Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure Affidavit**
(County Ordinance No. 90-133, amending Section 2-8-1(d)(2) of the County Code)
3. **Miami-Dade County Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification**
(Section 2-8.1.2(b) of the County Code)
4. **Miami-Dade Disability and Nondiscrimination Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1.5 Resolution R182-00 Amending R-385-95)
5. **Miami-Dade County Debarment Disclosure Affidavit**
(Section 10.38 of the County Code)
6. **Miami-Dade County Vendor Obligation to County Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
7. **Miami-Dade County Code of Business Ethics Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1(i) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and County Ordinance No 00-1 amending Section 2-11.1(c) of the County Code)
8. **Miami-Dade County Family Leave Affidavit**
(Article V of Chapter 11 of the County Code)
9. **Miami-Dade County Living Wage Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.9 of the County Code)
10. **Miami-Dade County Domestic Leave and Reporting Affidavit**
(Article 8, Section 11A-60 11A-67 of the County Code)
11. **Subcontracting Practices**
(Ordinance 97-35)
12. **Subcontractor /Supplier Listing**
(Ordinance 97-104)
13. **Environmentally Acceptable Packaging**
Resolution (R-738-92)
14. **W-9 and 8109 Forms**
The vendor must furnish these forms as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
15. **Social Security Number**
In order to establish a file for your firm, you must provide your firm's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner or individual must be provided. This number becomes your "County Vendor Number". To comply with Section 119.071(5) of the Florida Statutes relating to the collection of an individual's Social Security Number, be aware that DPM requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:
 - Identification of individual account records
 - To make payments to individual/vendor for goods and services provided to Miami-Dade County
 - Tax reporting purposes
 - To provide a unique identifier in the vendor database that may be used for searching and sorting departmental records
16. **Office of the Inspector General**
Pursuant to Section 2-1076 of the County Code.
17. **Small Business Enterprises**
The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all small business enterprises pursuant to Sections 2-8.2, 2-8.2.3 and 2-8.2.4 of the County Code and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
18. **Antitrust Laws**
By acceptance of any contract, the vendor agrees to comply with all antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

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C. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

To be eligible for award of a contract, firms wishing to do business with the County must comply with the following:

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Bids on leases of real property to 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 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

D. Request for Additional Information

1. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(t) of the County Code, all Bid Solicitations, once advertised and until an award recommendation has been forwarded to the appropriate authority are under the "Cone of Silence". Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the Procurement Agent identified on the front page of the solicitation. Such inquiries or request for information shall be submitted to the procurement agent in writing and shall contain the requester's name, address, and telephone number. If transmitted by facsimile, the request should also include a cover sheet with Bidder's facsimile number. The requestor must also file a copy of this written request with the Clerk of the Board, 111 NW 1st Street, 17th Floor, suite 202, Miami, Florida 33128-1983 or email clerkbcc@miamidade.gov.
2. The Department of Procurement Management may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to Bid opening, which changes, adds to or clarifies the terms, provisions or requirements of the solicitation. The Bidder should not rely on any representation, statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this Bid Solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this Bid Solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail.
3. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda, and any accompanying documentation. The Bidder is required to submit with its Bid a signed "Acknowledgment of Addenda" form, when any addenda have been issued.

E. Contents of Bid Solicitation and Bidders' Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to become thoroughly familiar with the Bid requirements, terms and conditions of this solicitation. Pleas of ignorance by the Bidder of conditions that exist or that may exist will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County, or the compensation to be paid to the Bidder.
2. In the event a Bidder wishes to protest any part of the General Conditions, Special Conditions and/or Technical Specifications contained in the Bid Solicitation it must file a notice of protest in writing with the issuing department no later than 48 hours prior to the Bid opening date and hour specified in the solicitation. Failure to file a timely notice of protest will constitute a waiver of proceedings.
3. This solicitation is subject to all legal requirements contained in the applicable County Ordinances, Administrative Orders, and Resolutions, as well as all applicable State and Federal Statutes. Where conflict exists between this Bid Solicitation and these legal requirements, the authority shall prevail in the following order: Federal, State and local.
4. It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer, prior to conducting any lobbying regarding this solicitation to file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder/Proposer. The Bidder/Proposer shall also file a form with the Clerk of the Board at the point in time at which a lobbyist is no longer authorized to represent said Bidder/ Proposer. Failure of a Bidder/Proposer to file the appropriate form required, in relation to each solicitation, may be considered as evidence that the Bidder/Proposer is not a responsible contractor.

F. Change or Withdrawal of Bids

1. Changes to Bid - Prior to the scheduled Bid opening a Bidder may change its Bid by submitting a new Bid, (as indicated on the cover page) with a letter in writing on the firms letterhead, signed by an authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain the letter and all information as required for submitting the original Bid. No changes to a Bid will be accepted after the Bid has been opened.
2. Withdrawal of Bid - A Bid shall be irrevocable unless the Bid is withdrawn as provided herein. Only a written letter received by DPM prior to the Bid opening date may withdraw a bid. A bid may also be withdrawn ninety (90) days after the Bid has been opened and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the contact person identified on the front cover of this Bid Solicitation. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Bidder.

G. Conflicts Within The Bid Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Bid Submittal Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Submittal Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

1. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that payment for all purchases by County agencies and the Public Health Trust shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments be made on late payments. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 218.74 and Section 2-8.1.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the time at which payment shall be due from the County or the Public Health Trust shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. The time at which payment shall be due to small businesses shall be thirty (30) days from receipt of a proper invoice. All payments due from the County or the Public Health Trust, and not made within the time specified by this section, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. Further, proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the County Manager, or his or her designee(s), not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the County or the Public Health Trust.
2. The Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation. Bidders are requested to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the Bid submittal signature page of the solicitation.

1.3. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- A. The Bid submittal form defines requirements of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the Bid. Use of any other form will result in the rejection of the Bidder's offer.
- B. The Bid submittal form must be legible. Bidders shall use typewriter, computer or ink. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the Bid to be rejected.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder's firm must sign the Bid submittal form. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- D. The Bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- E. The Bidder may submit alternate Bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted on a separate Bid submittal marked "Alternate Bid".
- F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.
- G. An optional electronic submittal shall not be considered a part of the bid if it differs in any respect from the required manual submittal in the original hard copy.

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1.4. CANCELLATION OF BID SOLICITATION

Miami-Dade County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any Invitation to Bid when it is in the best interest of the County.

1.5. AWARD OF BID SOLICITATION

- A. This Bid may be awarded to the responsible Bidder meeting all requirements as set forth in the solicitation. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this Bid Solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low Bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids if it is determined that prices are excessive, best offers are determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.
- D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work of this solicitation remains the same.
- E. Award of this Bid Solicitation will only be made to firms that have completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and that satisfy all necessary legal requirements to do business with Miami-Dade County. Firms domiciled in Miami-Dade County must present a copy of their Miami-Dade County issued Local Business Tax Receipt.
- F. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-8.1(g), the Bidder's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the Bid received for this Bid Solicitation.
- G. To obtain a copy of the Bid tabulation, Bidder(s) shall enclose an appropriately sized self-addressed stamped envelope or make a request by e-mail. Bid results will not be given by telephone or facsimile.
- H. The Bid Solicitation, any addenda and/or properly executed modifications, the purchase order, and any change order(s) shall constitute the contract.
- I. In accordance with Resolution R-1574-88, the Director of DPM will decide all tie Bids.
- J. Award of this Bid may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the Bid Solicitation.
- K. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information regarding the responsibility of the bidder from any bidder after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

1.6. CONTRACT EXTENSION

- A. The County reserves the right to exercise its option to extend a contract for up to one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days beyond the current contract period and will notify the contractor in writing of the extension.
- B. This contract may be extended beyond the initial one hundred-eighty (180) day extension period upon mutual agreement between the County and the successful Bidder(s) upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

1.7. WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this Bid Solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the successful Bidder against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the successful Bidder shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty. The Special Conditions of the Bid Solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

1.8. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for Bidder's guidance only: (a) estimates are based on the County's anticipated needs and/or usage during a previous contract period and; (b) the County may use these estimates to determine the low Bidder. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other government, quasi-government or non-profit entities

utilizing this contract under the Joint Purchase portion of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 2.21 of this contract solicitation and the resulting contract, if that section is present in this solicitation document. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollars that will be used during the contract period. The County is not obligated to place any order for the given amount subsequent to the award of this Bid Solicitation.

1.9. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is the intent of the County to enter into an agreement with the successful Bidder that will satisfy its needs as describe herein. However, the County reserves the right as deemed in its best interest to perform, or cause to be performed, the work and services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit, including but not limited to: award of other contracts, use of any contractor, or perform the work with its own employees.

1.10. LOCAL PREFERENCE

The evaluation of competitive bids is subject to Section 2-8.5 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which, except where contrary to federal and state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses. A local business shall be defined as:

1. a business that has a valid Local Business Tax Receipt, issued by Miami-Dade County at least one year prior to bid or proposal submission, that is appropriate for the goods, services or construction to be purchased;
2. a business that has physical business address located within the limits of Miami-Dade County from which the vendor operates or performs business. Post Office Boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address; and
3. a business that contributes to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include but not be limited to the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase in the County's tax base. To satisfy this requirement, the vendor shall affirm in writing its compliance with either of the following objective criteria as of the bid or proposal submission date stated in the solicitation:
 - (a) vendor has at least ten (10) permanent full time employees, or part time employees equivalent to 10 FTE ("full-time equivalent" employees working 40 hours per week) that live in Miami-Dade County, or at least 25% of its employees that live in Miami-Dade County, or
 - (b) vendor contributes to the County's tax base by paying either real property taxes or tangible personal property taxes to Miami-Dade County, or
 - (c) some other verifiable and measurable contribution to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County.

When there is a responsive bid from a Miami-Dade local business within 10% of the lowest price submitted by a responsive non-local business, the local business and the non-local low bidder shall have the opportunity to submit a best and final bid equal to or lower than the amount of the low bid previously submitted by the non-local business.

At this time, there is an interlocal agreement in effect between Miami-Dade and Broward Counties until September 2009. Therefore, a vendor which meets the requirements of (1), (2) and (3) above for Broward County shall be considered a local business pursuant to this Section.

1.11. CONTINUATION OF WORK

Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the County and the successful Bidder, continue until completion at the same prices, terms and conditions.

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1.12. BID PROTEST

- A. A recommendation for contract award or rejection of award may be protested by a Bidder in accordance with the procedures contained in Sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the County Code, as amended, and as established in Administrative Order No.3-21.
B. A written intent to protest shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board and mailed to all participants in the competitive process and to the County Attorney within three (3) County work days of the filing of the County Manager's recommendation.
C. The written intent to protest shall be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee, payable to the Clerk of the Board, in accordance with the schedule provided below:

Table with 2 columns: Award Amount, Filing Fee. Rows include ranges from \$25,000-\$250,000 to Over \$5 million.

The protester shall then file all pertinent documents and supporting evidence with the Clerk of the Board and mail copies to all participants in the competitive process and to the County Attorney within three (3) County workdays after the filing of a written intent to protest.

- D. For award recommendations greater than \$250,000 the following shall apply: The County's recommendation to award or reject will be immediately communicated (via mail, fax or email) to all participants in the competitive process and filed with the Clerk of the Board.
E. For award recommendations from \$25,000 to \$250,000 the following shall apply: Each County workday, as appropriate, recommendations to award or reject will be posted in the lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center, located at 111 N.W. 1st Street.

1.13. RULES, REGULATIONS AND LICENSES

The successful Bidder shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to provide the goods and/or services specified in this Bid Solicitation. The Bidder shall be familiar with all federal, state and local laws that may in affect the goods and/or services offered.

1.14. PACKAGING

Unless otherwise specified in the Special Conditions or Technical Specifications, all containers shall be suitable for shipment and/or storage and comply with Resolution No. 738-92.

1.15. SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise specified in this Bid Solicitation, the successful Bidder shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default.

1.16. ASSIGNMENT

The successful Bidder shall not assign, transfer, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of this contract, including any rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County.

1.17. DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. Freight shall be included in the proposed price.

1.18. RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employee(s) of the successful Bidder shall be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County or any of its departments. The successful Bidder shall provide competent and physically employee(s) capable of performing the work as required. The County may require the successful Bidder to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the successful Bidder shall wear proper identification.

1.19. INDEMNIFICATION

The successful Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the successful Bidder or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The successful Bidder shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon.

1.20. COLLUSION

A contractor recommended for award as the result of a competitive solicitation for any County purchases of supplies, materials and services (including professional services, other than professional architectural, engineering and other services subject to Sec. 2-10.4 and Sec. 287.055 Fla Stats.), purchase, lease, permit, concession or management agreement shall, within five (5) business days of the filing of such recommendation, submit an affidavit under the penalty of perjury, on a form provided by the County: stating either that the contractor is not related to any of the other parties bidding in the competitive solicitation or identifying all related parties, as defined in this Section, which bid in the solicitation; and attesting that the contractor's proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named, and that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to the proposer an advantage over any other proposer.

The Collusion Affidavit will be included in all solicitations and will be requested from all bidders/proposers once bids/proposals are received and the bidders list is distributed.

1.21. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

The contract may be modified by mutual consent, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the contract, purchase order, change order or award sheet, as appropriate.

1.22. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the successful Bidder shall not incur any additional costs under this contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the successful Bidder prior to notice of termination. The County shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

1.23. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or place the vendor on probation in the event the successful

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Bidder fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the successful Bidder in accordance with the appropriate County ordinances, resolutions and/or administrative orders. The vendor will be notified by letter of the County's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement cost shall be borne by the successful Bidder.

1.24. FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Pursuant to Section 2-8.4.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The County as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation or entity. Such individual or entity shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

1.25. ACCESS TO RECORDS

The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit by Audit and Management Services, the Commission Auditor, or other auditor of the County's choosing at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for three years following expiration of the Agreement. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

1.26 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County and Public Health Trust programs, contracts, transactions, accounts, records and programs. The Inspector General (IG) has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records and monitor existing projects and programs. The Inspector General may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts. The cost of random audits shall be incorporated into the contract price of all contracts and shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the contract price, except as otherwise provided in Section 2-1076(c)(8) of the County Code.

1.27 PRE-AWARD INSPECTION

The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the bidder's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the bidder is capable of performing the requirements of this bid solicitation.

1.28 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes; popularly known as the "Public Record Law." The bidder shall not submit any information in response to this invitation, which the bidder considers to be a trade secret, proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with this invitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any trade secret or other protection, which would otherwise be available to the bidder. In the event that the bidder submits information to the County in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally and clearly identifies that information in the bid as protected or confidential, the County shall endeavor to redact and return that information to the bidder as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, evaluate the balance of the bid. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a bid non-responsive.

1.29. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Any person or entity that performs or assists Miami-Dade County with a function or activity involving the use or disclosure of "individually identifiable health information (IIHI) and/or Protected Health Information (PHI) shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability

and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Miami-Dade County Privacy Standards Administrative Order. HIPAA mandates for privacy, security and electronic transfer standards that include but are not limited to:

1. Use of information only for performing services required by the contract or as required by law;
2. Use of appropriate safeguards to prevent non-permitted disclosures;
3. Reporting to Miami-Dade County of any non-permitted use or disclosure;
4. Assurances that any agents and subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Bidder/Proposer and reasonable assurances that IIHI/PHI will be held confidential;
5. Making Protected Health Information (PHI) available to the customer;
6. Making PHI available to the customer for review and amendment; and incorporating any amendments requested by the customer;
7. Making PHI available to Miami-Dade County for an accounting of disclosures; and
8. Making internal practices, books and records related to PHI available to Miami-Dade County for compliance audits.

PHI shall maintain its protected status regardless of the form and method of transmission (paper records, and/or electronic transfer of data). The Bidder/ Proposer must give its customers written notice of its privacy information practices including specifically, a description of the types of uses and disclosures that would be made with protected health information.

1.30. CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SALE SURTAX

When proceeds from the Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax levied pursuant to Section 29.121 of the Code of Miami-Dade County are used to pay for all or some part of the cost of this contract, no award of a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) for Transit/Public Works as part of a multi-department contract, nor an award of a contract solely for the use of Transit/Public Works shall be effective and thereby give rise to a contractual relationship with the County for Transit/Public Works purchases unless and until both the following have occurred: 1) the County Commission awards the contract, and such award becomes final (either by expiration of 10 days after such award without veto by the Mayor, or by Commission override of a veto); and, 2) either, i) the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has approved inclusion of Transit/Public Works in this contract, or, ii) in response to the CITT's disapproval, the County Commission reaffirms Transit/Public Work's inclusion in the contract by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission's membership and such reaffirmation becomes final.

1.31 LOBBYIST CONTINGENCY FEES

A) In accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, after May, 16, 2003, no person may, in whole or in part, pay, give or agree to pay or give a contingency fee to another person. No person may, in whole or in part, receive or agree to receive a contingency fee.

B) A contingency fee is a fee, bonus, commission or non-monetary benefit as compensation which is dependant on or in any way contingent upon the passage, defeat, or modification of: 1) any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; 2) any action, decision or recommendation of the County Manager or any County board or committee; or 3) any action, decision or recommendation of any County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process regarding such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission or a County board or committee.

1.32 COMMISSION AUDITOR – ACCESS TO RECORDS

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-2, all vendors receiving an award of the contract resulting from this solicitation will grant access to the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds.

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2.1 PURPOSE: TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY:

The Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency (MDPHA) is soliciting bids from qualified firms to operate and administer ongoing support services for Tenant Rental Assistance Certification Systems/Line of Credit Control System (TRACS/LOCCS). The required services are outlined in Section 3 (Technical Specifications).

2.2 SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACT MEASURES :
Intentionally Omitted

2.3 PRE-BID CONFERENCE (RECOMMENDED):
Intentionally Omitted

2.4 TERM OF CONTRACT: THREE (3) YEARS:

This contract shall commence on the first calendar day of the month succeeding approval of the contract by the Board of County Commissioners, or designee, unless otherwise stipulated in the Notice of Award Letter which is distributed by the County's Department of Procurement Management, Purchasing Division; and contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required bid documents. The contract shall remain in effect for three (3) years.

2.5 OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL YEAR(S) (With Price Adjustment):

The initial contract prices resultant from this solicitation shall prevail for a three (3) year(s) period from the contract's initial effective date. Prior to, or upon completion, of that initial term, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional two (2) year(s) period on a year-to-year basis. Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the County may consider an adjustment to price based on changes in the following pricing index: **Latest Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), All Items, Miami-Fort Lauderdale.**

It is the vendor's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence on the first day of any exercised option period, the vendor's request for adjustment should be submitted 90 days prior to expiration of the then current contract term. The vendor adjustment request should not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the vendor, the County will assume that the vendor has agreed that the optional term may be exercised without pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received after the commencement of a new option period may not be considered.

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The County reserves the right to reject any price adjustments submitted by the vendor and/or to not exercise any otherwise available option period based on such price adjustments. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period, and any option subsequently exercised, is a County prerogative, and not a right of the vendor. This prerogative will be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County.

Should the vendor decline the County's right to exercise the option period, the County may consider the vendor in default which decision may effect that vendor's eligibility for future contracts.

NOTE: IF MULTIPLE VENDORS ARE INVOLVED UNDER THE GIVEN CONTRACT, ANY OPTIONS TO RENEW WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE SPECIFIC ITEMS OF WORK INITIALLY AWARDED TO ANY SPECIFIC VENDOR.

2.6 METHOD OF AWARD: TO MULTIPLE LOWEST PRICED VENDORS IN THE AGGREGATE:

Award of this contract will be made to two (2) responsive, responsible vendors who submits offers on all services listed in the solicitation and whose offers represent the lowest prices when all services are added in the aggregate. If a vendor fails to submit an offer on all services, its overall offer will be rejected. While the award will be made to multiple vendors in the aggregate to assure availability, the County intends to use the lowest priced vendor to meet its requirements or to use other sources as appropriate and in the County's best interest. Award to multiple vendors is made for the convenience of the County and does not exempt the primary vendor from fulfilling its contractual obligations. Failure to perform as noted may result in the vendor being deemed in breach of contract. The County may terminate the contract for default and charge the vendor re-procurement costs, if applicable.

2.6.1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bidders shall submit the following information with their bid or as requested by the County:

1. a. Location of the company's office;
- b. Name, address, telephone and fax number of the point of contact for the services to be provide in this contract.
2. **References:**

A minimum of three references should be provided for similar projects performed by the bidder for any government agencies or special district clients, such as a housing authority within the past year including:

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- a. Clients name and address
- b. Project description
- c. Project date (starting and ending)
- d. Contact person's name and telephone number

2.7 PRICES SHALL BE FIXED AND FIRM FOR TERM OF CONTRACT:

If the vendor is awarded a contract under this solicitation, the prices proposed by the vendor shall remain fixed and firm during the term of contract.

2.8 EXAMINATION OF COUNTY FACILITIES AND INSPECTION OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT:
Intentionally Omitted

2.9 EQUAL PRODUCT:
Intentionally Omitted

2.10 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

Failure to provide the services in accordance with the specifications and to the satisfaction of the County within the time stated shall cause the vendor to be subject to charges for liquidated damages in the amount of \$5.00 for each and every calendar day the service remains incomplete. As compensation due the County for loss of use and for additional costs incurred by the County due to such non-completion of the service, the County shall have the right to deduct the said liquidated damages from any amount due, or that may become due to the vendor under this agreement, or to invoice the vendor for such damages if the costs incurred exceed the amount due to the vendor.

2.11 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:
Intentionally Omitted

2.12 BID GUARANTY:
Intentionally Omitted

2.13 PERFORMANCE BOND:
Intentionally Omitted

2.14 CERTIFICATIONS:
Intentionally Omitted

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2.15 METHOD OF PAYMENT: MONTHLY INVOICES:

The vendor(s) shall submit monthly invoices by the tenth (10th) calendar day of each month. These invoices shall be submitted to the County user department(s) that requested the service through a purchase order. The invoices shall reflect the type of service provided to the County in the prior month.

All invoices shall contain the following basic information:

- I. Vendor Information:
 - The name of the business organization as specified on the contract between Miami-Dade County and vendor
 - Date of invoice
 - Invoice number
 - Vendor's Federal Identification Number on file with Miami-Dade County
- II. County Information:
 - Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order or Small Purchase Order Number
- III. Pricing Information:
 - Unit price of the goods, services or property provided
 - Extended total price of the goods, services or property
 - Applicable discounts
- IV. Goods or Services Provided per Contract:
 - Description
 - Quantity
- V. Delivery Information:
 - Delivery terms set forth within the Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order
 - Location and date of delivery of goods, services or property
- VI. Failure to Comply:

Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

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2.16 SHIPPING TERMS:
Intentionally Omitted

2.17 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:
Intentionally Omitted

2.18 BACK ORDER ALLOWANCE:
Intentionally Omitted

2.19 GUARANTEE SHOULD BE SUPPLIED IN WRITTEN FORM:
Intentionally Omitted

2.20 CONTACT PERSONS:

For any additional information regarding the terms and conditions of this solicitation and resultant contract please contact: R. Campbell, Procurement Contracting Agent via email at rcamp@miamidade.gov with a copy to the Clerk of the Board: clerkBCC@miamidade.gov. Administrative Order 3-27, Cone of Silence, ordinance prohibits oral communication regarding a bid during the period the Cone is in effect.

2.21 USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP):
Intentionally Omitted

2.22 NOTICE OF DEFAULT – OPPORTUNITY TO CURE/TERMINATION:

If an event of default occurs, in the determination of the County, the County may so notify the Contractor (“Default Notice”), specifying the basis for such default, and advising the Contractor that such default must be cured immediately or this Agreement with the County may be terminated. Notwithstanding, the County may, in its sole discretion, allow the contractor to rectify the default to the County’s reasonable satisfaction within a thirty (30) day period. The County may grant an additional period of such duration as the County shall deem appropriate without waiver of any of the County’s rights hereunder, so long as the Contractor has commenced curing such default and is effectuating a cure with diligence and continuity during such thirty (30) day period or any other period which the County prescribes. The default notice shall specify the date the Contractor shall discontinue the Services upon the Termination Date.

2.23 REMEDIES IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULT:

If an event of default occurs, the Contractor shall be liable for all damages resulting from the default, including but not limited to:

- a) lost revenues;
- b) the difference between the cost associated with procuring services hereunder and the amount actually expended by the County for re-procurement cost of services, including procurement and administrative costs; and,

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- c) such other direct damages.

2.24 MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HOUSING (MDPHA) EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN CLAUSES:

The contract to be awarded under this solicitation will be accessed by the Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency (MDPHA). As a Federally-funded agency, certain clauses within this solicitation do not apply to that Department's allocation:

Section 1, Paragraph 1.10 (Local Preferences), Section 1, Paragraph 1.26 (Office of the Inspector General), Section 2, Paragraph 2.2 (Small Business Contract Measures), and Section 2, Paragraph 2.21 (County User Access Program - UAP).

2.25 PURCHASE OF OTHER SERVICES NOT LISTED WITHIN THIS SOLICITATION BASED ON PRICE QUOTES:

While the County has listed all major services within this solicitation which are utilized by MDPHA in conjunction with their operations, there may be similar services that must be purchased by the County during the term of this contract. Under these circumstances, a County representative will contact the primary vendor to obtain a price quote for the similar services. If there are multiple vendors on the contract, the County representative may also obtain price quotes from these vendors. The County reserves the right to award these similar services to the primary vendor, another contract vendor based on the lowest price quoted, or to acquire the services through a separate solicitation.

2.26 PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY'S MIAMI DADE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY:

All worked performed by the vendor pursuant to this information to bid, including, but not limited to the preparation of all plans, specifications, computer files and/or reports prepared or obtained under this information to bid, as well as all data collected, together with summaries and charts derived therefore but not limited to, shall be considered works made for hire and shall become the property of the Miami-Dade County's Public Housing Agency upon completion or termination without restriction or limitation on their use and shall be made available, upon request, to the County's Miami Dade Public Housing Agency or the Miami Dade Public Housing Agency Department Project Manager or designee at any time during the performance of such services and/or upon completion or termination of this information to bid. Upon delivery to the County's MDPHA Project Manager or designee of said document(s), the County MDPHA shall become the custodian thereof in accordance with Chapter 119 (Public Records), Florida Statutes. The bidder shall not copyright any material and products or patent any invention developed under this Invitation to Bid.

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2.27 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS DUE TO USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING:

Since the goods, services, and/or equipment that will be acquired under this solicitation will be purchased, in part or in whole, with federal funding, it is hereby agreed and understood that Section 60-250.4, Section 60-250.5 and Section 60-741.4 of Title 4 of the United States Code, which addresses Affirmative Action requirements for handicapped workers, is incorporated into this solicitation and resultant contract by reference.

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3.1 SCOPE OF WORK:

The Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency (MDPHA) is soliciting bids from qualified firms to operate and administer ongoing support services for Tenant Rental Assistance Certification Systems/Line of Credit Control System (TRACS/LOCCS).

3.2 TRACS-DATABASE:

TRACS collects certified tenant data and subsidy payment vouchers from owners and management agents of multi-family housing projects – either directly from the owners, from organizations acting as subsidy Contract Administrators for HUD, or from service providers who are paid by the project or Contract Administrator to collect, calculate, complete, and submit the data to TRACS on their behalf.

1. The vendor must ensure that all tenant data collected for storing in TRACS, undergoes edits for accuracy.
2. The vendor must utilize TRACS to store payment history on all project-based subsidy contracts for which HUD makes monthly assistance payments.

3.3 SERVICES:

The vendor must track the date received, process date, contract number, and property name/number, type of claim, amount and approved number for TRACS/LOCCS for Miami Dade Public Housing Agency. The vendor shall transmit all tenant certifications and actions as well as approve voucher requests electronically through TRACS/LOCCS.

The vendor must also:

1. Review monthly HUD-52670 and 52670A Part 1 Housing Assistance Payments vouchers to ensure Owners receive the correct amount subsidy.
2. Monitor accuracy of all required data fields on the HUD 50059 Tenant Certification for compliance with HUD 4350.3 Handbook.
3. Monitor accuracy of all fields on the HUD 52670 and 52670A part 1 Housing Assistance Payment vouchers.
4. Receive TRACS files submitted by Owners, using the HUD TRACS Mail System. Evaluate files received; submit acceptable files to the HUD TRACS system, return information and error messages generated reviewer and by TRACS electronic format acceptable for receipt by Owner software. Return of informational and error messages shall be done using TRACS Mail, per the TRACS MAT guide and will use

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identifiers originated by Owner software so that Owner software has the information necessary to link TRACS responses to files generated by the Owner.

5. Provide Owners with written monthly review summaries which include information on any discrepancies and unresolved issues; any other information consistent with review objectives.
6. Track all unresolved issues noted on Owner vouchers through to resolution.
7. Maintain auditable information for period specified by the Agency.
8. Provide the Agency real-time online access to voucher review process, contacts with Owners, voucher review progress and voucher review results.
9. Provide progress reporting to the Agency monthly. Progress reporting will include for each contract in the Agency's portfolio: dates which TRACS tenant files; TRACS voucher files and paper HUD52670 and 52670A Part 1 vouchers are received; identification of individual performing monthly voucher review status and progress of monthly review, including date which review is started and completed; date the Agency approves transmission of MAT30 electronic HAP voucher to HUD; date MAT30 electronic HAP voucher transmitted to HUD; voucher status returned by the HUD TRACS system updated daily; comments on status of property.
10. On a monthly basis the Contractor will complete the following:
 - A. By the 10th of each month, review and approve HAP vouchers transmitted electronically by project managers/owners on a timely basis, ensuring that they are supported by valid electronically transmitted tenant certifications and actions.
 - B. By the 10th of each month, transmit valid MAT30 voucher requests to TRACS electronically and ensure that they are accepted, following the voucher through the system to the payment stage (Note: HUD's payments will be automatically wired to MDPHA's bank account per the 1199 Form recently submitted by MDPHA to HUD; then MDPHA is responsible for paying each project).
 - C. By the 10th of each month, prepare a unit-by-unit voucher reconciliation to be submitted to any project in cases where the approved amounts differ from the requested amounts.
11. Monitor Owner's compliance with entry of all resident certification and recertification data in TRACS.

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12. Verify that the amount of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) paid on behalf of each residents is accurate
13. Verify that all re-certifications are completed by the Owner Agent in a timely manner and entered in TRACS.
14. Verify that payments request does not include any units where housing assistance has been abated.
15. Analyze adjustments required to prior month's vouchers to determine accuracy and validity.
16. Determine if authorized rent or utility allowance adjustments have been implemented timely and accurately.
17. Verify that project owners are complying with current HUD rules and regulations.
18. Verify pre-approval of Section 8 Claims
19. Complete Regular Vacancy Special Claims.
20. Participate in the HUD/MDPHA Annual Conference, the HUD Compliance Review and other HUD meetings as required.
21. Monitor owner's follow-up efforts on discrepancies identified as a result of any future income matching initiatives by HUD.
22. Provide tenant data to the Agency.
23. Effectively establish and maintain close integration with the client, with an emphasis on teamwork.

3.4 SPECIAL CLAIMS:

The vendor will indicate when a special claim HUD forms (52670A – Part 2 – Schedule of Section 8 Special Claims/ 52671-A-D Special Claims Worksheets) is received, when it is processed, what type of claim it is, the approved amount, the name of the person that submitted the claim, the status of the claim, and the approval/denial number if necessary.

If the claim is adjusted or denied, a letter must be sent to the project manager/owner and MDPHA site staff briefly explaining the circumstances and instructions for resubmission or appeal.

SECTION 4
BID SUBMITTAL FORM

Submit Bid To:
CLERK OF THE BOARD
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street
17th Floor, Suite 202
Miami, Florida 33128-1983

OPENING: 2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3, 2009



PLEASE QUOTE PRICES F.O.B. DESTINATION, FREIGHT ALLOWED, LESS TAXES,
DELIVERED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTE: Miami-Dade County is exempt from all taxes (Federal, State, Local). Bid price should be less all taxes. Tax Exemption Certificate furnished upon request.

Issued by: DPM Date Issued: May 19, 2009 This Bid Submittal Consists of
RMC Purchasing Division Pages 11 through 14

Sealed bids subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Invitation to Bid and the accompanying Bid Submittal. Such other contract provisions, specifications, drawings or other data as are attached or incorporated by reference in the Bid Submittal, will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Board at the address shown above until the above stated time and date, and at that time, publicly opened for furnishing the supplies or services described in the accompanying Bid Submittal Requirement.

TENNANT RENTAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATE SYSTEM (TRACS)

A Bid Deposit in the amount of N/A of the total amount of the bid shall accompany all bids
A Performance Bond in the amount of N/A of the total amount of the bid will be required upon execution of the contract by the successful bidder and Miami-Dade County

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
ACCEPTED _____	HIGHER THAN LOW _____
NON-RESPONSIVE _____	NON-RESPONSIBLE _____
DATE B.C.C. _____	NO BID _____
ITEM NOS. ACCEPTED _____	
COMMODITY CODE: 918-38	
PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING AGENT R. CAMPBELL	

FIRM NAME: _____

RETURN ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF BID SUBMITTAL PAGES AND AFFIDAVITS. THE BIDDER MAY, AT BIDDER'S OPTION, ALSO PROVIDE THE EXCEL FILE CONTAINING THE INFORMATION ON THE VENDOR PRICING DOCUMENT ON CD or DISKETTE. THE FILE TO BE PROVIDED IS TO BE DOWNLOADED AT <http://services.miamidade.gov/DPM/SolicitationList.aspx>

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOCAL PREFERENCE ON PAGE 14 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE VENDOR INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE
FAILURE TO SIGN PAGE 14 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM, WILL RENDER YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE

BID SUBMITTAL FOR:

TENANT RENTAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATE SYSTEM (TRACS)

FIRM NAME: _____

Item	Estimated Quantity	Description	Unit Price Per Month	Monthly Total	36 Months Total
1	805 Units per month	To provide ongoing support services to track Vouchers and Monthly Activity Transmissions (MAT) utilizing the Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System/Housing Assistance Payment (TRACS/LOC) system	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	1 per month	Special Claims	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total For Three (3) Years: \$ _____

CHECKLIST OF EQUIREMENTS:

This checklist must be completed by all bidders. Refer to the details in Section 2, Para. 2.6

Clients Name & Address	Project Description	Project Date (starting and ending)	Contact Persons Name and Telephone Number

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE PART I OR PART II, WHICHEVER APPLIES

PART I:

LIST BELOW ARE THE DATES OF ISSUE FOR EACH ADDENDUM RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID

Addendum #1, Dated _____

Addendum #2, Dated _____

Addendum #3, Dated _____

Addendum #4, Dated _____

Addendum #5, Dated _____

Addendum #6, Dated _____

Addendum #7, Dated _____

Addendum #8, Dated _____

PART II:

NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID

FIRM NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

TITLE OF OFFICER: _____



BID SUBMITTAL FORM

.Bid Title: TENNANT RENTAL ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATE SYSTEM (TRACS)

By signing this Bid Submittal Form the Bidder certifies that it satisfies all legal requirements (as an entity) to do business with the County, including all Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics provisions in Section 2-11 of the Miami-Dade County Code. Any County employee or member of his or her immediate family seeking to contract with the County shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission prior to submittal of a Bid response or application of any type to contract with the County by the employee or his or her immediate family and file a copy of that request for opinion and any opinion or waiver from the Board of County Commissioners with the Clerk of the Board. The affected employee shall file with the Clerk of the Board a statement in a form satisfactory to the Clerk disclosing the employee's interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract at the same time as or before submitting a Bid, response, or application of any type to contract with the County. Also a copy of the request for a conflict of interest opinion from the Ethics Commission and any corresponding opinion, or any waiver issued by the Board of County Commissioners, must be submitted with the response to the solicitation.

In accordance with Sec. 2-11.1(s) of the County Code as amended, prior to conducting any lobbying regarding this solicitation, the Bidder must file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder. Failure to file the appropriate form in relation to each solicitation may be considered as evidence that the Bidder is not a responsible contractor.

The Bidder confirms that this Bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a Bid for the same goods and/or services and in all respects is without collusion, and that the Bidder will accept any resultant award. Further, the undersigned acknowledges that award of a contract is contingent upon vendor registration. Failure to register as a vendor within the specified time may result in your firm not being considered for award.

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance 94-34, any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other legal entity having an officer, director, or executive who has been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years shall disclose this information prior to entering into a contract with or receiving funding from the County.

Place a check mark here only if bidder has such conviction to disclose to comply with this requirement.

COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP): Joint purchase and entity revenue sharing program

For the County's information, the bidder is requested to indicate, at 'A' and 'B' below, its general interest in participating in the Joint Purchase Program of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 2.21 of this contract solicitation, if that section is present in this solicitation document. Vendor participation in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP is voluntary, and the bidder's expression of general interest at 'A' and 'B' below is for the County's information only and shall not be binding on the bidder.

- A. If awarded this County contract, would you be interested in participating in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP with respect to other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entities located within the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County?
B. If awarded this County contract, would you be interested in participating in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP with respect to other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entities located outside the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County?

LOCAL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION: The responding vendor hereby attests, by checking one of the following blocks, that it is a local business. For the purpose of this certification, a "local business" is a business located within the limits of Miami-Dade County (or Broward County in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the two counties) that conforms with the provisions of Section 1.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this solicitation and contributes to the economic development of the community in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include, but not be limited to, the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase to the County's tax base. Failure to complete this certification at this time (by checking the appropriate box above) shall render the vendor ineligible for Local Preference.

Firm Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

Email Address: _____

FEIN No. ____/____-____/____/____/____/____

Prompt Payment Terms: ____% ____ days net ____ days (Please see paragraph 1.2 H of General Terms and Conditions)

*"By signing this document the bidder agrees to all Terms and Conditions of this Solicitation and the resulting Contract"

Signature: _____ (Signature of authorized agent)

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Failure to sign this page shall render your Bid non-responsive.



APPENDIX

AFFIDAVITS

FORMAL BIDS

Note: This affidavit will be requested from all bidders once bids are received and the bidders list is distributed.

COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

(Code of Miami-Dade County Section 2-8.1.1 and 10-33.1) (Ordinance No. 08-113)

BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, personally appeared _____ who being duly sworn states: (insert name of affiant)

I am over 18 years of age, have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit and I am an owner, officer, director, principal shareholder and/or I am otherwise authorized to bind the bidder of this contract.

I state that the bidder of this contract:

[] is not related to any of the other parties bidding in the competitive solicitation, and that the contractor's proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named, and that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to the proposer an advantage over any other proposer.

OR [] is related to the following parties who bid in the solicitation which are identified and listed below:

Note: Any person or entity that fails to submit this executed affidavit shall be ineligible for contract award. In the event a recommended contractor identifies related parties in the competitive solicitation its bid shall be presumed to be collusive and the recommended contractor shall be ineligible for award unless that presumption is rebutted by presentation of evidence as to the extent of ownership, control and management of such related parties in the preparation and submittal of such bids or proposals. Related parties shall mean bidders or proposers or the principals, corporate officers, and managers thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder or proposer for the same agreement or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one (1) bidder or proposer have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder or proposer for the same agreement. Bids or proposals found to be collusive shall be rejected.

By: _____ 20____
Signature of Affiant Date

Printed Name of Affiant and Title Federal Employer Identification Number

Printed Name of Firm

Address of Firm

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

He/She is personally known to me or has presented _____ as identification.
Type of identification

Signature of Notary Serial Number

Print or Stamp Name of Notary Expiration Date

Notary Public – State of _____

Notary Seal