

Florida Department of Transportation - Professional Services

Standard Consultant Agreement Terms
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State of Florida Department of Transportation STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TERMS October, 1997

1. SERVICES AND PERFORMANCE:

- A. Before making any additions or deletions to the work described in the Agreement, and before undertaking any changes or revisions to such work, the parties will negotiate any necessary cost changes and will enter into a Supplemental Agreement covering such work and compensation. Reference herein to the Agreement will be considered to include any Supplemental Agreement.
- B. In the performance of professional services, the Consultant will use that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other similar professionals in the field under similar conditions in similar localities. The Consultant will use due care in performing in a design capacity and will have due regard for acceptable standards of design principles.
- C. The Consultant agrees to provide project schedule progress reports in a format acceptable to the Department and at intervals established by the Department. The Department will be entitled at all times to be advised, at its request, as to the status of work being done by the Consultant and of the details thereof. Coordination will be maintained by the Consultant with representatives of the Department, or of other agencies interested in the project on behalf of the Department. Either party to the Agreement may request and be granted a conference.
- D. All services will be performed by the Consultant to the satisfaction of the Director who will decide all questions, difficulties and disputes of any nature whatsoever that may arise under or by reason of the Agreement, the prosecution and fulfillment of the services hereunder and the character, quality, amount and value thereof; and the decision upon all claims, questions and disputes will be final and binding upon the parties hereto. Adjustments of compensation and contract time because of any major changes in the work that may become necessary or desirable as the work progresses will be subject to mutual agreement of the parties, and Supplemental Agreement(s) of such a nature as required will be entered into by the parties in accordance herewith.

In the event that the Consultant and the Department are not able to reach an agreement as to the amount of compensation to be paid to the Consultant for supplemental work desired by the Department, the Consultant will be obligated to proceed with the supplemental work in a timely manner for the amount determined by the Department to be reasonable. In such event, the Consultant will have the right to file a claim with the Department for such additional amounts as the Consultant deems reasonable; however, in no event will the filing of the claim or the resolution or litigation thereof through administrative procedures or the courts relieve the Consultant from the obligation to timely perform the supplemental work.

- E. In the event the work covered by this Agreement includes the preparation of construction plans, it is understood that the work may be divided into two or more construction projects by the Director and that, if this is done, the Consultant will supply construction plans for each project.
- F. The Consultant is authorized to use the Department's computer facilities utilizing Department programs required for the performance of the services herein. The Consultant will identify the programs required and submit a written request to the Department's Project Manager for approval.
- G. All design work performed by the Consultant for projects where anticipated construction cost is one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more will be subject to Value Engineering. The Department further reserves the right to subject projects of lesser construction cost to Value Engineering should the Department deem circumstances are present that warrant such a decision. Value Engineering may be performed at any stage of the design process. Unless specifically identified in the Agreement, the Consultant will not be required to perform the Value Engineering analysis.
- H. The Consultant will not be liable for use by the Department of plans, documents, studies or other data for any purpose other than intended by the terms of this Consultant Agreement.
- I. All tracings, plans, specifications, maps, computer files and/or reports prepared or obtained under this Agreement, as well as all data collected, together with summaries and charts derived therefrom, will be considered works made for hire and will become the property of the Department upon completion or termination without restriction or limitation on their use and will be made available, upon request, to the Department at any time during the performance of such services and/or upon completion or termination of this Agreement. Upon delivery to the Department of said document(s), the Department will become the custodian thereof in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Consultant will not copyright any material and products or patent any invention developed under this agreement. The Department will have the right to visit the site for inspection of the work and the products of the Consultant at any time.

2. TERM:

- A. Services required after completion of scheduled project services, including, but not limited to, design assistance, construction assistance, and litigation assistance, will be completed within the term of this Agreement at written direction of the department. Supplemental Agreements may be negotiated for any post project schedule services needed by the Department after scheduled project services.

In the event it becomes impracticable or impossible for the Consultant to complete the expected services within the term of this Agreement due to delays on the part of the department or circumstances beyond the control of the Consultant, the Agreement may be extended. An extension of the Agreement must be in writing.

- B. In the event there are delays caused by the Department in approval of any of the materials submitted by the Consultant or if there are delays occasioned by circumstances beyond the control and without fault or negligence of the Consultant which delay the scheduled project completion date, the Department may grant an extension of time equal to the aforementioned project schedule delay, as a minimum and not to exceed the Agreement term, by issuance of a Time Extension Letter. This letter will be for time only and does not include any additional compensation.

It will be the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure at all times that sufficient time remains in the Project Schedule within which to complete the services on the project. In the event there have been delays which would affect the project completion date, the Consultant will submit a written request to the Department which identifies the reason(s) for the delay, the amount of time related to each reason and specific indication as to whether or not the delays were concurrent with one another. The Department will review the request and make a determination as to granting all or part of the requested extension.

In the event time for performance of the scheduled project services expires and the Consultant has not requested, or if the Department has denied, an extension of the Project Schedule completion date; partial progress payments will be stopped on the date time expires. No payment shall be made for work performed after the Project Schedule completion date until a time extension is granted or all work has been completed and accepted by the Department if the Agreement term has not expired.

3. COMPENSATION:

- A. Bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses will be submitted to the Department in detail sufficient for a proper preaudit and postaudit thereof. The Department will render approval or disapproval of services within five working days of the receipt of a written progress report unless otherwise stated in the Agreement. The progress report will be accompanied by an appropriate invoice.
- B. The bills for any travel expenses, when authorized by terms of this Agreement and by the Department's Project Manager, will be submitted in accordance with Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- C. Records of costs incurred under terms of this Agreement will be maintained and made available upon request to the Department at all times during the period of this Agreement and for three years after final payment for the work pursuant to this Agreement is made. Copies of these documents and records will be furnished to the Department upon request.
- D. Records of costs incurred will include the Consultant's general accounting records and the project records, together with supporting documents and records, of the Consultant and all subconsultants performing work on the project, and all other records of the Consultant and subconsultants considered necessary by the Department for a proper audit of project costs.
- E. The general cost principles and procedures for the negotiation and administration, and the determination or allowance of costs under this Agreement will be as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Titles 23, 48, 49, Rule Chapter 14-75, Florida Administrative Code, and other pertinent Federal and State Regulations, as applicable, with the understanding that there is no conflict between State regulations and Federal regulations in that the more restrictive of the applicable regulations will govern.
- F. The Consultant should be aware of the following time frames. Upon receipt, the Department has five (5) working days to inspect and approve the goods and services, unless the Agreement specifies otherwise. The Department has 20 days to deliver a request for payment (voucher) to the Department of Banking and Finance. The 20 days are measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved.
- G. If a payment is not available within 40 days, a separate interest penalty at a rate established pursuant to Section 215.422, Florida Statutes, will be due and payable, in

addition to the invoice amount, to the Consultant. Interest penalties of less than one dollar will not be paid unless the Consultant requests payment. Invoices which have to be returned to a Consultant because of Consultant preparation errors will result in a delay in the payment. The invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Department.

- H. A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Banking and Finance. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (904) 488-2924 or by calling the State Comptroller's Hotline, 1-800-848-3792.
- I. Except for issues arising from contract indemnification provisions, the Department will have the right to retain out of any payment due the Consultant under this Agreement an amount sufficient to satisfy any amount due and owing to the Department by the Consultant on any other Agreement between the Consultant and the Department. The Department may withhold payment on any invoice in the event that the Consultant is in default under any provision of this Agreement or any other Agreement between the Consultant and the Department as of the time of processing the invoice or as of the time payment is made available on the invoice. This right to withhold will continue until such time as the default has been cured, and, upon cure, the Department will have the right to retain an amount equal to the damages suffered as a result of the default.
- J. It is mutually agreed and understood that the following provision will be applicable to this Agreement if the compensation to be paid to the Consultant, whether by lump sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee, will exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR.

The Consultant hereby certifies, covenants and warrants that wage rates and other factual unit costs provided the Department to support the compensation are accurate, complete and current as of the date of this Agreement. It is further agreed that the Agreement price will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Department determines the Agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such Agreement adjustments must be made within one year following the end of the Agreement. For this purpose, the end of the Agreement is the date of final billing or acceptance of the work by the Department, whichever is later.

- K. The Department, during any fiscal year, will not expend money, incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money in excess of the amounts budgeted as available for expenditure during such fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, made in violation of this subsection is null and void, and no money may be paid on such contract. The Department will require a statement from the comptroller of the Department that funds are available prior to entering into any such contract or other binding commitment of funds. Nothing herein contained will prevent the making of contracts for periods exceeding one year, but any contract so made shall be executory only for the value of the services to be rendered or agreed to be paid for in succeeding fiscal years. Accordingly, the Department's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

4. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE:

- A. The Consultant will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Department and all of its

officers, agents and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act, error, omission or negligent act by the Consultant, its agents, employees, or subcontractors during the performance of the Agreement, except that neither the Consultant, its agents, employees nor any of its subconsultants will be liable under this paragraph for any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act, error, omission or negligent act by the Department or any of its officers, agents or employees during the performance of the Agreement.

When the Department receives a notice of claim for damages that may have been caused by the Consultant in the performance of services required by the Consultant under this agreement, the Department will immediately forward the claim to the Consultant. The Consultant and the Department will evaluate the claim and report their findings to each other within seven working days. The Department and the Consultant will jointly discuss options in defending the claim. After reviewing the claim, the Department will determine whether to require the participation of the Consultant in the defense of the claim or to require that the Consultant defend the Department in such claim as described in this section. The Department's failure to notify the Consultant of a claim within seven days will not release the Consultant from any of the requirements of this section upon subsequent notification by the Department to the Consultant of the claim. The Department and the Consultant will pay their own cost for the evaluation, settlement negotiations and trial, if any. However, if only one party participates in the defense of the claim at trial, that party is responsible for all costs, but if the verdict determines that there is joint responsibility the costs and liability for damages will be shared in the same percentage as that judicially established.

The parties agree that 1% of the total compensation to the Consultant for performance of this Agreement is the specific consideration from the Department to the Consultant for the Consultant's indemnity agreement.

- B. The Consultant will have and maintain during the term of this Agreement, a professional liability insurance policy or policies, or an irrevocable letter of credit established pursuant to Chapter 675 and Section 337.106, Florida Statutes, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, affording professional liability coverage for the professional services to be rendered in accordance with this Agreement in the amount specified in the Agreement.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:

- A. All final plans, documents, reports, studies and other data prepared by the Consultant shall bear the professional's seal/signature, in accordance with the applicable Florida Statute that governs and Administrative Rules promulgated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and guidelines published by the Department, in effect at the time of execution of this Agreement. In the event that changes in the Statute or Rules create a conflict with the requirements of the published guidelines, requirements of the Statute and/or Rules shall take precedence.
- B. Chapter 337.162 Florida Statutes applies as follows:
 - 1. If the Department has knowledge or reason to believe that any person has violated the provisions of state professional licensing laws or rules, it will submit a complaint about the violations to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The complaint will be confidential.
 - 2. Any person who is employed by the Department and who is licensed by the

Department of Business and Professional Regulation and who, through the course of his employment, has knowledge to believe that any person has violated the provisions of state professional licensing laws or rules will submit a complaint about the violations to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Failure to submit a complaint about the violations may be grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Chapter 455 and the state licensing law applicable to that licensee. The complaint will be confidential.

3. Any confidential information submitted to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation will remain confidential pursuant to Chapter 455 and applicable state law.
3. The Consultant will comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work or payment for work thereof, and will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the performance of work under this Agreement.
4. The Consultant warrants that the Consultant has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that he has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the term "fee" shall also include brokerage fee, however denoted. For the breach or violation of this Paragraph, the Department shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability, and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.
5. The Consultant shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Consultant in conjunction with this Agreement. Failure by the Consultant to grant such public access shall be grounds for immediate unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the Department.
6. The Consultant agrees that it will make no statements, press releases or publicity releases concerning this Agreement or its subject matter or otherwise disclose or permit to be disclosed any of the data or other information obtained or furnished in compliance with this Agreement, or any particulars thereof, during the period of the Agreement, without first notifying the Department and securing its consent in writing. The Consultant also agrees that it will not publish, copyright or patent any of the data developed under this Agreement, it being understood that such data or information is the property of the Department.
7. Consultant covenants and agrees that it and its employees will be bound by the standards of conduct provided in applicable Florida Statutes and applicable rules of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation as they relate to work performed under this Agreement. Consultant further covenants and agrees that when a former state employee is employed by the Consultant, the Consultant will require that strict adherence by the former state employee to Florida Statutes 112.313(9) and 112.3185 is a condition of employment of said former state employee. These statutes will by reference be made a part of this Agreement as though set forth in full. Consultant agrees to incorporate the provisions of this paragraph in any subcontract into which it might enter with reference to the work performed pursuant to this Agreement.

8. 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, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
9. The Department will consider the employment by any contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Such violation will be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement, by the Department, if the Consultant knowingly employs unauthorized aliens.

6. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT:

- A. The Department may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time the interest of the Department requires such termination, as follows:
 1. If the Department determines that the performance of the Consultant is not satisfactory, the Department may notify the Consultant of the deficiency with the requirement that the deficiency be corrected within a specified time; but not less than 10 days. Otherwise the Agreement will be terminated at the end of such time or thirty (30) days whichever is sooner.
 2. If the Department requires termination of the Agreement for reasons other than unsatisfactory performance of the Consultant, the Department will notify the Consultant of such termination, with instructions as to the effective date of work stoppage or specify the stage of work at which the Agreement is to be terminated.
 3. If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, the Consultant will be paid for the work satisfactorily performed. Payment is to be on the basis of substantiated costs, not to exceed an amount which is the same percentage of the contract price as the amount of work satisfactorily completed is a percentage of the total work called for by the Agreement.
2. The Department reserves the right to cancel and terminate this Agreement in the event the Consultant or any employee or agent of the Consultant is convicted for any crime arising out of or in conjunction with any work being performed by the consultant for or on behalf of the Department, without penalty. It is understood and agreed that in the event of such termination, all tracings, plans specifications, computer files, maps, and data prepared or obtained under this Agreement will immediately be turned over to the Department . The Department reserves the right to terminate or cancel this Agreement in the event the Consultant will be placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or an assignment be made for the benefit of creditors. The Department further reserves the right to suspend the qualifications of the Consultant to do business with the Department upon any such conviction.

7. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS:

- A. The Consultant will maintain an adequate and competent professional staff so as to enable Consultant to timely perform under this Agreement and must be authorized to do business within the State of Florida and may associate with it such subconsultants, for the purpose of its services hereunder, without additional cost to the Department, other than those costs negotiated within the limits and terms of this Agreement. The Consultant

is fully responsible for satisfactory completion of all subcontracted work. The Consultant, however, will not sublet, assign or transfer any work under this Agreement to other than subconsultants specified in the Agreement without the written consent of the Department.

- B. The Consultant must state in all subcontracts that services performed by any such subconsultant will be subject to the Professional Consultant Work Performance Evaluation System as defined in Chapter 14-75, Florida Administrative Code.
- C. The following provision is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement when the services provided herein do not involve the expenditure of Federal funds:

It is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out this contract will be purchased from the Corporation identified under Chapter 946, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Section 946.515(2) and (4), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract will be deemed to be substituted for this agency insofar as dealings with such Corporation.

The Corporation referred to in the above paragraph is Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. Available pricing, products, and delivery schedules may be obtained by contacting:

PRIDE of Florida (Attn: Bid Administrator)
2720 Blairstone Road, Suite G
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Telephone: (904) 487-3774

8. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. All words used herein in the singular form will extend to and include the plural. All words used in the plural form will extend to and include the singular. All words used in any gender will extend to and include all genders.
- B. In the event that a court of valid jurisdiction finally determines that any provision of this Agreement is illegal or unenforceable, this Agreement will be construed as not containing such provision, and all other provisions which are otherwise lawful will remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.
- C. There are no understandings or agreements except as herein expressly stated.
- D. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- E. In any legal action related to this Agreement, instituted by either party, Consultant hereby waives any and all privileges and rights it may have under chapter 47 and Section 337.19, Florida Statutes, relating to venue, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, and any and all such privileges and rights it may have under any other statute, rule or case law, including, but not limited to those grounded on convenience. Any such legal action may be brought in the appropriate Court in any county chosen by the Department and in the event that any such legal action is filed by Consultant, Consultant hereby consents to the transfer of venue to the county chosen by the Department upon the Department filing a motion requesting the same.

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