

SECTION 2

RESPONSE FORMAT AND CONTENT

2.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

This section describes the required response format and content. The response should contain the requested information organized by the prescribed section and subsection numbers and titles. Any information provided beyond that of which is required in the response should be contained in a section sequentially numbered and entitled "Optional Exhibits and Attachments".

Each Bidder shall submit a complete response, providing all information requested and a complete description of the functional operation of the program/project proposed. Failure to follow the prescribed format may result in the rejection of your response.

Responses must be complete in all aspects. A response may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete, or if it contains any alteration of form or other irregularities of any kind. A response may be rejected if any such defect or irregularity constitutes a material deviation from the proposal requirements. The response must contain all costs required by the proposal.

2.2 RESPONSE FORMAT

The response must be developed on the forms provided in this package, or must follow the proposal content requirements in the order in which they appear in the proposal. Responses that do not conform to this format may not be considered for evaluation. All responses must be submitted in the name of the legal entity or authorized agency. Responses must be signed in blue ink by the officer or officers legally authorized to bind the company, partnership or corporation.

The content and sequence of the response will be as follows:

- 2.2.1 Signature Page
- 2.2.2 Bond(s) (If any)
- 2.2.3 Table of Contents
- 2.2.4 Executive Summary
- 2.2.5 Exceptions
- 2.2.6 Approach
- 2.2.7 Bidder's Qualifications
- 2.2.8 Cost Proposal

2.2.1 Signature Page

Bidder must complete and return the enclosed Signature Page. The

Signature Page must be signed in blue ink by the officer or officers legally authorized to bind the company, partnership, or corporation.

2.2.2 Bond(s)

Bidder must enclose any bonds as required in the RFP.

2.2.3 Table of Contents

The Table of Contents must be a comprehensive listing of the contents included in your response. This section must include a clear definition of the material, exhibits and supplemental information identified by sequential page numbers and by section reference numbers.

2.2.4 Executive Summary

The Executive Summary shall condense and highlight the contents of the Bidder's response to provide the Evaluation Committee with a broad understanding of the Bidder's approach, qualification(s), experience and staffing.

2.2.5 Exceptions

This portion of the response will note any exceptions to the requirements and conditions taken by the Bidder. Exceptions should clearly explain why the Bidder is taking exception to the requirements. If exceptions are not noted, the County will assume that the Bidder's response meets those requirements as specified herein and that the Bidder accepts and intends to abide by all stated terms, conditions, and requirements. Exceptions will be considered by the County, and will form a part of any resulting Agreement, only if the County explicitly so states in writing.

Exceptions shall be noted as follows:

- Exceptions to the Requirements
- Exceptions to any other part of this RFP
- Exceptions to terms in the Sample Agreement

2.2.6 Approach

The Bidder's response shall clearly describe, in detail, how the Bidder will meet and perform the requirements of this RFP. Additionally, responses should provide any special or unique qualifications the Bidder has and believes will contribute to meeting the requirements of this RFP. Only those levels of performance the Bidder actually believes can be accomplished should be stated as measurable objectives. Each of the major tasks, or

activities to be undertaken, as a means of reaching such objectives, must be specifically identified. Display the essential points of activity in a time sequence showing the amount of time allotted to each activity.

The merit of each response received in response to this RFP will be judged largely on the basis of each Bidder's narrative description as described in the Approach of their response. It is important that your response contain all information required for an effective evaluation. The response should be written in such a manner that provides sufficient detail for the Evaluation Committee members to know what is planned at every stage, and to make a judgment as to the probable success of the proposed effort.

(A benchmark chart may be completed to display the time frame for achieving and accomplishing each major program/project task or activity. Flowcharts and other related graphics may accompany this section.)

2.2.7 Bidder's Qualifications

Bidder shall provide a concise statement demonstrating that the Bidder's company has the qualifications, experience, and capability to perform the requirements of this RFP. The following sections must be included:

a) History

Provide a brief history of your company, including the number of years in business. State whether your organization is an individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or private nonprofit organization, and the date your company was formed or incorporated. Provide a statement as to any judgment, litigations, licensing violations, or other violations, outstanding or resolved, against your company in the past five (5) years.

b) Background and Experience

A summary of relevant background information describing your company's experience of major accomplishments and/or activities similar to the requirements set forth under this RFP, which demonstrates your company's ability to provide the service described in your response.

c) References

Provide a list of at least three (3) customer references. Include the agency/firm's name; the name, title, and telephone number of a contact person; the dollar amount of the Agreement; and the dates that these services were completed. Bidder may provide sample material of your company's work to substantiate your previous experience.

d) Staff Assignment

A brief description of the experience and qualifications of the proposed key staff members assigned to this program/project and what percentage of their time will be devoted to the program/project. Show their function, level of education, degree and license, if appropriate, and a detailed resume for each person. Additionally, the Bidder must specify where the staff will be located and identify the program/project manager.

2.2.8 Cost Proposal

It is essential that all responding Bidders include and clearly detail all costs, payment schedules, categorization of line items, and/or other related costs associated with your response. All responses must have a narrative providing a thorough and clear explanation of your costs.