

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FIRM

This Agreement Between County and Professional Services Firm, (this "Agreement") made and entered into by and between Marion County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, located at 601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala, FL 34471 (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and **Walker Architects, Inc.**, located at 2035 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL, 32609, possessing FEIN# 27-1481363 (hereinafter referred to as "FIRM") under seal for the Architectural Services, (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"), and COUNTY and FIRM hereby agreeing as follows:

### WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, COUNTY and FIRM (singularly referred to as "Party", collectively "Parties") hereto agree as follows:

**Section 1 – The Contract.** The contract between COUNTY and FIRM, of which this Agreement is part, consists of the Contract Documents. This Agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners shall be effective on the last signature date set forth below.

**Section 2 – The Contract Documents.** The Contract Documents are defined as this Agreement, the Specifications, the Drawings, all Change Orders and Field Orders issued hereafter, any other amendments hereto executed by the Parties hereafter, together with the following (if any):

**Marion County Solicitation #20Q-170 - Architectural Services, the Offer, Scope and/or Specifications, Plans and/or Drawings, any/all Addenda as issued in support of this Solicitation and any/all Exhibits defined herein, Certificates of Insurance and Purchase Order.**

**Section 3 – Entire Agreement.** The Contract Documents form the agreement between Parties for the Project and the FIRM acknowledges receipt of a copy of each and every Contract Document. The Contract Documents represent the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties and supersede prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended or modified only in writing. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between any person or entities other than COUNTY and FIRM.

**Section 4 - Term.** This Agreement shall commence on November 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect through October 31, 2025 ("Term"). There shall be two (2) optional renewal terms of up to five (5) years each, pending mutual agreement, and Board approval. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** All limitations of time set forth in the Contract Documents are of the essence. Work may be presumed abandoned after ninety (90) days if FIRM terminates the Work without just cause or without proper notification to COUNTY, including the reason for termination, or fails to perform Work without just cause for ninety (90) consecutive days. All Work will proceed in a timely manner without delays.

**Section 5 – Scope of Services.** As per specifications and requirements of the Project 20Q-170, shall provide complete Professional Services as stated in the Scope of Work, Exhibit A, hereto, "the Work." Individual projects shall be assigned to FIRM, as required by COUNTY (Task Orders), shall be of varied size and complexity and may include but not limited to those services outlined in the RFQ. Task Orders which exceed \$25,000 shall be subject to a separate contract (Task Order Agreement); those which exceed \$50,000 shall be additionally subject to final review and approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Task Orders will be in line with CCNA thresholds that are in effect at the time they are assigned. Smaller projects may be assigned a purchase order (PO) only, however a fee schedule and scope of work is required with each task assigned under this contract.

**Section 6 – Compensation.** COUNTY shall make payment to FIRM under established procedure, (the “Agreement Price”), based upon the negotiated price of each task order, the schedule of values submitted with the proposal and upon completion of the Work. There shall be no provisions for pricing adjustments during the Term. Not more frequently than monthly, unless otherwise agreed in writing by FIRM and COUNTY, shall FIRM submit an invoice to COUNTY requesting payment for services properly rendered and reimbursement for Reimbursable Expenses, if provided in the Contract Documents, due hereunder. FIRM's invoice shall describe with reasonable particularity each service rendered, the person(s) rendering the service, and their billing rate. FIRM's invoice shall be accompanied by reasonable documentation or data in support of Reimbursable Expenses for which reimbursement is sought as COUNTY may require. If payment is requested for services by FIRM, the invoice shall bear the signature of FIRM, which signature shall constitute FIRM's representation to COUNTY that the services indicated in the invoice have been properly and timely performed as required herein, that the Reimbursable Expenses included in the invoice have been reasonably incurred, that all the obligations of FIRM covered by prior invoices have been paid in full, and that, to the best of FIRM's knowledge, information and informed belief, the amount requested is currently due and owing, there being no reason known to FIRM that payment of any portion thereof should be withheld. Submission of FIRM's invoice for final payment and reimbursements shall further constitute FIRM's representation to COUNTY that, upon receipt from COUNTY of the amount invoiced, all obligations of FIRM to others, including its consultants, incurred in connection with the Project, will be paid in full forthwith.

**Section 7 – Assignment.** FIRM may not subcontract all or any part of this Agreement without written approval by COUNTY.

**Section 8 – Laws, Permits, and Regulations.** Prior to the performance of any Work hereunder, FIRM shall obtain and pay for all licenses and permits, as required, to perform the Work. FIRM shall at all times comply with all appropriate laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the Work provided under this Agreement.

**Section 9 – Amendments.** This Agreement may only be amended by mutual written agreement of both Parties.

**Section 10 – Books and Records.** FIRM shall keep records of all transactions, including documentation accurately reflecting the time expended by FIRM and its personnel and records of Reimbursable Expenses. COUNTY shall have a right to request records from FIRM, and for those records to be made available within a reasonable timeframe depending on method of acquisition.

**Section 11 – Public Records Compliance**

**A. IF FIRM HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**Public Relations | 601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala, FL 34471**

**Phone: 352-438-2300 | Fax: 352-438-2309**

**Email: [publicrelations@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:publicrelations@marioncountyfl.org)**

**B. FIRM shall comply with public records laws, specifically:**

- Keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY to perform the Work;
- Upon request from COUNTY's custodian of public records, provide COUNTY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
- Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the

Term and following completion of this Agreement if FIRM does not transfer the records to COUNTY; and,

- Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to COUNTY, all public records in possession of FIRM or keep and maintain public records required by COUNTY to perform the Work. If FIRM transfers all public records to COUNTY upon completion of this Agreement, FIRM shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If FIRM keeps and maintains public records upon the completion of this Agreement, FIRM shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to COUNTY, upon request from COUNTY's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of COUNTY.
- C. If FIRM fails to provide the public records to COUNTY within a reasonable time, FIRM may be subject to penalties under Section 119.10 Florida Statutes and may be subject to unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by COUNTY.

**Section 12 – Indemnification.** FIRM shall indemnify and hold harmless COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents from all suits, claims, or actions of every name and description brought against COUNTY based on personal injury, bodily injury (including death) or property damages received or claimed to be received or sustained by any person or persons arising to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of FIRM or its employees, officers, or agents in performing the Work set forth herein.

**Section 13 – Insurance.** As applicable, during the period of Work, insurance policies shall be with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida. COUNTY shall be notified if any policy limit has eroded to one half its annual aggregate. FIRM shall provide, within the timeframe noted in the Award Letter, a Certificate of Insurance, issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Florida and with an A.M. Best Company rating of at least B+. All policies must show the "Marion County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" as an Additional Insured except for the workers compensation and professional liability policies. The COUNTY's Procurement Services Director should be shown as the Certificate Holder, and the Certificate should provide for 30-day cancellation notice to the Procurement Director's address, set forth herein, with policies for the following:

- **Business Auto Liability** with combined single limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and is to include bodily injury and property damage liability arising out of operation, maintenance or use of any auto, including owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.
- **Worker's Compensation** with statutory limits and employers liability limits of at least \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each employee and \$1,000,000 policy limit for disease. COUNTY need not be named as an Additional Insured, but a "**subrogation waiver endorsement**" is required.
- **General Liability** with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. The policy must be maintained by FIRM for the duration of the Project. If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, FIRM must maintain the policy a minimum of 5 years following completion of the Project. "Marion County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida" must be shown as additional insured.
- **Professional Liability** with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000.00 annual aggregate. Higher limits may be required for projects valued in excess of \$5,000,000. Projects \$5,000,000 or more will need to be reviewed by COUNTY's Risk and Benefit Services Department to determine appropriate Professional Liability limits. The policy must be maintained by FIRM for the duration of the Project. If the policy is written on a claims-made basis, FIRM must maintain the policy for a minimum of 5 years following the completion of the Project.

**Section 14 – Independent Contractor.** In the performance of this Agreement, FIRM will be acting in the capacity of an "Independent Contractor" and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venture, or associate of COUNTY. FIRM shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures utilized by FIRM in the full performance of this Agreement.

**Section 15 – Default/Termination.** In the event FIRM fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement, COUNTY may terminate this Agreement for cause by first notifying FIRM in writing, specifying the nature of the default and providing FIRM with a reasonable period of time in which to rectify such default. In the event the default is not cured within the time period given, COUNTY thereafter may terminate this Agreement for cause upon written notice to FIRM without prejudice to COUNTY. In the event of termination of this Agreement for cause, COUNTY will then be responsible to compensate FIRM only for those services timely and satisfactorily performed pursuant to this Agreement up to the date of termination. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause providing at least thirty (30) days written notice to FIRM. In the event of termination of this Agreement without cause, COUNTY will compensate FIRM for all the work timely and satisfactorily performed pursuant to this Agreement up to and including the date of termination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated if for any reason there are not sufficient appropriated and available monies for the purpose of maintaining COUNTY or other public entity obligations under this Agreement. COUNTY shall have no further obligation to FIRM, other than to pay for services rendered prior to termination.

**Section 16 – Damage to Property.** FIRM shall be responsible for all material, equipment and supplies sold and delivered to COUNTY under this Agreement and until final inspection of the Work and acceptance thereof by COUNTY. In the event any such material, equipment and supplies are lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or COUNTY property, buildings, or equipment is damaged during delivery or unloading, or in the course of the WORK prior to final inspection and acceptance, FIRM shall replace the same or be returned to original state without additional cost to COUNTY, as applicable.

**Section 17 – Termination for Loss of Funding/Cancellation for Unappropriated Funds.** The obligation of COUNTY for payment to FIRM is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of this Agreement into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.

**Section 18 – Use of Other Contracts.** COUNTY reserves the right to utilize any COUNTY contract, State of Florida contract, city or county governmental agencies, school board, community college/state university system, or cooperative bid agreement. COUNTY reserves the right to separately bid any single order or to purchase any item on this solicitation/Agreement if it is in the best interest of COUNTY.

**Section 19 – Employee Eligibility Verification.** COUNTY hereby affirms it is duly registered, uses, and adheres to the practices of the E-Verify system, including those outlined in the clauses below.

Beginning January 1, 2021, Section 448.095, F.S., requires FIRM to register and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and prohibits FIRM from entering into this Agreement unless it is in compliance therewith. Information provided by FIRM is subject to review for the most current version of the State or Federal policies at the time of the award of this Agreement.

By previously signing the ITB Acknowledgment and Addenda Certification Form, and this Agreement, FIRM has agreed to perform in accordance with the requirements of this subsection and agrees:

- a) It is registered and uses the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired employees.
- b) COUNTY shall immediately terminate FIRM if COUNTY has a good faith belief that FIRM has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), F.S., that is, that FIRM knowingly employed, hired, recruited, or referred either for itself or on behalf of another, private or public employment within the State an alien who is not duly authorized to work by the immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States.
- c) If FIRM enters into a contract with a subcontractor shall obtain from the subcontractor an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien.

- d) FIRM shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and provide it to COUNTY upon request.
- e) FIRM shall immediately terminate the subcontractor if FIRM has a good faith belief that the subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), F.S., as set forth above.
- f) If COUNTY has a good faith belief that FIRM's subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), F.S., but that FIRM has otherwise complied, COUNTY shall promptly order FIRM to terminate the subcontractor. FIRM agrees that upon such an order, FIRM shall immediately terminate the subcontractor. FIRM agrees that if it should fail to comply with such an order, COUNTY shall immediately terminate FIRM.
- g) If COUNTY terminates this Agreement with FIRM, FIRM may not be awarded a public contract for a least one (1) year after the date of termination.
- h) FIRM is liable for any additional costs incurred by COUNTY as a result of a termination under this subsection.
- i) Any such termination under this subsection is not a breach of this Agreement and may not be considered as such.
- j) FIRM shall maintain records of its registration, use, and compliance with the provisions of the E-Verify system, including the registration and use by its subcontractors, and to make such records available to COUNTY or other authorized governmental entity.
- k) To comply with the terms of this Employment Eligibility Verification provision is made an express condition of this Agreement and COUNTY may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of this Agreement.

**Section 20 – Force Majeure.** Neither FIRM nor COUNTY shall be considered to be in default in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, except obligations to make payments with respect to amounts already accrued, to the extent that performance of any such obligations is prevented or delayed by any cause, existing or future, which is beyond the reasonable control and not a result of the fault or negligence of, the affected Party (a "Force Majeure Event"). If a Party is prevented or delayed in the performance of any such obligations by a Force Majeure Event, such Party shall immediately provide notice to the other Party of the circumstances preventing or delaying performance and the expected duration thereof. Such notice shall be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably possible. The Party so affected by a Force Majeure Event shall endeavor, to the extent reasonable, to remove the obstacles which prevent performance and shall resume performance of its obligations as soon as reasonably practicable. A Force Majeure Event shall include, but not be limited to acts of civil or military authority (including courts or regulatory agencies), acts of God, war, riot, or insurrection, inability to obtain required permits or licenses, hurricanes, severe floods, pandemics and epidemics.

**Section 21 – Truth in Negotiation.** FIRM warrants that the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation to FIRM under this Agreement are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting. In addition, FIRM understands and agrees that the original Agreement Price and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which COUNTY determines the Agreement Price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such price adjustments must be made within one year following the end of this Agreement.

**Section 22 – Counterparts.** Original signatures transmitted and received via facsimile or other electronic transmission of a scanned document, (e.g., PDF or similar format) are true and valid signatures for all purposes hereunder and shall bind the Parties to the same extent as that of an original signature. Any such facsimile or electronic mail transmission shall constitute the final Agreement of the Parties and conclusive proof of such Agreement. Any such electronic counterpart shall be of sufficient quality to be legible either electronically or when printed as hardcopy. COUNTY shall determine legibility and acceptability for public record purposes. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument.

**Section 23 – Scrutinized Companies.** Scrutinized Companies Lists: If the Agreement exceeds \$1,000,000.00 in total, not including renewal years, the FIRM certifies they are not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Sections 215.473, F.S. and 215.4725, F.S. Pursuant to Sections 287.135(5), F.S. , and 287.135(3), F.S., the FIRM agrees COUNTY may immediately terminate the Agreement for cause if the FIRM is found to have submitted a false certification, or if the FIRM is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel during the term of this Agreement.

**Section 24 – Authority to Obligate.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either Party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Party for whom he or she is signing, and bind and obligate such Party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

**Section 25 - FIRM's Basic Duties.** By executing this Agreement, FIRM represents to COUNTY that FIRM is professionally qualified to act in the professional capacity for the Project and is licensed to practice by all public entities having jurisdiction over FIRM and the Project. FIRM further represents to COUNTY that it will maintain all necessary licenses, permits or other authorizations necessary to act as the professional representative for the Project until its remaining duties hereunder have been satisfied. FIRM assumes full responsibility to COUNTY for the improper acts and omissions of its consultants or others employed or retained by FIRM in connection with the Project. Execution of this Agreement by FIRM constitutes a representation that it will become familiar with the Project site and the local conditions under which the Project is to be implemented.

**Section 26 - Bidding/Negotiation Services.** FIRM shall assist COUNTY or Construction Manager in obtaining bids or negotiated proposals and assist in awarding and preparing contracts for construction. Services performed in this phase include reviewing agency submittals and review for permitting.

**Section 27 - Construction Administration Services.** As a representative of COUNTY, FIRM in conjunction with COUNTY's project management team shall visit the Project site at intervals appropriate to the stage of the FIRM's operations, or as otherwise agreed with COUNTY to become generally familiar with and to keep COUNTY informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed. FIRM shall determine in general if the Work is being performed in a manner that would indicate that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with this Agreement.

**Section 28 - COUNTY's Right to Withhold Payment.** In the event that COUNTY in its sole judgment becomes credibly informed that any representations of FIRM are wholly or partially inaccurate, COUNTY may withhold payment of sums then or in the future equal to the amount of the inaccuracy, otherwise due to FIRM until the inaccuracy, and the cause thereof, is corrected to COUNTY's reasonable satisfaction.

**Section 29 - Use and Ownership of Documents.** The drawings, specifications and other documents or things prepared by FIRM for the Project shall become and be the sole property of COUNTY. FIRM shall be permitted to retain copies thereof for its records and for its future professional endeavors. Such drawings, specifications, and other documents or things are not intended by FIRM for use on other projects by COUNTY or others. COUNTY shall not reuse or make any modifications to the drawings, specifications, and other documents without prior written authorization of FIRM.

**Section 30 – Firm Conduct:** These Guidelines govern FIRM while doing work on COUNTY property, as well as FIRM's employees, agents, consultants, and others on COUNTY property in connection with the FIRM's work or at the FIRM's express or implied invitation.

- **Courtesy and Respect:** COUNTY is a diverse government institution and it is critical that FIRM and its employees conduct themselves in a manner that is lawful, courteous, businesslike, and respectful of all staff, guests, or visitors.
- **Language and Behavior:** FIRM and its employees cannot engage in behavior that is rude, threatening, or offensive. Use of profane or insulting language is prohibited. Harassment of any type, including sexual harassment is strictly prohibited. Abusive, derogatory, obscene or improper language, gestures, remarks, whistling, cat calls or other disrespectful behavior cannot be tolerated. Roughhousing, fighting, fisticuffs, physical threats, destruction of property, vandalism, littering, or physical abuse of anyone on COUNTY property is not permitted under any circumstance.
- **No Weapons, Alcohol, or Drugs:** The use, possession, distribution, or sale of any weapon, alcohol, illegal drug, or controlled dangerous substance by FIRM or its employees is prohibited. Offenders will be removed from COUNTY property and/or reported to law enforcement.
- **Smoking:** FIRM and its employees are not permitted to smoke in or near any COUNTY buildings.
- **Fraternization:** FIRM and its employees may not fraternize or socialize with COUNTY staff.
- **Appearance:** FIRM and its employees are required to wear appropriate work wear, hard hats and safety footwear, as the case may be, while on the job. Articles of clothing must be neat and tidy in appearance, and cannot display offensive or inappropriate language, symbols or graphics. COUNTY has the right to decide if such clothing is inappropriate.

FIRM is responsible for its employees, agents, consultants and guests. If prohibited conduct does occur, FIRM will take all necessary steps to stop and prevent any future occurrence. Any breach of these conditions will result in the removal of the person responsible from COUNTY property and prohibited actions could result in the immediate termination of any or all of FIRM's contracts with COUNTY.

**Section 31 – Notices.** The Agreement provides for Notices and all other communications to be in writing and sent by certified mail return receipt requested or by hand delivery. FIRM's and COUNTY's representatives and addresses for notice purposes are:

FIRM: Walker Architects, Inc.  
2035 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL, 32609  
CONTACT PERSON: Joe Walker | PHONE: 352-672-6448

COUNTY: Marion County Facilities Management  
c/o Marion County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala, FL 34471

**A copy of all notices to COUNTY hereunder shall also be sent to:**

Procurement Services Director  
Marion County Procurement Services Department  
2631 SE 3rd St., Ocala, FL 34471

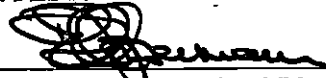
Alternatively, the parties may elect to receive said notices by e-mail. COUNTY hereby elects to receive all notices solely by email and designates its email address as [procurement@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:procurement@marioncountyfl.org). If FIRM agrees to accept all notices solely by e-mail and acknowledges and accepts the inherent risks that come with accepting notices solely by e-mail, FIRM may designate up to two (2) e-mail addresses: [info@walker-arch.com](mailto:info@walker-arch.com) and [acellini@walker-arch.com](mailto:acellini@walker-arch.com). Designation signifies FIRM's election to accept notices solely by e-mail.

**Section 32 – Law, Venue, Waiver of Jury Trial, Attorney's Fees.** This Agreement and all the Contract Documents shall be construed according to the laws of Florida and shall not be construed more strictly against one party than against the other because it may have been drafted by one of the parties. In the event of any legal proceeding arising from or related to this Agreement; (1) venue for state or federal legal proceedings shall be in Marion County, Florida, (2) for civil proceedings, the parties consent to trial by the court and waive right to jury trial, (3) the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all of its costs, including attorney fees.

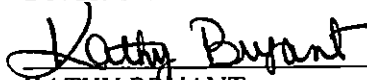
**Section 33 – Exhibits/Attachments.** The following attachments are hereby incorporated into this Agreement as part hereof as though fully set forth herein: **EXHIBIT A**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have entered into this Agreement, as approved by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, on the date of the last signature below.

**ATTEST:**

  
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DAVID R. ELSPERMANN, DATE 10/20/2020  
CLERK OF COURT

**MARION COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUB-DIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

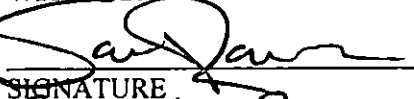
  
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KATHY BRYANT DATE 10/20/2020  
CHAIRMAN

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**


  
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for MATTHEW G. MINTER, DATE 11-4-2020  
MARION COUNTY ATTORNEY

**BCC APPROVED:** October 20, 2020  
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**WITNESS:**

  
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SIGNATURE  
Samantha Ramos  
PRINTED NAME

**WALKER ARCHITECTS, INC.**

  
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BY: DATE 11/3/2020  
JOSEPH WALKER  
PRINTED:  
PRESIDENT  
ITS: (TITLE)

**WITNESS:**

  
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SIGNATURE  
Adriana Barbat  
PRINTED NAME



**RFQ 20Q-170  
Architectural Services**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

**Project Summary:**

Services will be provided in close coordination and cooperation with the County's Facilities Management Department and/or the County's Construction Management Firm(s), Engineers or Special Consultants. Firm will be required to adhere to the Facility Management Standards Manual and the Information Technology Standards Manual while working on any assigned projects.

Individual projects assigned by the County under this contract will vary in scope, size and complexity. Once contracts are established, County may select firms for projects based on specific or previous knowledge of the project, or on a rotating basis, whichever is determined to be in the best interest of the County.

All Task Orders issued under this Contract will follow Florida CCNA Statutes in effect at the time of the project being assigned.

**Contract Period:**

The selected firm(s) shall contract with Marion County for an initial five (5) year term. There shall be two (2) optional renewal terms of up to five (5) years each, pending mutual agreement, and Board approval.

**Compensation:**

The design fee for basic services shall be project specific and shall be negotiated as a lump sum price, based on project size, complexity, level of effort and services required.

**Assignment:**

The Architect may not subcontract all or any part of this Agreement without written approval by the County. All sub-consultants must be approved by Facilities Management prior to their engagement for each project.

**Laws, Permits, and Regulations:**

Prior to the performance of any work hereunder, the Architect shall obtain and pay for all licenses and permits, as required to perform the services described in this Agreement. Architect shall at all times comply with all appropriate laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the services provided under this Agreement.

**Books and Records:**

The Architect shall keep records of all transactions. The County shall have a right to review such records at the Architect's office during normal business hours.

**Independent Architect:**

In the performance of this Agreement, the Architect will be acting in the capacity of an "independent Architect" and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venture, or associate of

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the County. The Architect shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures utilized by the Architect in the full performance of this agreement.

**Scope of Work:**

The Architect shall be assigned by the County for its architectural projects including, but not limited to those outlined in the RFQ.

- Project task orders which exceed \$25,000 shall be subject to a separate contract (project amendment).
- Projects which exceed \$50,000 shall be subject to final review and approval by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners (BCC).
- Smaller projects may be assigned a purchase order (PO) only, however a fee schedule and scope of work is required with each task assigned under this contract.
- Follow the Facilities Management Standards manual, available through Facilities Management at any time (*included in the RFQ*).
- The Standards Manual and the Architect's plans and specifications will follow the most stringent guidelines.
- All work to include MEP if necessary.
- Civil work will usually be assigned under the Architect for convenience of the County, however, County is aware civil fees will be in addition to Architectural fees.
- County has the right to approve sub-contractors utilized.
- County has the right to request sub-contractors on some jobs due to past work experience or complexity of project.
- County has established pricing for civil engineers and geo-technical firms which must be utilized when preparing proposals.
- Provide project budget based on three (3) year historic average of similar work, to include the cost of goods and labor increase up to the projected date of construction, and include contingency.

The Architect is responsible to perform the following:

**Schematic Design Phase:**

- Review project needs, goals, and requirements
- Review detailed scope of work with Marion County Facilities Management
- Identify and schedule relevant project milestones
- Develop schematic design drawings and outline specifications
- Provide project budget with supporting documentation

**Design Development Phase:**

- Prepare design development documents based on approved Schematic Design documents that specify in more detail all design elements.
- Formal presentations to Marion County Facilities Management
- Update of the project budget

**Construction Document Phase:**

- Prepare contract document based on approved and accepted design development drawings and approved by Marion County Facilities Management
- Code review with Marion County Facilities Management
- Plans for the project shall be reviewed by individuals, teams, or committees and Marion County Facilities Management, of the contract documents at 50% completion and 75% completion. Final (100%) plans will require official approval from Marion County Facilities Management

- Plans for each review should be accompanied by contract documents including specifications, standards, and special notices or provisions
- Construction documents shall include specifications, and final cost estimates. The Architect will work with the Marion County Facilities Management project team to review plans and perform any necessary value engineering as required prior to issuance of plans for bidding and construction

**Construction Phase:**

- Project Architect to provide full time construction administration
- Attend update meetings with Contractor and Marion County Facilities Management
- Provide cost management with Marion County Facilities Management's approval on all change orders
- Responsible for acquiring all necessary permits and overseeing communications with City/County building officials
- Review submittals and shop drawings
- Review and approve applications for payment
- Provide punch list at substantial completion
- Provide walk-thru at end of 11-month of the 12-month warranty period