

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL NUMBER: RFP 2013 02

THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY INVITES YOUR COMPANY TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ON THE ITEM (S) AS LISTED IN THIS PROPOSAL REQUEST. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS THAT WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AT **2:00 P.M., JANUARY 10, 2013**, FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ITEM A – MANAGEMENT AUDIT

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., JANUARY 10, 2013, BY THE PURCHASING AND STORES MANAGER, EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY, 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32514. THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED WILL THEN BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ. THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE INFORMALITIES IN ANY PROPOSAL; REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART; RE-ADVERTISE A PROJECT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART; AND TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL THAT, IN ITS JUDGEMENT, IS THE LOWEST AND BEST PROPOSAL OF A RESPONSIBLE RESPONDER. IN ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL, ECUA MAY AWARD A CONTRACT BASED ONLY ON THE BASE PROPOSAL, THE BASE PROPOSAL PLUS ALL ALTERNATES, OR THE BASE PROPOSAL PLUS ANY ALTERNATES WHICH ECUA SELECTS – WITH ALL DECISIONS BEING MADE BASED UPON WHAT ECUA BELIEVES TO BE THE BEST INTERESTS OF ITS RATEPAYERS, IN THE REASONABLE EXERCISE OF ITS DISCRETION. ECUA FURTHER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INCREASE OR DECREASE QUANTITIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ECUA, AT THE UNIT PRICE WHICH WAS PROPOSED.

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals for RFP Number 2013 02, Management Audit, will be received by the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Purchasing and Stores Manager, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Ellyson Industrial Park, Pensacola, FL 32514, until 2:00 p.m., local time, January 10, 2013, at which time proposals submitted will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and information may be obtained from ECUA, Purchasing and Stores Manager (850-969-3350). Proposals received after the closing time will be returned unopened. ECUA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and re-advertise.

Advertised 12/2/12

**Emerald Coast Utilities Authority  
Purchasing Division  
9255 Sturdevant Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32514-7038  
850-969-3350**

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**STATEMENT OF NO PROPOSAL**

If you **do not** intend to make a proposal for this service, please return this form to the above address immediately. If this statement is not completed and returned, your company may be deleted from the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Vendors' list for this commodity/service.

We the undersigned have declined to make a proposal on requested service **RFP No. 2013 02, Management Audit**, for the following reasons:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications too "tight," i.e. geared toward one brand or manufacturer only (explain below).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insufficient time to respond to the Request for Proposals.
- \_\_\_\_\_ We do not offer this service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove us from your vendors' list for this commodity/service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below).

**Remarks:**

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Statement of No Proposal may be faxed into the Purchasing Division (850-969-3384), Attention: Amy Williamson

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

ALL THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE A PART OF THIS PROPOSAL REQUEST.

### 1. PROPOSAL SCHEDULE:

PROPOSALS ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ AT 2:00 P.M., JANUARY 10, 2013 IN THE ECUA PURCHASING OFFICE, CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING, 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK. ECUA STAFF WILL REVIEW ALL PROPOSALS AND FORWARD THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ECUA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

### 2. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

ALL PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY PURCHASING AND STORES MANAGER. PROPOSALS MAY BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO HIS OFFICE AT 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, 32514, IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE TIME AND DATE OF THE OPENING. REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD OF DELIVERY, EACH PROPOSER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PROPOSAL(S) BEING DELIVERED ON TIME, AS THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAME. PROPOSALS OFFERED OR RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME SET FOR THE RFP OPENING WILL BE REJECTED AND RETURNED UNOPENED TO THE PROPOSER.

### 3. CONVICTION OF PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME

A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FOR CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST.

4. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL:

NO PROPOSAL MAY BE WITHDRAWN FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE OPENING OF THE PROPOSALS. PRICES MAY NOT BE MODIFIED DURING THIS PERIOD. PROPOSALS MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE RFP OPENING TIME.

5. PROPOSAL AUTHORIZATION:

TEN COMPLETE SETS OF RFP FORMS, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY PLACING THE PROPOSAL, WILL BE FURNISHED BY EACH COMPANY INTERESTED IN RESPONDING.

6. QUOTE ERRORS:

THE FOLLOWING SHALL GOVERN THE CORRECTION OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN A PROPOSAL WHEN THAT INFORMATION IS A DETERMINANT OF THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE PROPOSAL:

- A) THE PURCHASING AND STORES MANAGER PRIOR TO AWARD MAY CORRECT ERRORS IN THE EXTENSION OF UNIT PRICES, STATED IN THE PROPOSAL OR IN MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION, ADDITION, OR SUBTRACTION IN A PROPOSAL. IN SUCH CASES, THE UNIT PRICES SHALL NOT BE CHANGED.
- B) NO PROPOSER SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CORRECT A PROPOSAL MISTAKE AFTER OPENING THE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD CAUSE SUCH PROPOSER TO HAVE THE LOWEST PROPOSAL, EXCEPT THAT ANY PROPOSER MAY CORRECT ERRORS IN EXTENSION OF UNIT PRICES STATED IN THE PROPOSAL, OR IN MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION, ADDITION, OR SUBTRACTION. IN SUCH CASES, UNIT PRICES IN THE PROPOSAL SHALL NOT BE CHANGED.

7. AWARD OF CONTRACT:

ECUA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO A SINGLE PROPOSER BASED UPON THE TOTAL PROPOSAL OR TO MULTIPLE PROPOSERS BASED UPON THE ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY PROPOSED.

8. TAXES:

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY TAX WITH YOUR PROPOSAL. THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES. TAX EXEMPT NUMBER 85-8012640152C-4 APPLIES.

9. TERMS:

MINIMUM TERMS WILL BE NET 30 (30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF MATERIAL/SERVICE) UNLESS A DISCOUNT IS INVOLVED. TERMS OFFERING A DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE LOW PROPOSAL IF THE DISCOUNT PERIOD IS 15 DAYS OR GREATER (15 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF MATERIAL/SERVICE OR INVOICE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER).

10. RFP TABULATIONS:

RFP TABULATIONS/LIST OF PROPOSERS WILL BE POSTED FOR REVIEW BY INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE PURCHASING SECTION, 9255 STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 10, 2013, AND WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 72 HOURS EXCLUDING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

11. RFP QUESTIONS:

IF ANY PROPOSER HAS A QUESTION CONCERNING THE SPECIFICATIONS OR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCEDURES, PLEASE FORWARD THE INQUIRY TO THE PURCHASING AND STORES MANAGER BY JANUARY 03, 2013 FOR CONSIDERATION.

EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
ATTN: PURCHASING AND STORES MANAGER  
9255 STURDEVANT STREET  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32514-7038  
PHONE: 850-969-3320  
FAX: 850-969-3384  
EMAIL: amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov

12. COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS:

IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THAT YOUR PROPOSAL COMPLIES WITH SPECIFICATIONS, PRODUCT LITERATURE AND/OR DATA/INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH THE PROPOSAL. ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THE RFP SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY.

13. UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE:

THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 672) SHALL PREVAIL AS THE BASIS FOR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN THE AWARDED PROPOSER/CONTRACTOR AND EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR ANY TERMS AND CONDITIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

14. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT:

ANY ACTION OF ECUA IN AWARDING THE PURCHASE OF ANY MATERIAL OR PERFORMANCE OF A SERVICE IS SUBJECT TO AND CONDITIONED UPON THE EXECUTION OF A WRITTEN PURCHASE CONTRACT AND/OR A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN ECUA AND THE PROPOSER. THE FOLLOWING WORDS ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT AND HAVE THE SAME MEANING AND EFFECT: PROPOSER, CONTRACTOR, VENDOR, RESPONDER, OFFEROR AND SUPPLIER.

15. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:

THIS INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL SHALL BE INCLUDED AND INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER. THE ORDER OF CONTRACT PRECEDENCE WILL BE THE CONTRACT (PURCHASE ORDER), RFP DOCUMENT AND RESPONSE. ANY AND ALL LEGAL ACTION NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE CONTRACT WILL BE HELD IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE INTERPRETED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF FLORIDA.

16. PROTESTS:

ANY PERSON WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS ARE DIRECTLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE AWARD OR INTENDED AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT OR BY PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN AN INVITATION TO BID OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MAY FILE A PROTEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND SECTION 12 OF THE ECUA ACT (CHAPTER 2001-324, LAWS OF FLORIDA AS AMENDED).

NOTICE OF PROTEST OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN AN INVITATION TO BID OR IN A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL BE FILED NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. OF THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THE PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS. NOTICE OF PROTEST OF THE REJECTION OF A BID OR PROPOSAL AS NON-RESPONSIVE SHALL BE FILED NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. OF THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING NOTICE TO THE BIDDER OF THE REJECTION. NOTICE OF PROTEST OF THE AWARD OR INTENDED AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER SHOWN ON A POSTED BID TABULATION SHALL BE FILED NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. OF THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF THE BID TABULATION. NOTICE OF PROTEST OF THE AWARD OR INTENDED AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT TO A BIDDER OTHER THAN THE LOWEST BIDDER SHOWN ON A POSTED BID TABULATION SHALL BE FILED NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. OF THE THIRD BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING NOTICE OF THE AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT.

A NOTICE OF PROTEST SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL STATE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROTEST.

A FORMAL WRITTEN PROTEST SHALL BE FILED WITHIN SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF NOTICE OF PROTEST. A FORMAL WRITTEN PROTEST SHALL STATE WITH PARTICULARITY THE FACTS AND THE LAW ON WHICH THE PROTEST IS BASED.

NOTICE OF PROTEST AND FORMAL WRITTEN PROTEST OF PLANS OR SPECIFICATIONS FOR OR THE AWARD OR INTENDED AWARD OF A CONTRACT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

FAILURE TO FILE A NOTICE OF PROTEST OR FAILURE TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN PROTEST WITHIN THE TIMES PERMITTED SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF PROCEEDINGS UNDER THESE RULES AND UNDER SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 2001-324, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED.

UPON RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF PROTEST WHICH HAS BEEN TIMELY FILED, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL STOP THE BID SOLICITATION OR PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT AWARD PROCESS UNTIL THE PROTEST HAS BEEN RESOLVED. HOWEVER, THE BID SOLICITATION OR PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT AWARD PROCESS MAY PROCEED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT DELAY WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ECUA. ANY AWARD OF A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE OUTCOME OF THE PROTEST. AFTER THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER RESULTING FROM A BID IN WHICH A TIMELY PROTEST WAS RECEIVED AND IN WHICH ECUA DID NOT PREVAIL, ECUA MAY TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO, AWARD OF THE CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER TO THE PREVAILING PARTY, CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER, OR REBIDDING.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE A PROTEST BY AGREEMENT. IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED WITHIN SUCH TIME AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE CONSIDERS REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL REVIEW THE FACTS AND THE LAW ON WHICH THE PROTEST IS BASED, AND SHALL RENDER A DECISION WHICH SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL BE PROMPTLY TRANSMITTED TO THE PROTESTOR.

IF THE PROTESTOR WISHES TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST BEYOND THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, THE PROTESTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FILE A PETITION FOR REVIEW BY THE ECUA BOARD. THIS PETITION SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING AND PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER NOTICE OF THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; OTHERWISE, THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING. SUCH PETITION SHALL STATE THE PARTICULAR GROUNDS ON WHICH IT IS BASED AND MAY INCLUDE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE RELATING THERETO. ANY GROUNDS NOT STATED SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN WAIVED BY THE PROTESTOR. THIS PETITION MUST ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PROTEST BOND OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 1.0 PERCENT (1%) OF THE VALUE OF THE SOLICITATION, BUT IN NO CASE LESS THAN \$1,000 NOR GREATER THAN \$10,000.00. THIS BOND SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED CASHIER'S CHECK, OR CERTIFIED BANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY. FAILURE TO POST SUCH BOND WITHIN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL RESULT IN THE PROTEST BEING DISMISSED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

THE BOND REQUIRED BY THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS AND CHARGES WHICH MAY BE ADJUDGED AGAINST THE PERSON FILING THE PETITION FOR REVIEW. IF THE PROTESTOR PREVAILS, THE BOND SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE PROTESTOR. IF HOWEVER, ECUA PREVAILS, THE BOND SHALL BE FORFEITED, AND ECUA SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECOVER THE COSTS AND CHARGES, EXCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, OF SUCH HEARING. THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE BOND ALSO SHALL BE FORFEITED IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT A PROTEST WAS FILED FOR A FRIVOLOUS OR IMPROPER PURPOSE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PURPOSE OF HARASSING, CAUSING UNNECESSARY DELAY, OR CAUSING NEEDLESS COST FOR ECUA OR ANOTHER INTERESTED PARTY/PARTIES.

ANY NOTICE REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THIS BID PROTEST PROCEDURE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE WHEN DELIVERED PERSONALLY OR BY FACSIMILE, OR WHEN DEPOSITED IN THE U.S. MAIL. IF NOTICE IS GIVEN ONLY BY MAIL, THREE (3) DAYS SHALL BE ADDED TO THE TIME WITHIN WHICH A PROTESTOR MAY FILE A NOTICE OF PROTEST OR PETITION FOR REVIEW.

## EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RFP NUMBER: 2013 02

### MANAGEMENT AUDIT

#### SCOPE OF WORK

1. The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to retain the services of a qualified management consulting firm to conduct a management audit of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA). The ECUA is an independent special district unit of local government which provides utility services to customers in unincorporated Escambia County, the City of Pensacola, and contiguous areas. The ECUA is governed by an elected five-member Board and has approximately 540 employees. Utility services provided by ECUA include water, wastewater, and sanitation collection. ECUA is conducting this management audit to meet specific requirements in its enabling legislation.
2. PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS: The consultant selected for this project will:
  - A. Perform an independent and objective review and analysis of the existing organization. This analysis will also involve an examination of ECUA's existing policies and procedures related to issues including but not limited to: information technology management, software and hardware applications; meter reading, cut non-pay service and customer service structures; mapping services/GIS interactions; enterprise asset management systems; staffing levels in specific departments; and succession planning.
  - B. Issue a final report in which findings and recommendations are presented with the objective of assessing and, where practical, improving the economy and efficiency of ECUA's utility service provision and its daily operations.
3. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS: Ten (10) copies of your proposal can be mailed or delivered to the ECUA Purchasing and Stores Manager until 2:00 P.M. Central Time January 10, 2013, at 9255 Sturdevant Street, Ellyson Industrial Park, Pensacola, Florida 32514. The proposal must include:
  - A. **Qualifications and Experience of the Firm:** Including, but not limited to, a description of your firm and any relevant prior experience; a summary of local office staff, if applicable; a list of at least three (3) references; and the resumes of the project team members who will participate in the project;
  - B. **Technical Approach:** A summary detailing the approach(es) and major tasks to meet or exceed the performance specifications presented in Section 2 above; and a proposed schedule for performance and completion of the analysis and any other project tasks or milestones.

C. Cost Proposal: The cost proposal shall include a total fee for the Management Audit. If reimbursable expenses are not covered as part of the total fee, items not covered should be listed separately. Please note: Reimbursable expenses for travel and per diem are governed by the provisions of Chapter 112.061, Florida Statutes.

4. EVALUATION AND SELECTION: A staff-level selection committee will review, evaluate and rank the proposals, and develop a ranking recommendation which will be forwarded to the ECUA Executive Director and possibly the Board for consideration. Upon consideration and approval of a ranking, the Executive Director will conduct negotiations toward reaching an acceptable agreement for professional services regarding the management audit.
5. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS: The ECUA Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Inquiries related to this RFP or the management audit in general may be directed to Mr. Tim Haag, Director of Communications & Government Affairs, at (850) 969-3300. For information pertaining to the RFP package, contact Amy Williamson, 850-969-6531 or email address [amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov](mailto:amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov).

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further contracts with the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority. Provided, however, that no such action shall be taken without prior notice to the contractor and an opportunity for a hearing before the governing Board of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority or its designee.

(5) The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (4) in every subcontract or purchase order for an amount exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in any twelve (12) month period, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

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Signature

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Date

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Name & Title of Signer

## CERTIFICATION OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor certifies that he does not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he does not permit his employees to perform their services at any location under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. He certifies further that he will not maintain or provide for his employees any segregated facilities at any of his establishments, and that he will not permit his employees to perform their services at any location, under his control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offeror, applicant, or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity Clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He further agrees that (except where he has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts or purchase orders exceeding \$10,000; that he will retain such certifications in his files and make them available to the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority upon request.

Provided, however, that such certifications shall not be required in the case of purchase orders or contracts which, in case of a Federal Government contract or subcontract, would be exempt from compliance with the Equal Opportunity Clause by 41 CFR S60-1.5. This section provides for the exemption of transactions not exceeding \$10,000, contracts and subcontracts for indefinite quantities established not to exceed \$10,000 in any contract year, contracts with certain educational institutions, work on or near Indian reservations, facilities (including, but not limited to, agencies, instrumentalities or subdivision of state or local government) which are separate and distinct from activities of the prime contractor or subcontractor related to the performance of the contract or subcontract, and emergencies involving national security.

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Signature

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Date

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Name & Title of Signer

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ does:

(Name of Business)

- 1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Bid/RFP/PO: \_\_\_\_\_

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(FOB PENSACOLA)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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