

**Wicomico County Purchasing Department
125 N. Division Street, Room B-3
Salisbury, Maryland 21801**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT: Professional Architectural, Civil & Structural Engineering
Services for New Office Addition

DEPARTMENT: Board of Elections

VENDOR:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PROPOSAL OPENING:

DATE: Tuesday, December 20, 2016

TIME: 2:30 PM EST

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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Request for Proposal Document is for Wicomico County (“County”) to contract Professional Architectural, Civil & Structural Engineering Services for New Office Addition for the Board of Elections in conformity with the requirements contained herein (“Proposal Document(s”).

B. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

1. Professional firms or individuals that submit a proposal for award of a contract (“Contract”) are referred to as vendors (“Vendors”) in this document. The Vendor that is awarded the Contract is herein referred to as the (“Successful Vendor”).

C. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRES

1. Questions must be addressed in writing to Wicomico County Purchasing at purchasing@wicomocounty.org.
2. The last date to submit questions for clarification will be noon on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.
3. Addenda are posted on the County website at www.wicomocounty.org under Government: Departments: Purchasing: at www.wicomocounty.org/bids.aspx at least five (5) calendar days before proposal opening.
4. It is the Vendors responsibly to make sure all addenda are acknowledged in their proposal. Failure to do so could result in the proposal being disqualified.

D. FILLING OUT PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

1. Use only forms supplied by the County.
2. One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposal form and any required attachments must be submitted in the solicitation and can be submitted in the same envelope unless otherwise instructed.
3. Proposal Documents should be complied as follows: (1) Cover letter, (2) Form of Proposal, (3) References, (4) Exceptions Document and Signed addenda, if necessary (5) Individual Principal Document, (6) Vendor’s Affidavit of Qualification to Bid, and (7) Non-Collusive Affidavit
4. Where so indicated by the make-up of the Proposal Documents, sums will be expressed in both words and figures, and in the case of a discrepancy between the two, the amount written in words will govern. In the event there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended totals, the unit prices will govern.
5. Any interlineation, alteration, or erasure will be initialed by the signer of the Proposal Documents.
6. Each copy of the Proposal Documents will be signed by the person(s) legally authorized to bind the Vendor to a contract, using the legal name of the signer. Proposal Documents submitted by an agent will have a current Power of Attorney attached certifying the agent’s authority to bind the Vendor.
7. Vendor will supply all information and submittals required by the Proposal Documents to constitute a proper and responsible completed Proposal Document package.

8. Any ambiguity in the Proposal Documents as a result of omission, error, lack of clarity or non-compliance by the Vendor with specifications, instructions, and/or all conditions of bidding will be construed in the light most favorable to the County.

E. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

1. All copies of the Proposal Documents and any other documents required to be submitted with the Proposal Documents will be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The envelope will be addressed to the Wicomico County Purchasing Department and will be identified with the project name: Professional Architectural, Civil & Structural Engineering Services for New Office Addition and the Vendor's name and address. If the Proposal Documents are sent by mail, the sealed envelope will be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation "SEALED PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED" on the face thereof.
2. Proposals must be mailed or hand carried to Wicomico County Purchasing Department, 125 N. Division Street, Government Office Building, Room B-3, Salisbury, MD 21801, in order to be received in the office of the Purchasing Agent **prior** to the announced proposal deadline. *Proposals received after said time or delivered to the wrong location will be returned to the Vendor unopened.*
3. **Proposals are due and will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016.**
4. If you are delivering a proposal in person please keep in mind to allow time to sign-in at the security station in the lobby. It is fully the responsibility of the Vendor to insure that the proposal is received on time.
5. The County will not speculate as to reasonableness of the postmark, nor comment on the apparent failure of a public carrier to have made prompt delivery of the proposal.
6. Vendors, or their authorized agents, are expected to fully inform themselves as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting Proposal Documents; failure to do so will be at the Vendor's own risk.
7. A fully executed Affidavit of Qualification to Bid will be attached to each Proposal Document.
8. **MINORITY VENDORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.**
9. All Vendor submitted Proposal Documents will be valid for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of Proposal Document opening.
10. Electronically mailed proposals are **not** considered sealed proposals and will **not** be accepted.

F. OPENING OF PROPOSALS

1. Proposal Documents received on time will be opened publicly and Vendor's names and total costs will be read aloud for the record.
2. The Contract will be awarded or all Proposal Documents will be rejected within sixty (60) days from the date of the Proposal Document opening.

G. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

1. Unless otherwise specified, the Contract will be awarded to the most RESPONSIBLE and RESPONSIVE Vendor complying with the provisions of the Proposal Documents, provided the Proposal price is reasonable, does not exceed the funds available, and it is in the best interest of the County to accept it. The County reserves the right to reject the Proposal Documents of any Vendor who has previously failed to perform properly in any way or complete on time contracts of a similar nature; or a Proposal Document from a Vendor who, investigation shows, is not in a position to perform the Contract; or Proposal Documents from any person, firm, or corporation which is in arrears or in default to the County for any debt or contract.

2. Completed Proposal Documents from Vendors debarred from doing business with the State of Maryland or the Federal Government will not be accepted.
3. In determining a Vendor's RESPONSIBILITY, the County may consider the following qualifications, in addition to price:
 - a. Ability, capacity, and skill to provide the commodities or services required within the specified time, including future maintenance and service, and including current financial statement or other evidence of pecuniary resources and necessary facilities.
 - b. Character, integrity, reputation, experience and efficiency.
 - c. Quality of past performance on previous or existing contracts, including a list of current and past contracts and other evidence of performance ability.
 - d. Previous and existing compliance with laws and ordinances relating to contracts with the County and to the Vendor's employment practices.
 - e. Evidence of adequate insurance to comply with Contract terms and conditions.
 - f. Statement of current work load and capacity to perform/provide the Goods and/or Services.
 - g. Explanation of methods to be used in fulfilling the Contract.
 - h. The Vendor, if requested, will be prepared to supply evidence of its qualifications, listed above, and its capacity to provide/perform the Goods and/or Services; such evidence to be supplied within a specified time and to the satisfaction of the County.
4. In determining a Vendor's RESPONSIVENESS, the County will consider whether the Proposal Document conforms in all material respects to the Proposal Documents. The County reserves the right to waive any irregularities that may be in its best interest to do so.
5. The County will have the right to reject any and all Proposal Documents, where applicable to accept in whole or in part, to add or delete quantities, to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Proposal Document received, to reject a Proposal Document not accompanied by required Bid security or other data required by the Proposal Documents, and to accept or reject any Proposal Document which deviates from specifications when in the best interest of the County. Irrespective of any of the foregoing, the County will have the right to award the Contract in its own best interests.

H. QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Vendor must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Maryland.
 All Vendors shall provide a copy Certificate of Status from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, evidencing the Vendor is in good standing with the State of Maryland. See https://sdatcert1.resiusa.org/certificate_net/ for information on obtaining the Certificate of Status. *Certificates of status are not available for trade names, name reservations, government agencies, sole proprietorships, and some other accounts as these are not legal entities and thus are not required for these categories of Vendors.* For more information on the Certificate of Status please see <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/COSinfo.html> .
2. Wicomico County reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the date this documentation must be provided. The Vendor's inability to provide this documentation could result in the proposal being rejected.

3. All Vendors who wish to bid on County projects and contracts need to register as a bidder at www.wicomicounty.org/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#bids by checking off the categories for which you wish to be informed of future bids.

I. DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE

1. The proposed descriptive literature fully describing the product bid is what is intended to be included as the price. Failure to do so may be cause for rejection of the proposal.
2. Any items, systems or devices supplied in this proposal that are proprietary in nature relative to maintenance, repair, servicing or updating must be disclosed on the proposal form.

J. NOTICE TO VENDORS

1. Before a Vendor submits the Proposal Documents it will need to become fully informed as to the extent and character of the Goods and/or Services required and are expected to completely familiarize themselves with the requirements of this Proposal Document's specifications. Failure to do so will not relieve the Vendor of the responsibility to fully perform in accordance therewith. No consideration will be granted for any alleged misunderstanding of the material to be furnished or the Services to be performed, it being understood that the submission of a Proposal Document is an agreement with all of the items and conditions referred to herein.

K. PIGGYBACKING

1. Wicomico County may authorize, upon request, any governmental entity (hereafter Authorized User) within the County to purchase items under the contract awarded pursuant to this bid solicitation.
2. All purchase orders issued against the contract by an authorized User shall be honored by the Contractor in accordance with all terms and conditions of this contract.
3. The issuance of a purchase order by an Authorized User pursuant to this provision shall constitute an express assumption of all contractual obligations, covenants, conditions and terms of the contract. A breach of the contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the contract nor the obligations of the Contractor thereunder respecting the County.
4. The County specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for any breach by an authorized User other than the County and each such Authorized User and Contractor guarantee to save the County, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by the Authorized User's failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the contract.

END OF SECTION

SECTION II: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. ECONOMY OF PROPOSAL

1. Proposal Documents will be prepared simply and economically, providing straightforward and concise description of the Vendor's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the Proposal Documents. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. Elaborate brochures and other representations beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective Proposal Document are neither required nor desired.

B. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT (PIA)

1. Wicomico County is subject to the Maryland Public Information Act and may be required to release proposal submissions in accordance with the Act.
2. Any materials the Vendor deems to be proprietary or copyrighted must be marked as such; however, the material may still be subject to analysis under the Maryland Public Information Act.

C. CONTRACT AWARD

1. A written award by the County to the Successful Vendor in the form of a Purchase Order or other contract document will result in a binding Contract without further action by either party. If the Successful Vendor fails or refuses to sign and deliver the Contract and the required insurance documentation, the County will have the right to award to the next responsible and responsive Vendor. Contract will be executed by the Successful Vendor within fifteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Contract.
2. Proposal Documents and Contracts issued by the County will bind the Vendor to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth, unless otherwise specified in the Proposal Documents, and are subject to all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, regulations, and limitations.
3. County personal property taxes ("Taxes") must be on a current basis; if any such Taxes are delinquent, they must be paid before award of Contract. Failure to pay will result in the award of Contract to another Vendor.
4. The County reserves the right to engage in individual discussions and interviews with those Vendors deemed fully qualified, responsible, suitable and professionally competent to provide the required Goods and/or Services should the project size warrant it. Vendors will be encouraged to elaborate on their qualifications, performance data, and staff expertise.

D. AUDIT

1. The Successful Vendor agrees to retain all books, records, and other documents relative to the awarded Contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited. The County, its authorized agents, and/or State auditors will have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during said period.

E. NONPERFORMANCE

1. The County reserves the right to inspect all operations and to withhold payment for any goods not performed or not performed in accordance with the specifications in this Proposal Document. Errors, omissions or mistakes in performance will be corrected at no cost to the County. Failure to do so will be cause for withholding of payment for that Goods and/or Services. In addition, if deficiencies are not corrected in a timely manner, the County may characterize the Successful Vendor as uncooperative, which may jeopardize future project order solicitations.

F. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

1. A Proposal Document may not be modified, withdrawn, or cancelled by the Vendor during the stipulated time period following the time and date designated for the receipt of Proposal Documents, and each Vendor so agrees in submitting Proposal Documents.

G. DEFAULT

1. The Contract may be cancelled or annulled by the County in whole or in part by written notice of default to the Successful Vendor upon non-performance, violation of Contract terms, delivery failure, bankruptcy or insolvency, any violation of state or local laws, or the making of an assignment for the benefit of creditors. An award may then be made to the next most highly rated Vendor, or when time is of the essence, similar commodities and/or service may be purchased on the open market. In either event, the defaulting Vendor (or his surety) will be liable to the County for cost to the County in excess of the defaulted Contract price.
2. If a representative or warranty of either Party to the Contract is false or misleading in any material respect, or if either Party breaches a material provision of the Contract (“Cause”), the non-breaching Party will give the other Party written notice of such cause. If such Cause is not remedied within seven (7) days after receipt of such notice, (unless, with respect to those Causes which cannot be reasonably corrected or remedied within such seven (7) day period, the breaching Party will have commenced to correct or remedy the same within such seven (7) day period and thereafter will proceed with all due diligence to correct or remedy the same), the Party giving notice will have the right to terminate this Contract upon the expiration of such seven (7) day period.

H. COLLUSION/FINANCIAL BENEFIT

1. The Vendor certifies that his/her Proposal is made without any previous understanding, agreement, or connection with any person, firm, or corporation making a Proposal Document for the same project; without prior knowledge of competitive prices; and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud, or otherwise illegal action.
2. Upon signing the Proposal Document, Vendor certifies that no member of the governing body of the County, or members of his/her immediate family, including spouse, parents or children, or any other officer or employee of the County, or any member or employee of a Commission, Board, or Corporation controlled or appointed by the Executive or Council has received or has been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, related to this Proposal Document and subsequent Contract.

I. TAX EXEMPTION

1. In buying products directly from a Vendor Wicomico County is exempt from being *directly* charged Federal excise and Maryland sales tax. A copy of an exemption certificate shall be furnished upon request.
2. According to the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland, a *Contractor is responsible for paying sales tax* on his/her purchases relating to any projects or services and should incorporate it into their proposal.
3. Contractors cannot use the County tax exemption to buy materials or products used on County projects.

J. CONTRACT CHANGES

1. NO CLAIMS may be made by anyone that the scope of the project or that the Vendor’s Goods and/or Services have been changed (requiring changes to the amount of compensation to the Vendor or other adjustments to the Contract) UNLESS such changes or adjustments have been

made by an approved WRITTEN AMENDMENT (Change Order) to the Contract signed by the Purchasing Agent (and the County Council, if required), prior to additional Goods and/or Services being initiated. Extra Goods and/or Services performed without prior, approved, written authority will be considered as unauthorized and at the expense of the Vendor. Payment will not be made by the County.

2. NO ORAL conversations, agreements, discussions, or suggestions, which involve changes to the scope of the Contract, made by anyone including any County employee, will be honored or valid. No written agreements or changes to the scope of the Contract made by anyone other than the Purchasing Agent (with County Council approval, if required) will be honored or valid.
3. If any Change Order in the Goods and/or Services results in a reduction in the Goods and/or Services, the Vendor will neither have, nor assert any claim for, nor be entitled to any additional compensation for damages or for loss of anticipated profits on Goods and/or Services that are eliminated.

K. ADDENDUM

1. No oral statements of any person will modify or otherwise affect or interpret the meaning of the Contract specifications, or the terms, conditions, or other portions of the Contract. All modifications and every request for any interpretation must be addressed to the Wicomico County's Purchasing Agent and to be given consideration, must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Proposal Documents.
2. Any and all interpretations, corrections, revisions, and amendments will be issued by the Purchasing Agent to all holders of Proposal Documents in the form of written addenda. Vendors are cautioned that any oral statements made by any County employee that materially change any portion of the Proposal Documents will not be relied upon unless subsequently ratified by a formal written amendment to the Proposal Document.
3. All addenda will be issued so as to be received at least five (5) days prior to the time set for receipt of Proposal Documents, and will become part of the Contract and will be acknowledged in the Proposal Document form. Failure of any Vendor to receive any such addenda will not relieve said Vendor from any obligation under the Proposal Document as submitted.
4. Vendors are cautioned to refrain from including in their Proposal Document any substitutions which are not confirmed by written addenda. To find out whether the County intends to issue an amendment reflecting an oral statement made by any employee, contact the Wicomico County's Purchasing Agent during normal business hours.
5. The Wicomico County Purchasing Agent reserves the right to postpone the Proposal Document opening for any major changes occurring in the 5-day interim which would otherwise necessitate an Addendum.

L. EXCEPTIONS/ SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Any exceptions or substitutions to the specifications requested should be marked on the proposal form and listed on a separate sheet of paper attached to the proposal.
2. An exception to the specifications may not necessarily disqualify the proposal. The County will determine if the exception is an essential deviation or a minor item.
3. In the case of a minor deviation, the County maintains the option to award to that Vendor if it determines the performance is not adversely affected by the exception.

M. APPROVED EQUALS

1. In all specifications where a material or article is defined by describing a proprietary product or by using the name of a Vendor or manufacturer, it can be assumed that an approved equal can be substituted.
2. The use of a named product is an attempt to set a particular standard of quality and type that is familiar to the County. Such references are not intended to be restrictive.
3. However, the County shall decide if a product does in fact meet or exceed the quality of the specifications listed in the solicitation. It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor that claims his product is an equal to provide documentation to support such a claim.

N. DELIVERY

1. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. destination and delivery costs and charges included in the proposal unless otherwise stated in the specifications or proposal form.

O. INSURANCE

1. If required by the General Conditions or Terms and Conditions, the Successful Vendor shall provide the County with Certificates of Insurance within ten (14) calendar days of proposal award notification evidencing the required coverage.
2. Successful Vendor must provide Certificates of Insurance before commencing work in connection with the Contract.

END OF SECTION

SECTION III: PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS

A. SCOPE

1. The County is seeking proposals from qualified Vendors for professional services is related to the Design of an Addition Building within the City limits and Wicomico County, located at 345 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804, in accordance with the terms and conditions and specifications set forth in this solicitation.
2. The architectural and engineering firm(s) which submits a proposal must be licensed and registered in the State of Maryland and show a principal's signed seal on the final design / documents. The services would include, but not necessarily limited to Civil, Architectural and Structural engineering. There must be design considerations taken for the HVAC, Electrical, Security, and Information Technology systems, which will be part of the total project.
3. The existing and original facility is a single story masonry building, formerly known as the Shinn Paint Retail Store, which was originally designed as a wholesale food distribution center. The existing site is approximately a 1.52 acre parcel. The facility has a paved parking area and loading area.
4. The existing Building that is being considered to be added on is approximately 80'-4"x 94', totaling 7,551 gross square feet in area. It is the intention of the Board of Election's offices are not to be adversely affected during their daily operation throughout the project.
5. The proposed addition is envisioned to be located on the northwest side of the existing building.
6. Since this project was constructed over 60 years ago, the facility has little or no documentation as "As Built". Once the successful vendor is selected, the Owner will release a limited amount of existing documents for the use of the Design Firm. It will be the Design team's responsibility to provide the field work to understand the existing construction for all building components.

B. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. The Limited Scope of Professional Services Requested:

The proposing prime consulting firm is to evaluate the following Design Criteria listed below and ascertain whether or not it is feasible to add-on within the building restriction lines to erect a proposed addition is planned for a footprint at 40'x 78', totaling approximately 3,120 gross square feet. If the proposed option requires a setback variance, it would be the Design Professional's responsibility to obtain it. It is the Owner's understanding that the requested services would entail, but not limited to the following construction project's scope of work.

The building addition's envelope is envisioned as a one story structure with a maintenance free outer layer surface, low sloped roofs, and the new façades should enhance or tie-in to the existing appearance. There will be some Interior Modifications to the existing facility.

Some of the changes will be a new code compliant Handicapped Ramp arrangement, moving or erecting some new partitions to modify the office arrangements, adding within the building an Open Office for three desks, which will become a secured space for the facility's main computer / server. The creation of a new secured Ballot Storage room and

a Conference Room and other minor layout modifications. There will also be changes to the interior finishes as a result of the wall modifications.

2. The Building's Proposed Addition's Programmed Spaces planned are as follows:

Enclosed and Secured Entry: (1) 15'x15' room adjacent to Reception Office with movable seating.

Receptionist's Office: (1) 12'x10' room with an interior window and built-in Counter / Work space.

Absentee Voting: (1) 12'x15' room with an interior window for visibility from the Receptionist. Note: No partition between the adjacent Workroom.

Workroom: (1) 12'x14' room linking to Small Hallway. Note: No partition between the adjacent Absentee Voting.

Election Supervisor: (1) 12'x14' room. Note: No partition between the adjacent Workroom.

Secured Mailroom: (1) 12'x14' room adjacent to the Election Supervisor and Deputy Director.

The space has direct access to the Main Egress Corridor.

Deputy Director: (1) 12'x14' room adjacent to the Secured Mailroom and Voter Registration.

The space has direct access to the Main Egress Corridor.

Voter Registration: (1) 12'x14' room adjacent to the Deputy Director. The space has direct access to the Main Egress Corridor.

Main Egress Corridor: (1) 5'x5' space linking the front and the rear of the building. The adjacent spaces are the Multi-purpose Room, the Copier and the Director's Office.

Multi-purpose Room: (1) 21'x36' space adjacent to the Copier / Common Area.

Director's Office: (1) 15'x13' space adjacent to the Copier / Common Area and the Enclosed and Secured Entry.

Copier / Common Area: (1) 15'x11' space adjacent to the Stairs and new second Handicapped accessible Ramp, tying the Addition into the existing Building.

Secured Landing and Ramp: Linking the Proposed Addition to the Existing Building. Note: This would be accomplished by removing a portion of the exterior wall to create a new door opening, connecting the two buildings together.

To Analyze the current conditions and respond in writing as to what are the professional's plan of attack or approach to this Project.

To provide a series of Meetings of all individuals involved in the decision making to discuss if there are any options associated to the construction project. These meetings would include a discussion of the Fee Breakdown, the Contract Agreement, Negotiations, Design team Player roles, the Logistics of accomplishment, Schedule of Design and Construction and input from other consulting experts on the Design Team, i.e. Civil, Structural, etc.

To provide Design evaluations, discussions and correspondence period as it pertains to the new Building System Design.

To provide Preliminary Plans / Drawings that include the complete Scope of work as designed and earmarked as the Bid Package Set., but only lacking final detailing and "how to install" Specifications. At the end of this juncture, a clear decision will be made as to the final design approach to the project.

To provide an itemized Construction Cost Estimate for the Overall project.

To provide Presentation Renderings for approval as early on as possible in the design process to review, discuss, comment and hopefully approve the design. Note: There may need to be design modifications included in this scope of service, which will included. Provide a Presentation Rendering Package as one single line item Fee Proposal.

To provide the Final Plans/ Drawing Sheets in "D" size format. The Specifications are to be placed on the Plan Sheets. The Design Calculations, Product Cut Sheets of materials and related Contract Documents are to be in 8 ½ x 11 format and placed in a three ring Binder for the Owner.

The Bidding will be in order to price / bid the project as a Request for Proposal (RFP) to individual General Contractor's Scope of Work. The Final Set of Bid Documents are to be comprehensive in nature and illustrating all of the Scope of Work.

To provide an Estimate of the Design Schedule in the number of Calendar Days to go from a signed Agreement for the Professional Services, to the day of Final Construction Documents ready for the Bidding Phase. This Schedule may attribute to the selection of the Vendor hired for this project.

C. MEETING AVAILABILITY

1. The Design Consultant is to be available for limited On-Call services, invoiced per reasonable Hourly Rates, which are related to the Bidding Phase, in an event of the Owner receiving technical questions from the Bidders and respond back to the Owner with recommendations that would be used in a Bidding Addendum.

The Design Consultant is to be available for limited On-Call services, invoiced per reasonable Hourly Rates, which are related to the Construction Administration Phase. Some of the "CA" services may be as follows:

- 1.) Review and comment in writing on the Shop Drawing Package. This may be Review of all Design Components, for product or material performance and aesthetics.
- 2.) To provide Field Visits, on-site and report in writing the findings.

3.) To provide a Punchlist is to ensure that the various Subcontractors have completed their scope of work and that the new and final product installed in accordance with the design intent.

D. ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED WITH RFP SUBMISSION

- 1.) To provide a Firm Profile sheet that lists Related Projects, illustrating Knowledge, Experience and Competence in successfully executing the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposal.
- 2.) To provide Staff Profiles of experienced persons selected to perform the services for this project. (Please limit to a maximum of three per each discipline).
- 3.) To provide a Standard Hourly Rates Schedule with the written response to this Request for Proposal that includes the Costs associated to the Reimbursable Expenses related to the Bidding and Construction Administration Phases.

E. DELIVERY

1. Sealed Proposals, addressed to Wicomico County Maryland for RFP - Professional Architectural, Civil & Structural Engineering Services for New Office Addition for the Board Of Elections, will be received until December 20, 2016 at 2:30 pm Local Time, at the Wicomico County Purchasing Department, Government Office Building, 125 North Division Street, Room B3, Salisbury, Maryland, 21801, after which they will be publicly opened to alert interested individuals as to which Firms submitted for consideration for the professional services.

Note: There will be no fee amounts disclosed at this time.

F. INVOICING/PAYMENT

1. Unless otherwise noted, **all additional charges shall be included in the price quoted.**
 - a. This includes delivery, shipping, and any other materials (proofs, paper, etc.) needed to successfully complete the project according to the terms described.
 - b. The County will not be responsible for any costs incurred by any vendor in preparing and submitting a bid.
2. Successful Vendor agrees to complete any necessary vendor paperwork as required by the County and submit final invoice upon completion of project.
3. Invoice may not be submitted for payment until entire project is satisfactorily completed.
 - a. Payment processing may take up to 4-6 weeks.

G. QUESTIONS

1. The last day for questions will be noon on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

H. AWARD

1. The County intends to award to the Vendor whose Completed Proposal Documents represents the best value to the County.

END OF SECTION

SECTION IV: EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

A. EVALUATION

1. All Vendors are advised that in the event of a receipt of adequate number of Proposal Documents which, in the opinion of the County, require no clarification and/or supplementary information, such Proposal Documents may be evaluated without discussion. Hence, Proposal Documents should be initially submitted on the most complete and favorable terms which Vendors are capable of offering the County. Proposal Documents will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Weighting Factor	Criterion
10%	Qualifications of the Organization
15%	Vendor's understanding of the purpose and objectives of the specified work
15%	Vendor's organizational capacity to meet the demands of the RFP specifications
20%	Vendor's knowledge and experience to perform the specified work. (based on previous jobs of a similar nature)
40%	Price

2. Each Vendor will be rated for each criterion on a scale of zero to four as described below.

Unacceptable	0
Poor	1
Fair	2
Good	3
Superior	4

- a. A Vendor's final grade will be the sum of each criterion's rating multiplied by the weighting factor listed above.
3. After identifying the short list of the most qualified Vendor(s) based on the evaluation criteria, representative(s) may be required to clarify their Proposals by making individual presentations to the evaluation committee.
4. The County may enter into negotiations with Vendors and invite best and final offers as deemed to be in the best interest of the County. Negotiations may be in the form of face-to-face, telephone, facsimile, e-mail or written communications, or any combination thereof, at the County's sole discretion.
5. Vendors are strongly advised not to prepare their Proposal submissions based on any assumption or understanding that negotiations will take place. Vendors are advised to respond to this Request for Proposals fully and with forth-rightness at the time of Proposal submission.
6. Vendors are strongly cautioned not to contact elected officials or members of the evaluation committee. All questions and comments should be directed through the Purchasing Department. Inappropriate efforts to lobby or influence individuals involved in this selection may result in dismissal from further consideration, at the County's sole discretion.

END OF SECTION

FORM OF PROPOSAL

We hereby submit our Proposal Documents for “Professional Architectural, Civil & Structural Engineering Services for New Office Addition” as indicated in the Proposal Documents. Having carefully examined the Proposal Documents and having received clarification on all items of conflict or upon which any doubt arose, the undersigned hereby requests consideration of our Vendor for award of the referenced Proposal.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	Preliminary Design Documents Phase, depicting all scopes of work	
2	Upon Approval of the Preliminary Design Phase, provide a Construction Cost Estimate	
3	Presentation Rendering Package	
4	Final Construction Documents Phase, issued for Bidding	
5	Total Fee Amount prior to Bidding	
6	Fee Amount for Services related to the Bidding Phase	
7	Estimate of the Fees for the Construction Administration Phase (Note: The Fee Amount should coincide with Man Hours multiplied by the Hourly of each individual assigned to the project.)	

Total Number of Calendar Days to produce Documents, prior to the Bidding Phase = _____.

The Vendor agrees that the proposal will be good for at least sixty (60) days unless otherwise indicated in the proposal specifications.

Is your company currently involved in any active litigation? (Yes)____ (No) _____ CHECK One.

Is your company currently involved in any mergers or acquisitions? (Yes)____ (No) _____ CHECK One.

Has your organization compiled your Completed Proposal Document as per Section I, subsection D.3 and in accordance with the Proposal Specifications Section of this Proposal Document?
(Yes)____ (No) _____ CHECK One

NOTE: THIS PROPOSAL FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF YOUR COMPANY OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THIS PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED VALID BY THE COUNTY.

Sign for Identification

Printed Name

Title

Email

REFERENCES

Qualifications

Include credentials for this type of work, a list of related projects of similar nature etc., as an attachment to the written response.

List three (3) references for which the Vendor has provided Goods/Services similar to those requested in the Proposal Document within the last 12-36 months. Include contact name, address, telephone number, email address and services provided.

Company Name:		Company Name:	
Type of Project:		Type of Project:	
Address:		Address:	
Town, State, Zip Code:		Town, State, Zip Code:	
Contact Person:		Contact Person:	
Telephone Number:		Telephone Number:	
Email:		Email:	
Date of Service:		Date of Service:	
Company Name:			
Type of Project:			
Address:			
Town, State, Zip Code:			
Contact Person:			
Telephone Number:			
Email:			
Date of Service:			

Sign for Identification

Printed Name

EXCEPTIONS

The undersigned hereby certifies that, except as listed below, or on separate sheets attached hereto, the enclosed Completed Proposal Document covers all items as specified.

EXCEPTIONS:

(If none, write NONE) _____

THE VENDOR HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING
ADDENDA.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Sign for Identification

Printed Name

INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPAL

Vendor Name: _____

Signed By: _____ In the presence of: _____

Address of Vendor: _____ Town, State, Zip _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

CO-PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPAL

Name of Co-Partnership: _____

Address: _____ Town, State, Zip

Telephone No.: _____ Fax: _____

Signed By: _____ In the presence of: _____

Partner

Witness

Signed By: _____ In the presence of: _____

Partner

Witness

Signed By: _____ In the presence of: _____

Partner

Witness

CORPORATE PRINCIPAL

Name of Corporation: _____

Address: _____ Town, State, Zip

Telephone No.: _____ Fax: _____

Signed By: _____ In the presence of: _____

President

Witness

Attest: _____

Corporate Secretary

Affix Corporate Seal

VENDOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION TO BID

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, _____ am the _____
(Printed Name) (title)
and the duly authorized representative of the Vendor of
_____ whose address is
(name of corporation)

_____ and that I possess the legal authority to make this affidavit on behalf of myself and the Vendor for which I am acting.

Except as described in paragraph 3 below, neither I nor the above Vendor, nor to the best of my knowledge and of its officers, directors or partners, or any of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts with the State or any county, bi-county or multi-county agency, or subdivision of the State have been convicted of, or have pleaded nolo-contendere to a charge of, or have during the course of an official investigation or other proceeding admitted in writing or under oath acts or omissions which constitute bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the provisions of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland or under the laws of any state or federal government (conduct prior to July 1, 1977 is not required to be reported).

(State "none" or, as appropriate, list any conviction, plea or admission described in paragraph 2 above, with the date, court, official or administrative body, the individuals involved and their position with the Vendor, and the sentence or disposition, if any.)

I acknowledge that this affidavit is to be furnished to the County, I acknowledge that, if the representations set forth in this affidavit are not true and correct, the County may terminate any Contract awarded and take any other appropriate action. I further acknowledge that I am executing this affidavit in compliance with section 16D of Article 78A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that certain persons who have been convicted of or have admitted to bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe may be disqualified, either by operation of law or after a hearing, from entering into contracts with the State or any of its agencies or subdivisions.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct.

Sign for Identification

Printed Name

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

_____ being first duly sworn,
deposes and says that:

1. He/she is the _____, (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of _____, the Vendor that has submitted the attached Proposal Documents;
2. He/she is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Proposal Document and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such Proposal Documents;
3. Such Proposal Document is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal Document;
4. Neither the said Vendor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Vendor, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal Document in connection with the Work for which the attached Proposal Document has been submitted; or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Work; or have in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication, or conference with any Vendor, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal Document or of any other Vendor, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements on the Proposal Document price or the Proposal Document price of any other Vendor, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any disadvantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the Work;
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Proposal Document are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Vendor or any other of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Witness

Witness

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

EXHIBIT A

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This document sets out provisions generally applicable to all Wicomico County (“County”) contracts. These provisions do not constitute a complete agreement, and must be appended to a document, executed by all parties, which identifies the specific work to be performed, compensation, term, incorporated attachments, and any special conditions. This document and the Contract are intended to be complementary and shall be construed accordingly. Should there be a direct contradiction between these terms and conditions and the Contract, then the Contract shall govern and control those contradictory terms and conditions. The term “Department” includes the County, its various departments, unit, agencies, employees or agents as may be appropriate. The term “Contract” shall include a document entitled “agreement” or any other title on a document that is denoting a contract. The Wicomico County Executive is the person authorized to enter into contracts for Wicomico County.

Amendment. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all other communications prior to its execution, whether written or oral, with reference to the subject matter of this Contract are superseded by this Contract. No amendment to this Contract shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the parties.

Bankruptcy. Upon filing for any bankruptcy proceeding by or against the Contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the Contractor must notify the County immediately. Upon notice of such filing, the County reserves the right at its sole discretion either to cancel the Contract or to affirm the Contract and hold the Contractor responsible for damages. The exercise of this right is in addition to any other rights the County may have as provided in this County or by law.

Compliance with Law. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- A. It has the power and authority to enter into and perform the Contract, that the Contract, when executed and delivered, shall be a valid and binding obligation of Contractor enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- B. Its performance under the Contract shall be in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the professional standards;
- C. It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as, from time to time hereafter, may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- D. It is not in arrears in the payment of any obligations due and owing to the County or any department or unit thereof, including but not limited to the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of this Contract;
- E. It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract;
- F. It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract.

Contingent Fee Prohibition. The Contractor, architect or engineer (as applicable) warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent working for the Contractor, architect or engineer, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation or other entity, other than a bona fide employee or agent, any commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee or other consideration contingent on the making of this Contract.

Counterparts and Signature. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Unless otherwise specified by the County, this Contract may be signed in writing, or by electronic signature, including by email. An electronic signature, or a facsimile copy or computer image, such as a PDF or tiff image, of a signature, shall be treated as and shall have the same effect as an original signature. An electronic signature, a true and correct facsimile copy or computer image of this Agreement shall be treated as and shall have the same effect as an original signed copy of this document.

Force Majeure. Neither the County nor Contractor shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, acts of God, County declaration of emergency, or war where such cause was beyond, respectively, the County's or Contractor's reasonable control. The County and Contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to remove or eliminate such a cause of delay or default and shall, upon the cessation of the cause, diligently pursue performance of its obligations under this Contract.

Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland and Wicomico County without regard to principles of conflicts of law.

Indemnification. The Contractor shall protect, hold free and harmless, defend and indemnify the County including its officers, agents and employees from all liability, penalties, costs, losses, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims or judgments (including Attorney's fees) resulting from injury to, or death of, any person or damage to property of any kind, which injury, death or damage arises out of, or is in any way connected with the performance of the work or failure to perform its obligations under this Contract. This obligation of indemnification shall apply to any acts or omissions, negligent conduct, whether active or passive, including acts or omissions of Contractor's agents or employees; except that it shall not be applicable to injury, death or damage to the property arising from the sole negligence of Wicomico County, its officers, agents and employees.

Independent Contractor.

- A. Contractor shall perform the work required by this Contract as an "Independent Contractor." Although the County reserves the right to determine the delivery schedule for the work to be performed and to evaluate the quality of the completed performance, the County cannot and will not control the means or manner of the Contractor's performance. The Contractor shall comply promptly with any requests by the County relating to the emphasis or relative emphasis to be placed on various aspects of the work or to such other matters pertaining to the work under this Contract. Contractor is responsible for determining the appropriate means and manner of performing the work.
- B. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor is not an employee of the County, is not currently employed by the Federal Government, and is not an officer, employee or agent of the County.
- C. Contractor shall be responsible for all federal or state taxes applicable to any compensation or payments paid to Contractor under this Contract. Contractor is not eligible for any federal Social Security, unemployment insurance, or workers' compensation benefits from compensation or payments paid to Contractor under this Contract.
- D. Contractor agrees to immediately provide the County notice of any claim made against Contractor by any third party. Contractor also agrees not to assign to any third party, without the County's written consent, any obligation of the County to indemnify Contractor for any actions under this Contract.

Insurance Requirements.

- A. Contractor shall obtain, and at all times keep in effect, Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amounts listed below for its activities and operations. The insurance shall include coverage for personal injury, discrimination and civil rights violation claims. All such insurance shall name County, its employees, and agents as ADDITIONAL INSURED. A copy of the certificate of insurance shall be filed with the County prior to the time this Contract is executed, providing coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$500,000 for property damage. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence form.
- B. Contractor shall obtain, and at all times keep in effect, automobile insurance on all vehicles used in this Contract with the County to protect Contractor against claims for damages resulting from bodily injury, including wrongful death, and property damage that may arise from the operations of any owned or hired automobiles used by Contractor in connection with the carrying out of this Contract. All such insurance shall name County, its employees, and agents as ADDITIONAL INSURED.

- C. Contractor shall provide the County with certification of Workers' Compensation Insurance, with employer's liability in the minimum amount required by Maryland law in effect for each year of this Contract.
- D. All insurance policies shall have a minimum 30 days notice of cancellation. Immediate written notice to the County shall be required in the event of cancellation or restriction by the insurance company of any insurance policy referred to in this section.
- E. When insurance coverage is renewed Contractor shall provide new certificates of insurance prior to expiration of current policies.

Nondiscrimination. A contractor who is the recipient of County funds, or who proposes to perform any work or furnish any goods under this Contract shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant because of religion, race, sex, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or perceived disability. Contractor further agrees that this provision will be incorporated in all sub-contracts entered into in connection with this Contract.

Ownership of Documents and Materials.

- A. The Contractor agrees that all documents and materials, including but not limited to, reports, drawings, studies, specifications, estimates, maps, photographs, designs, graphics, mechanicals, artwork, and computations prepared by or for the Contractor under the terms of this Contract shall at any time during the performance of the services be made available to the County upon request by the County and shall become and remain the exclusive property of the County upon termination or completion of the services. The County shall have the right to use the same without restriction or limitation and without compensation to the Contractor other than that provided in this Contract. The County shall be the owner for the purposes of copyright, patent or trademark registration.
- B. If the Contractor obtains or uses for purposes of this Contract, or subcontracts for, any design, device, material, or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, it shall provide an assignment to the County of ownership for purposes of copyright, patent or trademark and of all right to possess and to use such design, device, material or process and a legally sufficient agreement with the patentee or owner, and a copy of such agreement shall be filed with the County.
- C. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any such patented design, device, materials, or process, or any trademark or copyright, and shall indemnify, protect and save harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to any claim, action, costs or infringement, for royalties or user fees, arising out of purchase or use of materials, construction, supplies, equipment or services covered by this Contract.

Payments. Payments to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be made no later than 30 days after the County's receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor. If an invoice remains unpaid 45 days after the invoice was received, interest shall be charged at a rate of six percent (6%) per annum.

Records. Contractor shall maintain all fiscal records relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, Contractor shall maintain any other records pertinent to this Contract in such a manner as to clearly document Contractor's performance hereunder. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County and its duly authorized representatives shall have access to such fiscal records and all other books, documents, papers, plans, and writings of the Contractor that are pertinent to this Contract. All such fiscal records, books, documents, papers, plans, and writing shall be retained by Contractor and kept accessible for a minimum of three years, except as required longer by law, following final payment and termination of this Contract, or until the conclusion of any audit, controversy, or litigation arising out of or related to this Contract, whichever date is later. All subcontracts shall also comply with these provisions.

Remedies.

- A. Corrections of errors, defect and omissions. Contractor agrees to perform the work as may be necessary to correct errors, defects, and omissions in the services required under this Contract, without undue delays and

without cost to the County. The acceptance of the work set forth herein by the County shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility of subsequent corrections of such errors.

- B. Set Off. The County may deduct from and set-off against any amounts due and payable to the Contractor any back-charges, penalties, or damages sustained by the County, its agents, employees of recipients of its services, by virtue of any breach of this Contract by the Contractor or by virtue of the failure or refusal of the Contractor to perform the services or any part of the services in a satisfactory manner. Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve the Contractor of liability for additional costs resulting from a failure to satisfactorily perform the services.
- C. Cumulative. All rights and remedies of County and Contractor shall be cumulative and may be exercised successively or concurrently. The foregoing is without limitation to or waiver of any other rights or remedies of the County by law.

Responsibility of Contractor.

- A. The Contractor shall perform the services with the standard of care, skill, and diligence normally provided by a Contractor in the performance of services similar the services hereunder.
- B. Notwithstanding any review, approval, acceptance or payment for the services by the County, the Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of its work, design, drawings, specifications and other materials furnished by the Contractor under this Contract.
- C. If the Contractor fails to perform the services, or any part of the services, in conformance with the standard set forth in subparagraph A above it shall, if required by the County, perform at its own expense and without additional cost to the County, those services necessary for the correction of any deficiencies of damages resulting, in whole or in part, from the Contractor's failure. This obligation is in addition to and not in substitution for any other remedy available to the County under the "Remedies" paragraph, or otherwise available by law.

Severability/Waiver. The County and Contractor agree that, if any term or provision of this Contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid. The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by that party of that or any other provision of this Contract.

Subcontracting or Assignment. The benefits and obligations of this Contract shall inure to and be binding upon the parties and neither this Contract nor the services to be performed shall be subcontracted, or assigned or otherwise disposed of, either in whole or in part, except with the prior written consent of the County. The County has the right to withhold such consent for any reason the County deems appropriate.

Substance Abuse and Drug Testing. Contractors and contract employees are subject to the provisions of the County's policy on substance abuse and drug testing regarding the use, possession, or sale of drugs or alcohol while performing County business or while in a County facility. Violation of these provisions or refusal to cooperate with implementation of the County's policy on substance abuse and drug testing can result in the barring of contract personnel from County facilities or from participating in County operations.

Survival. The terms, conditions, representations, and all warranties contained in this Contract shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

Termination. If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under the Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the County may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the County's option, become the County's property. The County shall pay the

Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination and the County can affirmatively collect damages.

Termination of Contract for Convenience. The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the County, in whole or in part, upon written notice to the Contractor, when the County determines such termination is in the best interest of the County. The termination for convenience is effective on the date specified in the County's written notice. The County will pay for all reasonable costs allocable to the Contract for work or costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination. However, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination.

Termination of Multi-year Contract. If the County fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal period of this Contract succeeding the first fiscal period, this Contract shall be cancelled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the County's rights or the Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Contract. The effect of termination of the Contract hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the County from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Contract. The County shall notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

Third Party Beneficiaries. The County and Contractor are the only parties to this Contract and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Nothing in this Contract gives, is intended to give, or shall be construed to give or provide any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly, or otherwise, to third persons unless such third persons are individually identified by name herein and expressly described as intended beneficiaries of the terms of this Contract.

Time is of the essence. Time is of the essence in Contractor's performance of each and every obligation and duty under this Contract.

Use of County Facilities. Contractor and its employees or agents shall have the right to use only those facilities of the County that are necessary to perform the services under this Contract and shall have no right of access to any facility of the County without prior approval of County Administration. County shall have no responsibility for the loss, theft, mysterious disappearance of or damage to equipment, tools, materials, supplies, and other personal property of Contractor or its employees, subcontractors or agents which may be stored on County premises.

Whole Contract. This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the Contract between the parties relevant to the purpose described herein and supersedes all prior agreements or proposals, oral or written, and all other communication between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract.