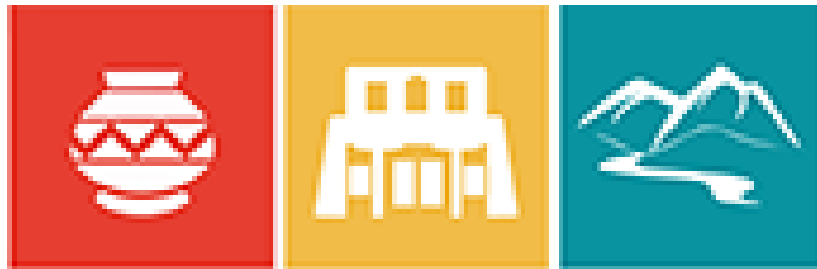


**SANTA FE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



SANTA FE COUNTY

RFP NO. 2024-0006-FD/BT

**UPDATING THE 2018 HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN FOR THE SANTA FE COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT (SFCFD)**

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**I. ADVERTISEMENT
SANTA FE COUNTY**

**UPDATING THE 2018 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
FOR THE SANTA FE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (SFCFD)
RFP NO. 2024-0006-FD/BT**

Santa Fe County is requesting proposals from qualified professionals or firms to update the existing Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Santa Fe County Fire Department. All proposals submitted shall be valid for ninety (90) days subject to action by the County. Santa Fe County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in part or in whole. A completed proposal shall be submitted in a seal container indicating the proposal title and number along with the Offeror's name and address clearly marked on the outside of the container. All proposals must be received by **2:00PM on August 17, 2023, at the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, 102 Grant Avenue, (First Floor), Santa Fe, NM 87501.** To combat the spread of the recent COVID-19 illness, the submission of Proposals **will also be accepted electronically** utilizing a DropBox. Please utilize this link to upload your proposal submission. <https://www.dropbox.com/request/hgQw1JEdNXNi6rDBjko>

By submitting a proposal for the requested services each Offeror is certifying that it is qualified firm and its proposal complies with the requirements stated within the Request for Proposals.

A **Pre-Proposal Conference** will be held on at **10:30AM on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 online via WebEx using link provided or by calling (408) 418-9388 meeting number: 187 997 1349** <https://sfco.webex.com/sfco/j.php?MTID=m92d2757314a2cf8ef54132d6eed199f8>

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: All qualified Offerors will receive consideration of contract(s) without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, physical and mental handicap, serious mental condition, disability, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Request for proposals will be available by contacting Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by telephone at (505) 992-6753 or by email at wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov and/or Maricela Martinez, Operations Manager by telephone at (505) 986-2415 or by email at mcmartinez@santafecountynm.gov. You may also access the solicitation on our website at [http://www.santafecountynm.gov/asd/current bid solicitations](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/asd/current_bid_solicitations)

PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE REJECTED BY SANTA FE COUNTY.

Santa Fe County
Fire Department
Publish: July 16 & 17, 2023

II. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Santa Fe County Fire Department (SFCFD) is responsible for assuring public safety of all residents and property within the exterior boundaries of the County of Santa Fe. To assist the County in funding this effort, the SFCFD applied for and has received funding from FEMA to access future Disaster Mitigation Funds.

The Hazard Mitigation plan will identify all community risks, set priorities & establish mitigation projects to reduce community impacts from disasters. Hazard mitigation is defined by FEMA as "any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from a hazard event." The results of a three-year, congressionally mandated independent study to assess future savings from mitigation activities provides evidence that mitigation activities are highly cost-effective. On average, each dollar spent on mitigation saves society an average of \$4 in avoided future losses in addition to saving lives and preventing injuries (National Institute of Building Science Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council 2005).

Hazard mitigation planning is the process through which hazards are identified, likely impacts determined, mitigation goals set, and appropriate mitigation strategies determined, prioritized, and implemented. This plan documents Santa Fe County's hazard mitigation planning process and identifies relevant hazards and vulnerabilities and strategies the County will use to decrease vulnerability and increase resiliency and sustainability in the community.

The 2018 Hazard Mitigation plan was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) and the implementing regulations set forth by the Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002, (44 CFR §201.6) and finalized on October 31, 2007. (Hereafter, these requirements and regulations will be referred to collectively as the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) or DMA 2000.) While the act emphasized the need for mitigation plans and more coordinated mitigation planning and implementation efforts, the regulations established the requirements that local hazard mitigation plans must meet in order for the County to be eligible for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (Public Law 93-288).

B. SCOPE OF WORK

The Santa Fe County Fire Department is requesting proposals from qualified Professionals or Firms for the purpose of reviewing, updating and re-writing of the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Santa Fe County Fire Department (SFCFD). All necessary research, evaluation and analysis will need to be conducted to re-write the Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with 44 CFR 201.6, Local Mitigation Plans and FEMA Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (2015).

The Contractor shall:

1. Create a County wide planning team and identify all pertinent participants from each jurisdiction and other stakeholders relevant toward participation in mitigation planning from each jurisdiction.
 - a. Manage contacts and facilitate meetings with County and stakeholder groups.
2. Update the 2018 Hazard Mitigation plan, perform risk and vulnerability assessments, and develop mitigation strategy for each jurisdiction.
 - a. Research and develop a risk and vulnerability assessment.
 - b. Prioritize mitigation actions and determine a mitigation strategy.
3. Create a draft plan. Coordinate and facilitate not less than two (2) public meetings for open public involvement. Submit revised plan for State and Federal review.
 - a. Develop a maintenance plan.
 - b. Facilitate the approval process at the State and Federal levels.
4. Revise the draft plan based on multiple reviews and submit to local, State and Federal for final approval and adoption.
 - a. Update the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
5. Final Plan must then be adopted ball all three (3) jurisdictions by resolution. Then the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners will submit the plan and all jurisdictions resolutions to the New Mexico State Mitigation Officer for final approval to FEMA.

C. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The insurance required by Offeror are listed below.

- a. General Conditions. Contractor shall submit evidence of insurance as is required herein. Policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized to write such insurance in New Mexico.
- b. General Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence. Said policies of insurance shall include coverage for all operations performed for County by Contractor; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. County of Santa Fe shall be a named additional insured on the policy.
- c. Workers' Compensation Insurance. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.
- d. Professional Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the lift of this Agreement a Professional Liability Insurance

- e. Increased Limits. If, during the life of this Agreement, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-29, as amended), Contractor shall increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.

E. DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

The County has designated a Procurement Specialist who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement whose name, address and telephone number is listed below. All deliveries via express carrier should be addressed as follows:

Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager &
Maricela Martinez, Public Safety Operations Manager
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Phone (505) 986-2415
Fax (505) 989-3243

wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov & mcmartinez@santafecountynm.gov

Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted to the Procurement Specialist in writing. Offerors may contact **ONLY** the Procurement Specialist regarding the procurement. Other County employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the County. *Any contact with any other County staff member or persons other than the Procurement Specialist named in this solicitation may be grounds for disqualification.*

F. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions and abbreviations that are used throughout this procurement document.

“**BCC**” means the elected Board of County Commissioners.

“**Close of Business**” means 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the date given.

“**Contract**” or “**Agreement**” means a written agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

“**Contractor**” means a successful offeror who enters into a binding contract.

“**County**” means Santa Fe County.

“Determination” means the written documentation of a decision by the Procurement Specialist including findings of fact supporting a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file.

“Desirable” The terms “may”, “can”, “should”, “preferably”, or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor (as opposed to “mandatory”).

“Evaluation Committee” means a body appointed by the County management to perform the evaluation of offeror proposals.

“Finalist” is defined as an offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“Mandatory” The terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required”, identify a mandatory item or factor (as opposed to “desirable”). Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the offeror’s proposal.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a proposal.

“Procurement Manager” means the person or designee authorized by the County to manage or administer a procurement requiring the evaluation of competitive sealed proposals.

“Purchasing Division” means the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, Administrative Services Department.

“Request for Proposals” or **“RFP”** means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that his financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.

“Responsive Offer” or **“Responsive Proposal”** means an offer or proposal which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to, price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements.

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III. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule for the procurement, describes the major procurement events and the conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Specialist will make every effort to adhere the following schedule:

	<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	Issue of RFP	Purchasing Division	July 16 & 17, 2023
2.	Pre-Proposal Conference	Owner/Purchasing Offerors	July 26, 2023
3.	Acknowledgement Form Due	Offerors	July 26, 2023
4.	Deadline to Submit Additional Questions	Offerors	August 1, 2023
5.	Response to Written Questions	Purchasing Division	August 4, 2023
6.	Submission of Proposal	Offerors	August 17, 2023 2:00PM MST
7.	Proposal Evaluation	Evaluation Committee	August 2023
8.	Selection of Finalists (If Applicable)	Evaluation Committee	August 2023
9.	Best and Final Offers from Finalists (If Applicable)	Offeror	August 2023
10.	Finalize Contract	County, Offeror	August 2023
11.	Contract Award	Purchasing Division	August 2023

Note: If the Evaluation Committee makes a selection at the Selection of Finalists, event 9 will not occur.

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section III, Paragraph A.

1. Issuance of RFP

This RFP is being issued by the Santa Fe County Fire Department and the Purchasing Division.

2. Pre-Proposal Conference

A Pre-Proposal Conference are scheduled to occur on the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. Questions may be submitted at the Pre-Proposal Conference and until the date indicated in the Sequence of Events at Section III.A. **All questions must be in writing and e-mailed to wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov and mcmartinez@santafecountynm.gov.** A public log will be kept of the names of potential offerors who attended the Pre-Proposal Conference.

3. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form

Potential offerors should hand-deliver, return by facsimile or e-mail the "Acknowledgement of Receipt Form" provided as Appendix A to have its name and firm placed on the procurement distribution list. The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the organization, dated and returned by close of business on *July 25, 2023*.

The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions and any RFP addendums.

4. Deadline to Submit Additional Written Questions

Potential offerors may submit written questions regarding this RFP until the close of business on the date indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Specialist, listed in Section II, Paragraph E and sent via facsimile or e-mail. ***Any contact with any other County staff member or persons other than the Procurement Specialist named in this solicitation may be grounds for disqualification.***

5. Response to Written Questions

Written responses to written questions and any RFP addenda will be distributed on the date indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A, to all potential Offerors whose names appear on the procurement distribution list.

Additional written requests for clarification of distributed answers or addenda must be received by the Procurement Specialist no later than one (1) day after the answers or addenda were issued.

6. Submission of Proposal

ALL OFFEROR PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. (MOUNTAIN TIME) ON AUGUST 17, 2023 *Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted.* The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal. Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Specialist at the address listed in Section II, D. Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to the County's **Request for Proposals No. 2024-0006-FD/BT**. **Proposals may also be submitted electronically via DropBox at the link provided below.**

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/hgQw1JEdNXNi6rDBjko>

Proposals must be delivered to:

Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

A public log will be kept of the names of all offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-116, the contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed to competing offerors prior to contract award.

7. Proposal Evaluation

The evaluation of proposals will be performed by an Evaluation Committee appointed by the Procurement Specialist. This process will take place during the timeframe indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at III.A. During this time, the Procurement Specialist may initiate discussions with Offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals, but proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. **Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Offerors.**

8. Selection of Finalists (If Applicable)

The Evaluation Committee may select and the Procurement Specialist may notify the Finalist Offerors on the date indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A. Only Finalists will be invited to participate in the subsequent steps of the procurement if the Finalist process is used.

9. Best and Final Offers from Finalists (If Applicable)

Finalist Offerors may be asked to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers by the date indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A.

10. Oral Presentation by Finalists (If Applicable)

Finalist Offerors may be required to present their proposals to the Evaluation Committee. The Procurement Specialist will schedule the time for each Offeror presentation. All Offeror presentations will be held at the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, or the Oral may be as a virtual presentation. Each presentation is typically limited to one (1) hour in duration.

11. Contract Negotiations

The contract will be finalized with the most advantageous Offeror during the timeframe indicated in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A. In the event that mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached within the time specified, the County reserves the right to terminate contract negotiations and enter into contract negotiations with the next most advantageous Offeror without undertaking a new procurement process.

12. Contract Award

The County anticipates awarding the contract on the date in the "Sequence of Events" at Section III.A. These dates are subject to change at the discretion of the Santa Fe County Purchasing Specialist or Procurement Manager.

The contract shall be awarded to the Offeror or Offerors whose proposal is most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points. The County reserves the right to award multiple contracts pursuant to NMSA 1978 13-1-153.

13. Right to Protest

Any protest by an Offeror must be timely and in conformance with NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-172 and applicable procurement regulations. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposals number. It must also contain a statement of grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits. The protests must be delivered to the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division:

Santa Fe County
Attn: Purchasing Division
P.O. Box 276
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Protests will not be accepted by facsimile or other electronic means.
Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 13, NMSA 1978, NMAC 1.4.1 and the Santa Fe County Procurement Regulations.

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Offerors must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement section in the letter of transmittal. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the contract template attached hereto as Appendix E.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the offeror in preparation, transmittal, presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of the contract with the County. The County will make contract payments to only the prime contractor.

4. Subcontractors

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and major subcontractors must be identified by name. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance whether or not subcontractors are used.

5. Amended Proposals

An offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. County personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.

6. Offerors' Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The offeror must submit a written withdrawal request signed by the offeror's duly authorized representative addressed to the Procurement Specialist. The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulations.

7. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices, will be considered firm for sixty (90) days after the due date for receipt of proposals or ninety (90) days after receipt of a best and final offer if one is submitted.

8. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

Proposals shall not be opened publicly and shall not be open to public inspection until after an Offeror has been selected for award of a contract.

An Offeror may request in writing non-disclosure of confidential data. Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the offeror's organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7, NMSA 1978. The price products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an Offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the Santa Fe Procurement Manager shall examine the offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the Offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

9. No Obligation

This procurement in no manner obligates Santa Fe County or any of its departments to the use of any proposed professional services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by the appropriate authorities.

10. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the County determines such action to be in the best interest of the County.

11. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such termination will be effected by sending written notice to the contractor. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

12. Legal Review

The County requires that all offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any offeror concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Procurement Specialist.

13. Governing Law

This procurement and any agreement with offerors that may result shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied by the County in writing through the Procurement Specialist or in this RFP should be used as the basis for the preparation of offeror proposals.

15. Contract Terms and Conditions

The contract between the County and the Contractor will follow the format specified by the County and contain the terms and conditions set forth in Appendix E.

16. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation, will be discussed only between the County and the selected offeror and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the offeror's proposal.

17. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any offeror who is not a responsible offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined in Sections 13-1-83 and 13-1-85 NMSA, 1978, subject to Procurement Manager approval.

18. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor technical irregularities. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee subject to the Procurement Management approval.

19. Change in Contractor Representatives

The County reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representatives are not, in the opinion of the County, meeting its needs adequately. Any change in contractor representative must receive prior County approval.

20. Notice

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kick-backs.

21. County Rights

The County reserves the right to accept all or a portion of an offeror's proposal.

22. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, potential offerors and contractors must secure from the County written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement or the subsequent contract. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the offeror's proposal or termination of the contract.

23. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to this Request for Proposals shall become the property of the County. However, any technical or user documentation submitted

with the proposals of non-selected offerors shall be returned after the expiration of the protest period.

24. Electronic Mail Address Recommended

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). It is recommended that Offeror should have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence.

25. Preferences in Procurement by Santa Fe County

a. New Mexico In-state Preference

New Mexico law, Section 13-1-21 NMSA 1978, provides a preference in the award of a public works contract for an “**in-state resident business**”. Application of a resident business preference for any Offeror requires the Offeror to provide a copy of a valid and current certificate as a resident business. Certificates are issued by the state taxation and revenue department.

If an Offeror submits with its proposal a copy of a valid and current in-state resident business certificate, 5% of the total weight of all evaluation factors used in the evaluation of proposals may be awarded or added to the Offerors score.

Certification by the department of taxation and revenue for the resident contractor takes into consideration such activities as the business or contractor’s payment of property taxes or rent in the state and payment of unemployment insurance on employees who are residents of the state.

OR

b. New Mexico Resident Veteran Preference

New Mexico law, Section 13-1-22 NMSA 1978, provides a preference in the award of a public works contract for a “**resident veteran business**”. Certification by the department of taxation and revenue for the resident veteran business requires the Offeror to provide evidence of annual revenue and other evidence of veteran status.

An Offeror who wants the veteran contractor preference to be applied to its proposal is required to submit with its proposal the certification from the NM Department of Taxation and Revenue and the sworn affidavit attached hereto as Appendix C.

If an Offeror submits with its proposal a copy of a valid and current veteran resident business certificate, 10% of the total weight of all the

evaluation factors used in the evaluation of proposals may be awarded or added to the Offeror's score, depending on the business' annual revenue.

The resident business preference is not cumulative with the resident veteran business preference.

AND

c. Santa Fe County Preference

Santa Fe County Ordinance 2012-4 provides for a **County preference** for a "Santa Fe County business." Application of the County preference in procurement requires an Offeror to obtain and provide a Santa Fe County Business Certificate issued by the Santa Fe County Procurement Manager. Certification by the Procurement Manager takes into consideration the business' corporate standing in the state, business licensure or registration, the duration of the business' primary office location and the payment of taxes.

If an Offeror submits with its proposal a copy of its Santa Fe County Business Certificate issued by the Purchasing Manager, 5% of the total weight of all the evaluation factors used in the evaluation of proposals may be awarded to the Offerors score.

The in-state, veteran or County preferences do not apply to procurement of services or goods involving federal funds or federal grant funds.

26. Double-Sided Documents

All submitted bids/proposal documents shall be double-sided, pursuant to Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2013-7, Adopting Sustainable Resource Management Principles, Section 2. A. Waste Reduction and Reuse...all documents are to be double-sided, including those that are generated by outside entities using County funds and by consultants and contractors doing business with the County".

27. Living Wage

Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Santa Fe County Ordinance 2014-1 (Establishing a Living Wage).

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IV. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one proposal in response to this RFP.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

Offerors shall deliver one (1) original and four (4) identical copies of their proposals to the location specified in Section II, Paragraph E on or before the closing date and time for receipt of proposals. If submitting responses electronically via Dropbox, please submit two (2) separate files: one file for the proposal response and a separate file the Appendix D Proposed Fee Schedule.

C. PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals shall be limited to twenty (20) pages, with exception of professional licenses and certifications, which shall be added as appendices. The document shall be typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11 paper, with a font **no smaller than 12pt. pitch**, with nominal 1” margins and single line spacing. Proposals shall be bound with tabs delineating each section. To combat the spread of the recent COVID-19 illness, the submission Proposals **will be accepted electronically** utilizing a DropBox. Please utilize this link to upload proposal submission.

1. Proposal Organization

The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, as a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

- a) Letter of Transmittal
- b) Table of Contents
- c) Proposal Summary (optional)
- d) Response to County Terms and Conditions
- e) Response to Specifications – Evaluation Factors
- f) Offeror’s Additional Terms and Conditions
- g) Copy of insurance certificate
- h) Other supporting material (If applicable)
- i) Cost Proposal (**One in separate sealed envelope with the original proposal submission only, if submitting electronically submit as a separate file**)
- j) Campaign Contribution Disclosure Statement

Within each section of their proposals, offerors shall address the items in the order in which they appear in this RFP under Section V.B. EVALUATION FACTORS. All forms provided in the RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of the proposal.

Any proposal that does not adhere to these requirements may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

The **proposal summary** may be included by offerors to provide the Evaluation Committee with an overview of the technical and business features of the proposal; however, this material will not be used in the evaluation process unless specifically referenced from other portions of the offeror's proposal.

Offerors may attach other materials that they feel may improve the quality of their responses. However, these materials should be included as items in a separate appendix.

2. Letter of Transmittal

Each proposal must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal. The letter of transmittal MUST:

- a) Identify the submitting organization;
- b) Identify the name and title of the person authorized by the organization to contractually obligate the organization;
- c) Identify the name, title, email address and telephone number of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization;
- d) Identify the names, titles and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted for clarification;
- e) **Explicitly** indicate Acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section III, Paragraph C.1;
- f) Be signed by the person authorized to contractually obligate the organization;
- g) Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.
- h) Acknowledge and acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Agreement attached as Appendix F.

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V. SPECIFICATIONS

Offerors should respond in the form of a thorough narrative to each mandatory specification. The narratives along with required supporting materials will be evaluated and awarded points accordingly.

A. **INFORMATION**

Time Frame

The contract is schedule to begin August 2023. Santa Fe County intends on awarding a contract with an initial term of four years.

B. **QUALIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Offeror's must provide documentation that it possesses the personnel, experience and knowledge necessary to perform the services described under this RFP.
- b. Offeror's must be knowledgeable in the laws and regulations specific to 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool for Santa Fe County.
Offeror's failing to provide this documentation may be considered non-responsive.

C. **EVALUATION FACTORS**

A brief explanation of each mandatory specification is listed below. Offerors are encouraged to fully address each category, as points are assigned for responses to each.

1. **Introduction**

- Describe the Offerors vision/mission and business philosophy.
- Provide an overview of the vendor, including evidence of being a qualified vendor to re-write the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan

2. **Technical Competence and Specialized Experience**

- Provide information about your organization's specific technical experience with providing services comparable to the Scope of Work required in this RFP.
- Include years of experience providing these services for similar government or private entities of comparable size and complexity.
- Indicate the relevance of previous service contracts to the scope of work, including any specialized experience, specific knowledge, skills and ability to providing the services described in the Scope of Work.
- Include appropriate professional certifications and business licenses.

3. **Capacity and Capability**

- Include your team's organization and working relationships.

- Explain your project team’s current workload and projected workload as demonstrating the ability to successfully provide and complete the requirements of the scope of services in a timely manner.
- Include information of any subcontractor or consultant that the Offeror has indicated to be part of the project team including what areas of work they will perform.
- Any services that cannot be provided as required shall be noted.

4. **New Mexico Produced Work**

- Provide the percentage of your workforce that is New Mexico based.

5. **Quality Assurance & Completeness of Proposal**

- Explain your firm’s quality assurance program in developing and writing plans for other governmental agencies or for the private sector.
- Demonstrate organizational quality and completeness throughout the proposal.

D. **COST PROPOSAL (Appendix D)** - Provide in a separate sealed envelope with the original proposal ONLY (do not include in each of the four additional copies, if submitting electronically, please submit in a separate file in Dropbox).

Offeror shall propose its cost for the tasks listed in the scope of work. A cost sheet is provided in Appendix D.

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VI. EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION SCORING

The County will evaluate responsive proposals and assign a numerical score in each category, not to exceed the maximum allowed score for that category, as determined through the Offeror’s attention to the factor detailed in the following sections. The amount of discussion to be applied to each listed topic is an individual choice of the Offeror; however, discussion should be detailed enough to inform and educate the Evaluation Committee Members.

Proposals will be scored based upon a comparison of the information submitted by each Offeror against the evaluation factors outlined below. Each Evaluation Factor is assigned the follow points:

- 1. Introduction..... 200 points
- 2. Technical Competence & Specialized Experience..... 200 points
- 3. Capacity & Capability 300 points
- 4. New Mexico Based Work 150 points
- 5. Quality Assurance & Completeness of Proposal 150 points

- TOTAL POINTS 1000 points**

PREFERENCES

If a proposal contains an ID-State Resident Business Certificate or Resident Veterans Business Certificate and/or Santa Fe County Business Certificate, the applicable preference will be applied:

- 6. NM State Resident Business Certificate**50 points**

- Or

- 7. Resident Veteran Business Certificate**100 points**

- And

- 8. Santa Fe County Business Certificate.....**50 points**

B. EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation process will follow the steps listed below:

1. All Offeror proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the mandatory specifications stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Specialist may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.7.
3. The Evaluation Committee may use other sources of information to perform the evaluation as specified in Section III, Paragraph C.18.
4. Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors in Section V that have been assigned a point value. The responsive Offerors with the highest scores will be selected as finalist Offerors 'shortlisted' based upon the proposals submitted. If an oral presentation is recommended the 'shortlisted' firms will be provided questions by the Selection Committee for their "Oral Presentations". Each presentation will be evaluated by the Selection Committee. The oral presentation that receives the highest points and is most advantageous to the County, taking into consideration the evaluation factors in Section VI, will be recommended for contract award as specified in Section III, Paragraph B.11. Only the points from the Oral Presentation will be calculated for most and highest qualified firms. Points from the 'shortlisted' evaluations will only be used if there is a tie resulting from the Oral Presentations. Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score.
5. Past performance in a project for the County (See Section V.C.3 above) is a significant consideration of the evaluation and poor performance on a prior County project may result in a lower number of points awarded to a proposal for this element of the evaluation.

APPENDIX A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM

**UPDATING THE 2018 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE SANTA FE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT (SFCFD)**

RFP 2024-0006-FD/BT

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal the undersigned agrees that he/she has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and table of contents, and ending with Appendix E.

The acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the Procurement Manager no later than close of business on **July 26, 2023**. Only potential offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all offeror written questions and the County's written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued.

FIRM: _____

REPRESENTED BY: _____

TITLE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____ FAX NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposal.

Firm does/does not (**circle one**) intend to respond to this Request for Proposals.

Bill Taylor, Procurement Manager & Maricela Martinez, Public Safety Operations Manager
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
(505) 505-992-6753
(505) 989-3243

wtaylor@santafecountynm.gov & mcmartinez@santafecountynm.gov

APPENDIX B

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), any person seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body **for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with the state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore the state agency or local public body shall void and executed contract or cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract if; 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to law.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRATOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political

committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of (a) a prospective contractor, if the prospective contractor is a natural person; or (b) an owner of a prospective contractor.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Person” means any corporation, partnership, individual, joint venture, association or any other private legal entity.

“Prospective contractor” means a person or business that is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person or business qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

Name(s) of Applicable Public Official(s) if any: _____
(Completed by State Agency or Local Public Body)

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

Title (Position)

APPENDIX C

Resident Veterans Preference Certification

_____ (NAME OF CONTRACTOR) hereby certifies the following in regard to application of the resident veterans' preference to this procurement.

Please check one box only:

- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is less than \$1M allowing me the 10% preference discount on this solicitation. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is more than \$1M but less than \$5M allowing me the 8% preference discount on this solicitation. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue starting January 1 ending December 31 is more than \$5M allowing me the 7% preference discount on this solicitation. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.

“I agree to submit a report or reports to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department declaring under penalty of perjury that during the last calendar year starting January 1 and ending on December 31, the following to be true and accurate:

“In conjunction with this procurement and the requirements of this business application for a Resident Veteran Business Preference/Resident Veteran Contractor Preference under Sections 13-1-21 or 13-1-22 NMSA 1978, which awarded a contract which was on the basis of having such veterans' preference, I agree to report to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department the awarded amount involved. I will indicate in the report the award amount as a purchase from a public body or as a public works contract from a public body as the case may be.”

“I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information on this report constitutes a crime”.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false or misleading statements about material fact regarding this matter constitutes a crime.

(Signature of Business Representative)*

(Date)

*Must be an authorized signatory of the Business.

The representations made in checking the boxes constitutes a material representation by the business that is subject to protest and may result in denial of an award or un-award of the procurement involved if the statements are proven to be incorrect.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

**APPENDIX D
PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**

(APPENDIX D IS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ONLY OR IF SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY VIA DROPBOX, SEND IN A SEPARATE FILE NAMED PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE)

Vendor Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Offerors must propose one firm, fixed, fully-loaded hourly rate. The firm, fixed, fully-loaded hourly rate will include travel to and from the off-site workplace to the on-site workplace. The proposed fully-loaded hourly rates must include travel, per diem, fringe benefits and any overhead costs for contractor personnel, as well as subcontractor personnel if appropriate. New Mexico gross receipts taxes are excluded from the proposed maximum hourly rates. They shall be shown separately on the invoice.

**APPENDIX E
SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

**SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SANTA FE COUNTY AND
[NAME OF CONTRACTOR OR VENDOR]
FOR UPDATING THE 2018 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR
THE SANTA FE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2023, by and between **SANTA FE COUNTY**, hereinafter referred to as the “County” and **[CONTRACTOR’S NAME]**, whose principal address is **[CONTRACTOR’S ADDRESS]** hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Fire Department is required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 13-1-112, the County issued Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 2024-0006-FD/BT to solicit for Updating the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County determines the Contractor is the most qualified offeror; and

WHEREAS, the County requires the services of the Contractor and the Contractor is willing to provide these services and both parties wish to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor shall:

2. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- A. The parties agree that all tasks set forth in Section 1 (Scope of Services), of this Agreement must be completed in full, to the satisfaction of the County, in accordance with professional standards and for the amount set forth in Section 3 (Compensation, Invoicing and Set-off), of this Agreement, and for no other cost, amount, fee or expense.
- B. The County may change the services to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor’s compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the County and the Contractor, must be incorporated in a written amendment to this Agreement.

3. COMPENSATION, INVOICING AND SET-OFF

- A. In consideration of its obligations under this Agreement, the Contractor will be compensated as follows:
- 1) The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement must not exceed **\$XXXXXXX**, *exclusive* of NM GRT.
 - 2) This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the services to be performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall equal the amount stated herein. The parties do not intend for the Contractor to continue to provide services without compensation when the total compensation amount is reached. The County will notify the Contractor when the services provided under this Agreement reach the total compensation amount. In no event will the Contractor be paid for services provided in excess of the total compensation amount without this Agreement being amended in writing.
- B. The Contractor shall submit a written request for payment to the County when payment is due under this Agreement. Upon the County's receipt of the written request, the County will issue a written certification of complete or partial acceptance or rejection of the deliverables for which payment is sought.
- 1) The County's representative for certification of acceptance or rejection of contractual items and services is **(Name/Title), (Phone), (Email)** or such other individual as may be designated in the absence of the County representative.
 - 2) The Contractor agrees that the County may not make any payment hereunder unless and until it has issued a written certification accepting the Contractor's services.
 - 3) Within 30 days of the issuance of a written certification accepting the services or deliverables, the County will tender payment for the accepted items or services. In the event the County fails to tender payment within 30 days of the written certification accepting the items or services, the County will pay late payment charges of one and 1.5% per month, until the amount due is paid in full.
- C. In the event the Contractor breaches this Agreement, the County may, without penalty, withhold any payments due the Contractor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the County determines the exact amount of damages it suffered as a result of the breach.
- D. Payment under this Agreement will not foreclose the right of the County to recover excessive or illegal payment.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

This Agreement will, become effective as of the date of last signature by the parties and terminate one year from such date, unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 5 (Termination) or Section 6 (Appropriations and Authorizations). The County has the option to extend the term of this Agreement not to exceed four years total.

5. TERMINATION

- A. Termination of Agreement for Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement based upon any material breach of this Agreement by the other party. The non-breaching party must give the breaching party written notice of termination specifying the grounds for the termination. The termination will be effective 30 days from the breaching party's receipt of the notice of termination, during which time the breaching party will have the right to cure the breach. If, however, the breach cannot with due diligence be cured within 30 days, the breaching party will have a reasonable time to cure the breach, provided that, within 30 days of its receipt of the written notice of termination, the breaching party began to cure the breach and advised the non-breaching party in writing that it intended to cure.
- B. Termination for Convenience of the County. The County may, in its discretion, terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason by giving the Contractor written notice of termination. The notice must specify the effective date of termination, which must not be less than 15 days from the Contractor's receipt of the notice. The County will pay the Contractor for acceptable services performed before the effective date of termination but will not be liable for services performed after the effective date of termination.

6. APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

This Agreement is contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made for performance of this Agreement by the Board of County Commissioners of the County and/or, if state funds are involved, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made in this or future fiscal years, this Agreement will terminate upon written notice by the County to the Contractor. Such termination will be without penalty to the County, and the County will have no duty to reimburse the Contractor for expenditures made in the performance of this Agreement. The County is expressly not committed to expenditure of any funds until such time as they are programmed, budgeted, encumbered and approved for expenditure by the County. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations have been made for the fulfillment of this Agreement will be final and not subject to challenge by the Contractor in any way or forum, including a lawsuit.

7. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Contractor and its agents and employees will be independent contractors and not employees or agents of the County. Accordingly, the Contractor and its agents and

employees will not accrue leave, participate in retirement plans, insurance plans, or liability bonding, use County vehicles, or participate in any other benefits afforded to employees of the County. Except as may be expressly authorized elsewhere in this Agreement, the Contractor has no authority to bind, represent, or otherwise act on behalf of the County and agrees not to purport to do so.

8. ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor must not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted assignment or transfer without the County's advance written approval will be void.

9. SUBCONTRACTING

The Contractor must not subcontract or delegate any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the advance written approval of the County. Any attempted subcontracting or delegating without the County's advance written approval will void.

10. PERSONNEL

- A. All services must be performed by the Contractor or under its supervision.
- B. The Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to discharge its obligations under this Agreement. Such personnel (i) must not be employees of or have any contractual relationships with the County and (ii) must be fully qualified and licensed or otherwise authorized or permitted under federal, state, and local law to perform such services.

11. RELEASE

Upon its receipt of all payments due under this Agreement, the Contractor releases the County, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from all liabilities, claims, and obligations whatsoever arising from or under or relating to this Agreement.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement must be kept confidential and not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.

13. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COPYRIGHT

- A. The County has the unrestricted right to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other material prepared under or pursuant to this Agreement.
- B. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any material produced in whole or in part under or pursuant to this Agreement is a work made for hire. Accordingly, to the extent that any such material is copyrightable in the United States or in any other country, the County will own any such copyright.

14. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Contractor represents that it has no and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

15. NO ORAL MODIFICATIONS; WRITTEN AMENDMENTS REQUIRED

This Agreement may not be modified, altered, changed, or amended orally but, rather, only by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto. The Contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that the County shall not be responsible for any changes to Section 1 (Scope of Work), of this Agreement unless such changes are set forth in a duly executed written amendment to this Agreement.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; INTEGRATION

This Agreement incorporates all the agreements, and understandings between the parties, and all such agreements, and understandings are merged into this Agreement. No prior or contemporaneous agreement or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents will be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

17. NOTICE OF PENALTIES

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.

18. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE

- A. The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations pertaining to equal employment opportunity and unlawful discrimination. Without in any way limiting the foregoing general obligation, the Contractor specifically agrees not to discriminate against any person with regard to employment with the Contractor or participation in any program or activity offered pursuant to this Agreement on the grounds of race, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, physical or mental handicap, serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

- B. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with this section will constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW

- A. In performing its obligations hereunder, the Contractor must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.
- B. Contractor must comply with the requirements of Santa Fe County Ordinance 2014-1 (Establishing a Living Wage).
- C. This Agreement will be construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New Mexico, without regard to its choice of law rules. Contractor and the County agree that the exclusive forum for any litigation between them arising out of or related to this Agreement will be state district courts of New Mexico, located in Santa Fe County.

20. RECORDS AND INSPECTIONS

- A. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to the County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor agrees to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six years from the date of final payment under this Agreement; (ii) allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- B. To the extent its books and records relate to (i) its performance of this Agreement or any subcontract entered into pursuant to it or (ii) cost or pricing data (if any) set forth in this Agreement or that was required to be submitted to County as part of the procurement process, the Contractor also agrees to require any subcontractor it may hire to perform its obligations under this Agreement to (i) maintain such books and records during the term of this Agreement and for a period of six years from the date of final payment under the subcontract; (ii) to allow the County or its designee to audit such books and records at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice; and (iii) to keep such books and records in accordance with GAAP.

21. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify the County and its elected officials, agents, and employees from any losses, liabilities, damages, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments, (including but not limited to legal costs) resulting from or directly or indirectly arising out of the Contractor's performance or non-performance of its

obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to the Contractor's breach of any representation or warranty made herein.

- B. The Contractor agrees that the County will have the right to control and participate in the defense of any such demand, suit, or cause of action concerning matters that relate to the County and that such suit will not be settled without the County's consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. If a conflict exists between the interests of the County and the Contractor in such demand, suit, or cause of action, the County may retain its own counsel to represent the County's interest.
- C. The Contractor's obligations under this section will not be limited by the provisions of any insurance policy the Contractor is required to maintain under this Agreement.

22. SEVERABILITY

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or non-enforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.

23. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement must be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the County: Santa Fe County Fire Department
 Attention: Fire Chief
 35 Camino Justicia
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

To the Contractor:

24. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Contractor hereby represents that:

- A. This Agreement has been duly authorized by the Contractor, the person executing this Agreement has authority to do so, and, once executed by the Contractor, this Agreement will constitute a binding obligation of the Contractor.
- B. This Agreement and Contractor's obligations under this Agreement do not conflict with Contractor's corporate agreement or any statement filed with the New Mexico Secretary of State on Contractor's behalf.

- C. Contractor is legally registered and is properly licensed by the State of New Mexico to provide the services anticipated by this Agreement and must maintain such registration and licensure in good standing throughout the duration of the Agreement.

25. FAX or ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

The parties hereto agree that a facsimile or electronic signature has the same force and effect as an original for all purposes.

26. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement was not intended to and does not create any rights in any persons not a party hereto.

27. INSURANCE

- A. General Conditions. The Contractor must submit evidence of insurance as is required herein. Policies of insurance shall be written by companies authorized to write such insurance in New Mexico.
- B. General Liability Insurance, Including Automobile. The Contractor must procure and maintain during the life of this Agreement a comprehensive general liability and automobile insurance policy with liability limits in amounts not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limits of liability for bodily injury, including death, and property damage for any one occurrence. Said policies of insurance shall include coverage for all operations performed for the County by the Contractor; coverage for the use of all owned, non-owned, hired automobiles, vehicles and other equipment, both on and off work; and contractual liability coverage under which this Agreement is an insured contract. Santa Fe County must be a named additional insured on the policy.
- C. Increased Limits. If, during the life of this Agreement, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico increases the maximum limits of liability under the Tort Claims Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1 through 41-4-29), the Contractor must increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.
- D. Workers' Compensation. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.

28. PERMITS, FEES, AND LICENSES

Contractor will procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, fees, and royalties, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful performance of its obligations hereunder.

29. NEW MEXICO TORT CLAIMS ACT

No provision of this Agreement modifies or waives any sovereign immunity or limitation of liability enjoyed by County or its “public employees” at common law or under the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-4-1.

30. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

The Contractor agrees to complete and submit simultaneous with execution of this Agreement a Campaign Contribution Disclosure form.

31. SURVIVAL

The provisions of following paragraphs shall survive termination of this Agreement: INDEMNIFICATION; RECORDS AND INSPECTION; RELEASE, CONFIDENTIALITY, PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION, AND USE OF MATERIAL; COPYRIGHT; COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW; NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES; and SURVIVAL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date of last signature by the parties.

SANTA FE COUNTY

Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Manager

Date

Approved as to form:

Jeff Young
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date

Finance Division:

Yvonne S. Herrera
Finance Director

Date

CONTRACTOR

Signature

Date

Print name and title)