

**SANTA FE COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**



**FINANCIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE
NUEVA ACEQUIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT**

**RFP NO. 2022-0090-HA/APS
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I. ADVERTISEMENT

**SANTA FE COUNTY
FINANCIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE NUEVA ACEQUIA
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
RFP NO. 2022-0090-HA/APS**

Santa Fe County Housing Authority is requesting proposals for qualified firms to provide financial consulting for a proposed multi-family development located in Santa Fe, New Mexico utilizing the 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. 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 Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Santa Fe County Purchasing Division, 102 Grant Avenue, (1st 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/HSVPkqCBZt1mN45UnLjN>.

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 **2:30PM on Friday, November 5, 2021 online via WebEx using the link provided below or by calling (408) 418-9388 meeting number: 2482 081 4532. Attendance is not mandatory but strongly recommended.**

<https://sfco.webex.com/sfco/j.php?MTID=md7174312eefc29600538ebc4fd1f2cbe>

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 Amanda Patterson-Sanchez, Procurement Specialist Senior, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by telephone at (505) 992-6753 or by email at apatterson-sanchez@santafecountynm.gov or on our website at 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 Housing Authority
Publish: October 31 and November 1, 2021

II. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Santa Fe County Housing Authority (SFCHA) invites interested parties to submit proposals for a 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) consulting services and submittal of LIHTC/bond/loan applications, tax credit applications and debt and equity applications for a new mixed-income multi-family affordable housing development located on Camino de Jacobo in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The financial consultant will be required to apply for debt and equity financing for the new development. The financial consultant would have the capacity to manage the entire financial package and application process. The preferred arrangement is to engage a consultant partner who is soundly experienced in achieving successful LIHTC applications. The financial consultant should have the capacity to handle all aspects of the application process. Solicited services may be provided in cooperation with Santa Fe County, the Santa Fe County Housing Authority and County elected officials.

All interested Offerors are required to read and fully understand the requirements and procedures of this RFP, before submitting a proposal.

B. BACKGROUND

The Santa Fe County Housing Authority (SFCHA) was created on November 17, 1972 and remains one of the largest landlords in Santa Fe. SFCHA currently manages 198 public housing units and 307 Housing Choice Vouchers between its various voucher programs. SFCHA also manages a Homeownership Program, Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Program (ROSS), Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) and Capital Fund Program (CFP). It is the mission of SFCHA to provide drug-free, safe, decent and sanitary housing to very low and low income families in an environment that fosters self-sufficiency and community pride.

In 2018, the SFCHA purchased 6.6 acres of 100% developable land zoned Commercial C-2 for multi-family rentals. The site is located approximately 1,200 feet north of the Camino de Jacobo and Airport Road intersection in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The parcel of land is currently vacant and is described as Tract B-1, Lot 1 and Lot 2, Camino de Jacobo. The parcel has water and sewer to the site and abuts one of the SFCHA's current developments.

Following the land purchase, the SFCHA won HUD's 2020 Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition for the parcel. Selected students travelled to Santa Fe on March 12-13, 2020 to participate in an education forum with local experts and undertake a site visit.

The County and SFCHA have partnered to design the Nueva Acequia Apartments, a new mixed-income affordable multi-family housing development. The units will consist of studios, one bedrooms and two bedrooms, the interior plan should include a community room with kitchen, a management office and other rooms programmed for social services. Exterior amenities should

include outdoor recreational spaces. Both interiors and exterior spaces must confirm to all mandatory design requirements from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (NM MFA).

C. SCOPE OF WORK

The applicant will be required to apply for debt and equity financing for this new development and provide evidence of this experience. Financing may come from 542(c) FHA-Insured Multifamily Loan Program, other forms of capital financing from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority's (MFA) NM Housing Trust Fund, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Federal Housing Trust Fund, HOME funds, and funds through the Section 811 program. Other potential sources of equity financing are appropriations from the New Mexico Capital Outlay Fund and the Federal Home Loan Bank System. This list includes the sources that have recently been used on low-income multifamily rental projects but should not be considered all-inclusive and the County welcomes identification of other sources the consultant may identify.

The consultant would have the capacity to manage the entire financial package and application process. The preferred arrangement is to engage a consultant partner who is soundly experienced in achieving successful LIHTC applications. This consultant should have the capacity to handle all aspects of the application process.

Santa Fe County and Santa Fe County Housing Authority (SFCHA) seeks an experienced Tax Credit Consultant to perform the following services (including but not limited to):

1. Real estate development and financial advisory services and advice in connection with tax credit real estate development projects and investigate financial structures for these projects.
2. Analyze and make recommendations regarding multi-family development budget sources.
3. Analyze and make recommendations regarding the anticipated level of equity to be invested in projects through syndication of low-income tax credits.
4. Prepare or review project cash flows, budgets and other financial documents as requested.
5. Create and provide a Financial Pro Forma for 4% low-income housing tax credit for a new rental development. The Financial Consultant Professional Services will include a strategic financial plan to incorporate the federal financing 4% low-income housing tax credit program and an analysis for the 4% low-income tax credit.
6. Apply for debt capital programs.
7. Identify and negotiate with/or assist with same tax credit investors, lenders, underwriters, credit enhancers and other potential development or financing partners.
8. Review sources and uses of funds and financial information in closing documents for accuracy for lender, investor, tax credit application or bond application.
9. Prepare and submit all required applications for bonds and/or 4 % Low-Income Housing Tax Credit submissions.
10. Review documents related to each transaction.
11. Assist in evaluating financial feasibility and implications for developer proposals.
12. Develop or assist with the development of financial plans for the development of mix finance development sites.

D. 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. 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:

Amanda Patterson-Sanchez
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Phone (505) 992-6753
Fax (505) 989-3243
apatterson-sanchez@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 Specialist**” 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	Oct. 31 & Nov. 1
2.	Pre-Proposal Conference	Owner/Purchasing Offerors	November 5 2:30 p.m.
3.	Acknowledgement Form Due	Offerors	November 10
4.	Deadline to Submit Additional Questions	Offerors	November 10
5.	Response to Written Questions	Purchasing Division	November 12
6.	Submission of Proposal	Offerors	November 22, 2021 2:30PM MST
7.	Proposal Evaluation Briefing	Evaluation Committee	December, 2021
8.	Selection of Finalists (If Applicable)	Evaluation Committee	December, 2021
9.	Oral Presentation by Finalists (If Applicable)	Offeror	December, 2021
10.	Contract Negotiations	County, Offeror	December, 2021
11.	Contract Award	Purchasing Division	December, 2021

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 Housing Authority and the Purchasing Division.

2. Pre-Proposal Conference

A Pre-Proposal Conference and Site Visit 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 apatterson-sanchez@santafecountynm.gov.** A public log will be kept of the names of potential offerors who attended the Pre-Proposal Conference and the Site Visit.

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 *November 10, 2021*.

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 (STANDARD TIME) ON Monday, November 22, 2021. *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. 2022-0090-HA/APS. Proposals may also be submitted electronically via DropBox at the link provided <https://www.dropbox.com/request/HSVPkqCBZt1mN45UnLjN>.**

Proposals must be delivered to:

Amanda Patterson-Sanchez, Procurement Specialist Senior
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue (First Floor)
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. Each presentation will be 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 finalize a contract 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.

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.

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 ninety (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, 100 will be awarded 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 proposal 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 proposal response and a separate file of the 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 normal 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 <https://www.dropbox.com/request/HSVPkqCBZt1mN45UnLjN>.

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) Response to County Terms and Conditions
- c) Table of Contents
- d) Response to Specifications – Evaluation Factors
- e) Copy of insurance certificate
- f) 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 scheduled to begin immediately once a contract is awarded. Santa Fe County intends on awarding a contract with an initial term of four years.

B. EVALUATION FACTORS

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

1. Introduction:

- Describe the firm's vision/mission and business philosophy.
- Provide a brief history of Offeror's firm in the State of New Mexico.
- Provide information about the firm's specific technical experience with providing tax credit financial consulting that demonstrates technical competence to successfully complete this project.
- Indicate the relevance of previous projects to the scope of work describe in this RFP, including any specialized expertise.

2. Evidence of Understanding of the Scope of Work

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of key project elements/goals as outlined in the scope of work.
- Provide proposed approach to accomplishing the project including specific tasks and a description of the level of effort that will be dedicated to each task.
- Describe approach in managing the project expertly and effectively, including specific of tasks.
- Describe challenges that might be expected based on type of project, market conditions, historic preservation, environmental conditions, location site, or other factors.

3. Capacity and Capability

- Information regarding project team's past capability to meet schedules, meet budgets and meet project administration requirements.
- Indicate relationship of the firm's/project team's current work load to the projected workload of this project and personnel in the New Mexico Office.
- Identify key consultant team members who would work with the County. Indicate the team's competence and experience with planning an affordable housing plan.

4. Past Record of Performance

- Describe contracts and other agreements with government agencies or private industry where Offeror control budgets and schedules of projects of similar scope.
- Describe the team's past experience(s) with 4% LIHTC applications, including award status.
- Provide a minimum of three (3) project related that have been completed within the last three (3) years where the Offeror provided similar services with name of client(s) point-of-contact and telephone number or e-mail.
- Describe and particular difficulties confronted in past projects and how the Offeror addressed and resolved issues.

5. Proximity to or Familiarity with Site Location

- Demonstrate the firm's proximity to and familiarity with Santa Fe County in which this project will be located.

6. New Mexico Produced Work

- It is Santa Fe County's goal to support New Mexico owned businesses. Indicate the volume of work by percentage to be produced by New Mexico firm(s), using New Mexico based employees.

7. Offeror's proposal contains a valid NM State Resident Business Certificate, the preference in accordance with §13-4-2 NMSA 1978, will be applied.
8. Offeror's proposal contains a valid NM State Resident Veteran Business Certificate, the preference in accordance with §13-4-2 and §13.1-22 NMSA 1978, will be applied.
9. Offeror's proposal contains a valid Santa Fe County Preference Certificate, the preference in accordance with Santa Fe County Ordinance #2012-4, will be applied.

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 following points:

- 1. Introduction..... **200 points**
- 2. Evidence of Understanding the Scope of Work **300 points**
- 3. Capacity and Capability **200 points**
- 4. Past Record of Performance **200 points**
- 5. Proximity to or Familiarity with Site Location **50 points**
- 6. New Mexico Produced Work..... **50 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

**Financial Consultant Services for the Nueva Acequia
Affordable Housing Development**

RFP No. 2022-0090-HA/APS

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 Specialist Senior no later than close of business on **November 10, 2021**. 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.

Amanda Patterson-Sanchez, Procurement Specialist Senior
Santa Fe County Purchasing Division
102 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
(505) 505-992-6753
(505) 989-3243
apatterson-sanchez@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 _____, 2021.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

**APPENDIX D
SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

**Service Agreement Between Santa Fe County
and _____ for a Financial Consultant Services for the Nueva Acequia
Affordable Housing Development**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2021, by and between **SANTA FE COUNTY** (the “County”), a political subdivision of the state of New Mexico, and _____ (the “Contractor”).

WHEREAS, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-125 (B) (Small purchases), the County issued Request for Proposals, RFP 2022-0090-HA/APS; and

WHEREAS, the County Housing Authority requires assistance to help with the development of an affordable housing plan.; and

WHEREAS, based upon the evaluation criteria established in the Request for Proposals to select the most qualified offeror, the County has determined the Contractor as the most responsive and highly rated 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:

The services provider should supply the necessary tools and staff to complete these services.

2. DELIVERABLES

- Provide access to all data collected, along with Santa Fe County specific data, that will assist in future resource management planning
- Provide a final report outlining hours worked and activities completed

3. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- A. The parties agree that all tasks set forth in Section 1 (Scope of Services), of this Agreement shall 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 from time to time request changes in the scope of work 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, shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Agreement.

4. COMPENSATION, INVOICING AND SET-OFF

- A. In consideration of its obligations under this Agreement, the Contractor shall be compensated as follows:
- 1) The total amount payable to the Contractor under this Agreement shall not exceed \$, exclusive of New Mexico gross receipts tax.
 - 2) This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the work 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 shall 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 shall be the Santa Fe County Housing Authority, P.O. Box 276, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, (505) 995-2774 or such other individual as may be designated in the absence of the County representative.
 - 2) The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County may not make any payment hereunder unless and until it has issued a written certification accepting the contractual services or deliverables.
 - 3) Within 30 days of the issuance of a written certification accepting the services or deliverables, the County shall 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 shall 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 shall not foreclose the right of the County to recover excessive or illegal payment.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

This Agreement shall, upon due execution by all parties, become effective as of the date first written above and shall terminate one year from such date, unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 5 (Termination) or Section 6 (Appropriations and Authorizations). After the initial term, the County has the option to extend the term of this Agreement in one month increments.

5. TERMINATION

- A. Termination of Agreement for Cause. Either party may terminate the Agreement based upon any material breach of this Agreement by the other party. The non-breaching party shall give the breaching party written notice of termination specifying the grounds for the termination. The termination shall be effective 30 days from the breaching party's receipt of the notice of termination, during which time the breaching party shall have the right to cure the breach. If, however, the breach cannot with due diligence be cured within 30 days, the breaching party shall 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 shall specify the effective date of termination, which shall not be less than 15 days from the Contractor's receipt of the notice. The County shall pay the Contractor for acceptable work, determined in accordance with the specifications and standards set forth in this Agreement, performed before the effective date of termination but shall not be liable for any work 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 shall terminate upon written notice by the County to the Contractor. Such termination shall be without penalty to the County, and the County shall 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 shall 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 are independent contractors and are not employees or agents of the County. Accordingly, the Contractor and its agents and employees shall 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 shall 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 shall be null and void and without any legal effect.

9. SUBCONTRACTING

The Contractor shall 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 shall be null and void and without any legal effect.

10. PERSONNEL

- A. All work performed under this Agreement shall 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) shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationships with the County and (ii) shall be fully qualified and licensed or otherwise authorized or permitted under federal, state, and local law to perform such work.

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 shall be kept confidential and shall 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 shall 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, covenants, and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such agreements, covenants and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior or contemporaneous agreement, covenant or understandings, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall 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 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW; CHOICE OF LAW

- A. In performing its obligations hereunder, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.
- B. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Santa Fe County Ordinance 2014-1 (Establishing a Living Wage).
- C. This Agreement shall 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 shall 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, and hold harmless the County and its elected officials, agents, and employees from any losses, liabilities, damages, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments, costs or expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorneys' fees) 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 shall 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 shall 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 shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent of the law.

23. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall 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
 Housing Authority
 Attn:
 P.O. Box 276
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

To the Contractor:

24. CONTRACTOR’S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants 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 shall constitute a binding obligation of the Contractor.
- B. This Agreement and Contractor’s obligations hereunder 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 shall maintain such registration and licensure in good standing throughout the duration of the Agreement.

25. FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

The parties hereto agree that a facsimile 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 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. The 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 \$1,000,000.00 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 shall 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 shall increase the maximum limits of any insurance required herein.

D. Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.

28. PERMITS, FEES, AND LICENSES

Contractor shall 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, et seq.

30. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

The Contractor agrees to compute and submit simultaneous with execution of this Agreement a Campaign Contribution Disclosure form approved by the County.

31. APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

The Contractor hereby irrevocably appoints Krista Kelley, Motiva Corporation, 1225 South St. Francis Drive, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505 as its agent upon whom process and writs in any action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement may be served. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that service upon its designated agent shall have the same effect as though the Contractor were actually and personally served within the state of New Mexico.

32. 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 hereto.

SANTA FE COUNTY

Katherine Miller
Santa Fe County Manager

Date

Approved as to form:

Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date

Finance Department:

Yvonne S. Herrera
Finance Director

Date

CONTRACTOR

Signature

Date

(Print Name and title)

