

## SECTION 2 - STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. **Genesee County Purchasing Regulations:** All procurements are conducted in accordance with the Genesee County Purchasing Regulations, a copy of which is on file and available for inspection at the Genesee County Purchasing Department, 1101 Beach Street, Room 343, Flint, Michigan, 48502.
2. **Evaluation and Award:** The contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the County, based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP. Genesee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal, and to negotiate with the apparent successful offeror in the best interest of Genesee County.
3. **Discussion with Responsible Offerors and Revisions to Proposals:** Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of, and conformance to, the solicitation requirements. If provided in the RFP, revisions of proposals may be permitted after submissions and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. Unless otherwise indicated in the Request for Proposals, Genesee County reserves the right to award the contract in whole or in part, by item, by group of items, or by section where such action serves the best interests of Genesee County.
4. **Cancellation; Rejection of Proposals:** The Request for Proposals may be canceled by Genesee County at any time for any reason. Any proposal received may be rejected in whole or in part when in the best interests of Genesee County.
5. **Receipt of Proposals:** It is solely the responsibility of the offeror to assure the timely receipt of its proposal at the location indicated in the proposal announcement. **LATE PROPOSALS AND PROPOSALS SENT BY FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
6. **Proposal Considerations:** All costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP or any costs prior to approval of the contract by Genesee County and formal notification to the selected proposer will be the responsibility of the respondent and will not be reimbursed by Genesee County. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's ability to meet the requirements of this RFP.
7. **Tax:** Genesee County is a Michigan Municipal Corporation and, as such, it is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and Michigan Sales Tax.
8. **Non-Discrimination:** The successful proposer/Contractor covenants that it will not discriminate against an employee or applicant of employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual identity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, height,

weight, marital status or a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position, and that it will require the same non-discrimination assurances from any subcontractor who may be used to carry out duties described in this contract. Contractor covenants that it will not discriminate against businesses that are owned by women, minorities, or persons with disabilities in providing services covered by this Contract, and that it shall require the same assurances from subcontractors. Breach of this covenant shall be regarded as a material breach of this contract.

9. **Performance Bond:** If a performance bond is required, the bond must be issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan.
10. **Conflict of Interest:** Each offeror, by submitting a proposal, represents that the offeror has no knowledge that any employee, representative or agent of the offeror is a County employee who has directly or indirectly participated on behalf of the County in the contemplated procurement, or that any County employee who has so participated or any member of such an employee's immediate family has a financial interest pertaining to the contemplated procurement from the offeror, and represents that the offeror reasonably believes that no employee, representative or agent of offeror is a County employee who has so participated and that no County employee who has so participated or member of that employee's immediate family has a financial interest in the contemplated procurement from the offeror.
11. **Inspection:** All goods are received subject to inspection and testing. If goods are defective or fail to meet the RFP's specifications, Genesee County shall have the right to reject the goods or to correct the defects. The contractor shall pay Genesee County for expenses incurred in correcting defects. Rejected goods will be held for forty-five days after delivery awaiting instructions from the contractor. After the forty-five-day period, Genesee County will dispose of the goods without further liability to Genesee County. The contractor is responsible for the costs of handling, packing, and transportation incurred in returning or disposing of defective or non-conforming goods.
12. **Offeror's Representations:** Each offeror, by submitting a proposal, represents as follows:
  - 1) That the offeror has read and understood the RFP documents and has submitted its proposal in accordance therewith.
  - 2) That the proposal has been submitted by a duly authorized owner, partner, or corporate officer.
  - 3) That the proposal submitted has been prepared independently without collusion, agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with any other supplier of the goods or services described in the RFP, designed to limit independent offers or competition.

13. **Insurance:** Each offeror shall at all times maintain in full force and effect for the duration of the term of the agreement the insurance coverage as listed in the contract. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted doing business in the State of Michigan, having an AM Best rating of at least A- and acceptable to Genesee County. In addition, the County reserves the right to modify or waive at any time any applicable insurance requirements based on the scope of services provided at the discretion of the County's Risk Manager or other authorized representative of the County.
14. **Indemnification:** The successful offeror shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Genesee County and its officers and employees from and against all claims, losses, damages, and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract.
15. **Warranty:** The offeror warrants that all goods and services furnished under a contract resulting from this RFP shall be in conformance with the RFP documents, and that the goods are of merchantable quality as described in the Uniform Commercial Code, Section 2-314, and fit for the purpose for which they are sold. This warranty is in addition to any manufacturer's standard warranty which may apply or any warranty provided by law, and is in addition to all other express warranties made by the offeror.
16. **Applicable Law:** Any contract resulting from the RFP shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. Unless otherwise provided in the contract documents, the contractor shall secure and pay for all permits, fees, duties, licenses, inspections, and approvals necessary for the execution and completion of the contract. The contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the contract.
17. **Right to Inspect:** Genesee County may, at reasonable times, inspect the plant, place of business, or work site of a contractor or subcontractor which is pertinent to the performance of a contract or potential contract.
18. **Right to Audit:** Genesee County may, at reasonable times and places, audit the books and records of any contractor who has submitted cost or pricing data as a part of its proposal, to the extent that such books and records are pertinent to such cost or pricing data for a period of three years from the date of final payment under the contract. Genesee County shall be entitled to audit the books and records of a contractor or subcontractor other than a firm fixed-price contract to the extent that such books and records are pertinent to the performance of such contract or subcontract. Such books and records shall be maintained by the contractor for a period of three years from the date of final payment under a prime contract and by the subcontractor for a period of three years from the date of final payment under a subcontract.
19. **Safety** Genesee County, as the owner of the premises where the service or work is to be performed, or as the purchaser of goods received, requires that all applicable Michigan Occupational Health & Safety (MIOSHA) Rules and

Regulations are followed by your employees and that the goods meet the applicable safety regulation. All Center of Disease Control guidelines (CDC) incorporated by reference within the MIOSHA regulations must be followed.

The following County buildings were all built prior to 1981. In accordance with OSHA regulations, you must consider that “presumed asbestos containing materials” (“PACM”) exist in these buildings.

Animal Shelter	County Courthouse
County Administration Building	Mt. Morris 67th District Court Building

Based on the above, Contractors are notified that their workers must be properly trained and accredited in accordance with OSHA regulation 29CFR 1910.

20. **Proposal Modifications:** Clarifications, modifications, or amendments to any Proposal that has been submitted, may be made only prior to the Proposal Opening Date and subject to the discretion and written approval of the County Controller.
21. **Withdrawal of Proposal:** Proposals may only be withdrawn by a proposer with written notice prior to the date and time set for the opening of proposals.
22. **Right To Reject:** Genesee County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to this RFP.
23. **Errors, Omissions, And Discrepancies:** If a Proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the RFP, it shall immediately notify the Genesee County Purchasing Manager of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document prior to the deadline for submitting questions. Genesee County will make modifications by issuing a written addendum. The proposer is responsible for clarifying any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the Request for Proposals prior to submitting a proposal or it shall be waived.
24. **Best and Final Offers:** Discussions may be undertaken with those proposers whose proposal, based on the evaluation criteria stated herein, has been determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. After discussions are held, and prior to award, proposers may be allowed the opportunity to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

During the aforementioned procedures, neither the names of any of the proposers nor the contents of any proposal will be disclosed until the completion of negotiations and revision of proposals (Best and Final Offers).

The contract that may be entered into will be awarded based on the proposal response and, where applicable, the Best and Final Offer that is the most advantageous to Genesee County, per the evaluation criteria included in this RFP.

25. **Prime Contractor Responsibilities:** The successful offeror(s) shall be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in the proposal regardless of who produces them. Further, the County will consider the successful offeror to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract.
26. **Non-assignability:** This contract may not be assigned, transferred, or conveyed by the Contractor without the express written consent of Genesee County.
27. **Independent Contractor:** It is understood and agreed to, by and between the Contractor and Genesee County, that any and all acts that the Contractor or its personnel, employees, and servants perform pursuant to the terms of the Contract shall be undertaken as independent contractors and not as employees of Genesee County by or with a contract or agreement, nor impose any liability upon Genesee County. All acts and contracts of the Contractor shall be in its own name and not in the name of Genesee County.
28. **Subcontracts:**  
The Contractor shall obtain prior written approval from Genesee County for any subcontract with parties other than the Contractor for performance of work under this Agreement. A condition of granting such approval is that the subcontractors must agree to all conditions and provisions of this Agreement. The Contractor shall remain primarily responsible for the performance of all subcontractors.
29. **Termination for Misrepresentation:** If the successful proposer receives a contract and is subsequently found to have misrepresented any information in its proposal and/or Best and Final Offer submission, the contract may be terminated at the discretion of Genesee County.
30. **Acceptable Deviations:** The decision of Genesee County shall be final as to what constitutes acceptable deviations from specifications or requirements.
31. **News Release:** News releases pertaining to this RFP or the services to which it relates shall not be made without prior written Genesee County approval, and then only in accordance with the instructions from the contract administrator. No information regarding the procurement and services shall be released without prior approval of the contract administrator.