LAKE COUNTY
FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

Lake County Department of Health Telecommunication Systems Upgrade

ITB Number:	12-0424	**Contracting Officer:**	Sandra Rogers
Bid Due Date:	April 4, 2012	**Pre-Bid Conf. Date:**	See Section 1.4
Bid Due Time:	3:00 p.m.	**ITB Issue Date:**	March 15, 2012

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SPECIFIC SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS ARE AS NOTED BELOW:	
Proposal and/or Performance Bond:	Not applicable to this solicitation
Certificate of Competency/License:	Section 1.16
Indemnification/Insurance:	Section 1.8
Pre-Bid Conference/Walk-Thru:	Not applicable to this solicitation

At the date and time specified above, all bids that have been received in a timely manner will be opened, recorded, and accepted for consideration. The names of the bidders submitting bids will be read aloud and recorded. The bids will be available for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of Procurement Services thirty (30) calendar days after the official bid due date. When counter-signed by an authorized County representative, this document and any specifically identified attachments may form the contract document binding the parties to all performance specified herein.

Vendors shall complete and return the entirety of this ITB Document, and attach all other information requested in this ITB document (See Provision 1.13). Failure to sign the bid response, or to submit the bid response by the specified time and date, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

NO-RESPONSE REPLY

If any vendor does not want to respond to this solicitation at this time, or, would like to be removed from Lake County's Vendor List, please mark the appropriate space, complete name below and return this page only.

☐ Not interested at this time; keep our firm on Lake County's Vendors List for future solicitations for this product / service

☐ Please remove our firm from Lake County's Vendor's List for this product / service.

VENDOR IDENTIFICATION

Company Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Section 1.1: Purpose

The Lake County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting bids from an Adtran authorized vendor for the purchase of Adtran equipment to complete a network that is already in place at the Lake County Department of Health.

Section 1.2: Designated Procurement Representative

Questions concerning any portion of this solicitation shall be directed in writing [fax and e-mail accepted] to the below named individual who shall be the official point of contact for this solicitation. To ensure reply, questions should be submitted no later than five (5) working days before the bid due date.

Sandra Rogers, Contracting Officer
Lake County BCC
Office of Procurement Services
315 W. Main Street, Room 441
PO BOX 7800
Tavares, FL 32778-7800

Phone : 352.343.9832
Fax : 352.343.9473
E-mail: srogers@lakecountyfl.gov

No answers given in response to questions submitted shall be binding upon this solicitation unless released in writing as an addendum to the solicitation by the Lake County Office of Procurement Services.

Section 1.3: Method of Award - To a Single Vendor

Award of this contract will be made to the responsive, responsible vendor who submits an offer on all items listed in the solicitation and which represents the lowest price when all items are added in the aggregate. If a vendor fails to submit an offer on all items, its overall offer will be rejected. The County will award the total contract to a single vendor.

Section 1.4: Pre-Bid Conference / Site Visits

Not applicable to this solicitation

Section 1.5: Term of Contract - Upon Acceptance of Goods or Services

The performance period under this contract shall commence upon the date of the purchase order or related Notice To Proceed and shall remain in effect until such time as the commodities, equipment and/or services acquired in conjunction with this solicitation and resulting contract have been delivered and/or completed, and accepted by the County's authorized representative, and will then remain in effect until completion of the expressed and/or implied warranty periods.

Section 1.6: Option to Renew

Not applicable to this solicitation

Section 1.7: Method of Payment - Invoice for Single Delivery

The vendor shall submit an invoice to the County user department(s) that requested the items through a purchase order. The date of the invoice shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the delivery of the goods or services. Under no circumstances shall the invoice be submitted to the County in advance of the delivery and acceptance of the items. In addition to the general invoice requirements stated below, the invoice shall reference, or include a copy of, the corresponding delivery ticket number or packing slip number that was signed by an authorized representative of the County user department at the time the items were delivered and accepted.

All invoices shall contain the contract and/or purchase order number, date and location of delivery or service, and confirmation of acceptance of the goods or services by the appropriate County representative. Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment, and the vendor may be considered in default of contract and its contract may be terminated. Payments shall be tendered in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

Section 1.8: Insurance

Each vendor shall include in its solicitation response package proof of insurance capabilities, including but not limited to, the following requirements: [This does not mean that the vendor must have the coverage prior to submittal, but, that the coverage must be in effect prior to a purchase order or contract being executed by the County.]

An original certificate of insurance, indicating that the awarded vendor has coverage in accordance with the requirements of this section, shall be furnished by the vendor to the Contracting Officer within five (5) working days of such request and must be received and accepted by the County prior to contract execution and/or before any work begins.

The vendor shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of any contract, without cost or expense to the County, policies of insurance, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and which are acceptable to the County, insuring the vendor against any and all claims, demands or causes of action whatsoever, for injuries received or damage to property relating to the performance of duties, services and/or obligations of the vendor under the terms and provisions of the contract. The vendor is responsible for timely provision of certificate(s) of insurance to the County at the certificate holder address evidencing conformance with the contract requirements at all times throughout the term of the contract.

Such policies of insurance, and confirming certificates of insurance, shall insure the vendor is in accordance with the following minimum limits:

General Liability insurance on forms no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Occurrence Form Commercial General Liability policy (CG 00 01) of the Insurance Services Office or

equivalent without restrictive endorsements, with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Occurrence/General Aggregate	$500,000
Products-Completed Operations	$500,000
Personal & Adv. Injury	$500,000
Fire Damage	$50,000
Medical Expense	$5,000
Contractual Liability	Included

Automobile liability insurance, including owned, non-owned, and hired autos with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Combined Single Limit	$300,000
or	
Bodily Injury (per person)	$100,000
Bodily Injury (per accident)	$300,000
Property Damage	$100,000

Workers' compensation insurance based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and/or any other applicable law requiring workers' compensation (Federal, maritime, etc). If not required by law to maintain workers compensation insurance, the vendor must provide a notarized statement that if he or she is injured, he or she will not hold the County responsible for any payment or compensation.

Employers Liability insurance with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Accident	$100,000
Disease-Each Employee	$100,000
Disease-Policy Limit	$500,000

Professional liability and/or specialty insurance (medical malpractice, engineers, architect, consultant, environmental, pollution, errors and omissions, etc.) as applicable, with minimum limits of $500,000 and annual aggregate of $1,000,000.

The following additional coverage must be provided if a dollar value is inserted below:

Loss of Use at coverage value: $ _____
Garage Keepers Liability at coverage value: $ _____

Lake County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners, shall be named as additional insured as their interest may appear on all applicable liability insurance policies.

The certificate(s) of insurance, shall provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County of any change, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the provided insurance. It is the vendor's specific responsibility to ensure that any such notice is provided within the stated timeframe to the certificate holder.

If it is not possible for the Vendor to certify compliance, on the certificate of insurance, with all of the above requirements, then the Vendor is required to provide a copy of the actual policy endorsement(s) providing the required coverage and notification provisions.

Certificate(s) of insurance shall identify the applicable solicitation (ITB/RFP/RFQ) number in the Description of Operations section of the Certificate.

Certificate holder shall be:

LAKE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
P.O. BOX 7800
TAVARES, FL 32778-7800

Certificates of insurance shall evidence a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County, that coverage shall be primary and noncontributory, and that each evidenced policy includes a Cross Liability or Severability of Interests provision, with no requirement of premium payment by the County.

The Vendor shall be responsible for subcontractors and their insurance. Subcontractors are to provide certificates of insurance to the prime vendor evidencing coverage and terms in accordance with the Vendor's requirements.

All self-insured retentions shall appear on the certificate(s) and shall be subject to approval by the County. At the option of the County, the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such self-insured retentions, or the vendor or subcontractor shall be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.

The County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money, which may represent a deductible or self-insured retention in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible or self-insured retention shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor and/or sub contractor providing such insurance.

Failure to obtain and maintain such insurance as set out above will be considered a breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract for default.

Neither approval by the County of any insurance supplied by the vendor or Subcontractor(s), nor a failure to disapprove that insurance, shall relieve the vendor or Subcontractor(s) of full responsibility for liability, damages, and accidents as set forth herein.

Section 1.9: Bonding Requirements

Not applicable to this solicitation

Section 1.10: Completion of Work From Date Of Purchase Order

The vendor shall state in its offer the number of calendar days from the date of the purchase order in which it will guarantee to complete the work. Time for completion may be considered a factor in determining the successful vendor if so stipulated in Section 1.3 entitled "Method of Award". The completion date shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days after date of purchase order.

All work shall be performed in accordance with good commercial practice. The work schedule and completion dates shall be adhered to by the vendor(s), except in such cases where the completion date will be delayed due to acts of God, strikes, or other causes beyond the control of the vendor. In these cases, the vendor shall notify the County of the delays in advance of the original completion so that a revised delivery schedule can be appropriately considered by the County.

Should the vendor(s) to whom the contract(s) is awarded fail to complete the work within the number of days stated in its offer, or the "not-to-exceed" timeframe cited above, it is hereby agreed and understood that the County reserves the authority to cancel the contract with the vendor and to secure the services of another vendor to complete the work. If the County exercises this authority, the County shall be responsible for reimbursing the vendor for work which was completed and found acceptable to the County in accordance with the contract specifications. The County may, at its option, demand payment from the vendor, through an invoice or credit memo, for any additional costs over and beyond the original contract price which were incurred by the County as a result of having to secure the services of another vendor. If the incumbent vendor fails to honor this invoice or credit memo, the County may terminate the contract for default.

Section 1.10.1: Shipping Terms, F.O.B. Destination- Inside Delivery

The F.O.B. point for any product ordered as a result of this solicitation shall be **F.O.B.: DESTINATION – INSIDE DELIVERY.** The title for each item will pass from the contractor to the County only after the County receives AND accepts each item. Delivery will not be complete until the County has accepted each item. Delivery to a common carrier shall not constitute delivery to the County. Any transportation dispute shall be between the contractor and the carrier. The County will not consider any bid or proposal showing a F.O.B. point other than F.O.B.: Destination – Inside Delivery.

Section 1.10.2: Back Order Delays in Delivery Shall Not Be allowed

The County shall not allow any late deliveries attributed to product back order situations under this contract. Accordingly, the vendor is required to delivery all items to the County within the time specified in this solicitation and resulting contract; and no grace period on account of back order situations shall be honored, unless written authorization is issued by the user department, and a new delivery date is mutually established. In the event that the vendor fails to deliver the products within the time specified, the County reserves the right to cancel the order, seek the items from another vendor, and charge the incumbent vendor for any re-procurement costs. If

the vendor fails to honor these re-procurement costs, the County may terminate the contract for default.

Section 1.11: Acceptance of Goods or Services

The product(s) delivered as a result of an award from this solicitation shall remain the property of the contractor, and services rendered under the contract will not be deemed complete, until a physical inspection and actual usage of the product(s) and/or service(s) is (are) accepted by the County and shall be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.

Any goods and/or services purchased as a result of this solicitation and/or contract may be tested/inspected for compliance with specifications. In the event that any aspect of the goods or services provided is found to be defective or does not conform to the specifications, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract or initiate corrective action on the part of the vendor, to include return of any non-compliant goods to the vendor at the vendor's expense, requiring the vendor to either provide a direct replacement for the item, or a full credit for the returned item. The vendor shall not assess any additional charge(s) for any conforming action taken by the County under this clause. The County will not be responsible to pay for any product or service that does not conform to the contract specifications.

In addition, any defective product or service or any product or service not delivered or performed by the date specified in the purchase order or contract, may be procured by the County on the open market, and any increase in cost may be charged against the awarded contractor. Any cost incurred by the County in any re-procurement plus any increased product or service cost shall be withheld from any monies owed to the contractor by the County for any contract or financial obligation.

Section 1.12: Warranty

The vendor agrees that, unless expressly stated otherwise in the bid or proposal, the product and/or service furnished as a result of an award from this solicitation shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the vendor gives to any customer for comparable quantities of products and/or services and the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to said warranty and do not limit any right afforded to the County by any other provision of this solicitation.

The vendor hereby acknowledges and agrees that all materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the vendor in conjunction with this solicitation and resultant contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose.

Section 1.12.1: Materials Shall be New and Warranted Against Defects

The vendor hereby acknowledges and agrees that all materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the vendor in conjunction with this solicitation and resultant contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose. In the event any of the materials supplied to the County by the vendor are found to be defective or do

not conform to specifications: (1) the materials may be returned to the vendor at the vendor's expense and the contract cancelled or (2) the County may require the vendor to replace the materials at the vendor's expense.

Section 1.13 Delivery and Completion of Solicitation Response

Section 1.13.1: Delivery of Solicitation Response

Unless a package is delivered by the vendor in person, all incoming mail from the U.S. Postal Service and any package delivered by a third party delivery organization (FedEx, UPS, DHL, private courier, etc.) will be opened for security and contamination inspection by the Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court Mail Receiving Center in an off-site secure controlled facility prior to delivery to any Lake County Government facility, which includes the Lake County Office of Procurement Services.

To be considered for award, a bid or proposal must be received and accepted in the Office of Procurement Services prior to the date and time established within the solicitation. A response will not be considered for award if received in the Office of Procurement Services after the official due date and time regardless of when or how it was received by the Lake County Clerk of Court Mail Receiving Center. Allow sufficient time for transportation and inspection.

Each package shall be clearly marked with the applicable solicitation number, title, and company name. Ensure that your bid or proposal is securely sealed in an opaque envelope/package to provide confidentiality of the bid or proposal prior to the due date stated in the solicitation.

If you plan on submitting your bid or proposal **IN PERSON**, please bring it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
315 W. MAIN STREET
4TH FLOOR, ROOM 441
TAVARES, FLORIDA

If you submit your bid or proposal by the **UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS),** please mail it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
PO BOX 7800
TAVARES, FL 32778-7800

If you submit your bid or proposal by a **THIRD PARTY CARRIER** such as FedEx, UPS, or a private courier, please send it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
MAIL RECEIVING CENTER
32400 COUNTY ROAD 473
LEESBURG, FL 34788

Facsimile (fax) or electronic submissions (e-mail) will not be accepted.

Section 1.13.2: Completion Requirements for Invitation to Bid

One (1) signed original bid and one (1) complete copies of the bid submitted by the vendor shall be sealed and delivered to the Office of Procurement Services no later than the official bid due date and time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the submitter. The County is not liable or responsible for any costs incurred by any Bidder in responding to this ITB including, without limitation, costs for product and/or service demonstrations if requested.

When you submit your bid, you are making a binding offer to the County and are agreeing to all of the terms and conditions in this Invitation to Bid. Use only the form(s) provided in this document. If you make any change to the content or format of any form, the County may disqualify your offer. All information shall be legible and either written in ink or typewritten. If you make a correction or change on any document, the person signing the bid proposal must initial the change. The bid shall be manually signed in **BLUE INK** by an official authorized to legally bind the Bidder to its provisions.

COMPLETION OF BID PACKAGE: The vendor shall complete all required entries in Section 4 of the bid form such as, but not limited to, pricing pages, signature, certifications, references, and acknowledgement of any solicitation addenda. The vendor shall submit the entire solicitation with all Section 4 entries completed in the number of copies specified to the address specified in this solicitation. The vendor shall also submit any supporting documents (to include proof of insurability and provision of bid bonds as required), samples, and/or descriptive literature required by any of the provisions in Section 2 of the solicitation in a separate sealed envelope / package marked "Literature for Bid (Number)." Do not indicate bid prices on literature.

Specific Completion Directions:

- Pricing shall be completed as directed within Section 4..
- Initial and date in **BLUE INK** the appropriate space(s) for each addendum you received for this ITB.
- Insert any prompt payment discount that you will offer. Note payment is NET 30 DAYS otherwise.
- Complete all certifications included within Section 4 of the solicitation.
- Complete the reference information sheets (include at least three references) contained within the solicitation.
- Complete the vendor information, and sign the bid (IN BLUE INK) in the spaces provided in Section 4 of the solicitation.
- If insurance is required, submit either a certificate of insurance, or evidence of insurability, that is in compliance with the stated insurance requirements.

Section 1.14: Additional Quantity of Items or Units (One Time Purchase)

Although this solicitation and resultant contract states a specific or an estimated number of items or units to be purchased by the County, it is understood and agreed that the County may purchase additional items or units from the vendor; provided that these additional items or units represent the same manufacturer, model or brand, and unit price stipulated within the contract.

In addition, it is understood and agreed that the County may, within six (6) months after the terms and conditions of this contract have been fulfilled through the delivery and acceptance of the items, purchase via separate purchase order, additional items or units from the vendor; provided that these additional items or units represent the same manufacturer, model or brand, unit price, in compliance with all other terms and conditions stipulated in the contract.

Section 1.15: Business Hours of Operations

No work shall be done on Saturday, Sunday, or on any days between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:59 A.M. except when such work is necessary for the proper care and protection of the work already performed, and when permission to do such work is secured from the County Department representative. No overtime work shall be started without prior approval of the immediate project manager or his/her designated representative.

Section 1.16: Certificate of Competency/Licensure, Permits, and Fees

Any person, firm, corporation or joint venture that submits an offer in response to a County solicitation shall, at the time of such offer, hold a valid Certificate of Competency or appropriate current license issued by the State or County Examining Board qualifying said person, firm, corporation or joint venture to perform the work proposed. If work for other trades is required in conjunction with this solicitation and will be performed by a sub-contractor(s) or vendor(s) hired by the prime/responding vendor, an applicable Certificate of Competency/license issued to the sub-contractor(s)/hired vendor(s) shall be submitted with the prime/responding vendor's offer; provided, however, that the County may at its option and in its best interest allow the prime/responding vendor to supply the sub contractor(s)/hired vendor(s) certificate/license to the County during the offer evaluation period. The prime/responding vendor is responsible to ensure that all required licenses, permits, and fees (to include any inspection fees) required for this project are obtained and paid for, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building or other code requirements applicable to the work contemplated herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the County or the vendor for failure to obtain required licenses, permits, inspection or other fees, or inspections shall be borne by the vendor.

Section 1.17: "Equal" Product Cannot be Considered

The specific items listed in this solicitation are the only products that will be accepted under this solicitation because these items are formally approved/authorized by the County.

This solicitation contains the current specifications or Qualified Products List that identifies the specific products that are qualified for purchase under this specific solicitation. "Equal" products shall not be considered.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

General Information:

This equipment must be Adtran with no exceptions. No "equal" product will be considered. All items must be new equipment with no substitutions.

Vendors must submit pricing for all items below to be considered for award.

Lake County Telecommunications hold the UC Specialization certification and no ACES UCD Installation is required.

This ITB is for materials only. No labor will be included. Lake County Telecommunications will install and maintain all equipment.

3.1 DEFINITIONS

Addenda: A written change to a solicitation.
Bid: Shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid.
Bidder: Shall refer to anyone submitting a bid in response to an Invitation to Bid.
Contract: The agreement to perform the services set forth in this solicitation. The contract will be comprised of the solicitation document signed by both parties with any addenda and other attachments specifically incorporated.
Contractor: The vendor to which award has been made.
County: Shall refer to Lake County, Florida.
Invitation to Bid (ITB): Shall mean this solicitation document, including any and all addenda. An ITB contains well-defined terms, conditions, and specifications, and is awarded to the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder.
Modification: A written change to a contract.
Responsible: Refers to a bidder that has the capacity and capability to perform the work required under an Invitation to Bid, and is otherwise eligible for award.
Responsive: Refers to a bidder that has taken no exception or deviation from the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in an Invitation to Bid.
Solicitation: The written document requesting either bids or proposals from the marketplace.
Vendor: A general reference to any entity responding to this solicitation or performing under any resulting contract.

The County has established that the words "shall", "must", or "will" are equivalent within this ITB and indicate a mandatory requirement which shall not be waived by the County.

3.2 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. Bidder Qualification

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the solicitation are encouraged to submit bids. To be recommended for award the County requires that vendors provide evidence of compliance with the requirements below upon request:

1. Disclosure of Employment
2. Disclosure of Ownership
3. Drug-Free Workplace
4. W-9 and 8109 Forms – The vendor must furnish these forms upon request as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
5. Social Security Number – The vendor must provide a copy of the primary owner's social security card if the social security number is being used in lieu of the Federal Identification Number (F.E.I.N.)
6. Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.)
7. Conflict of Interest
8. Debarment Disclosure Affidavit
9. Nondiscrimination
10. Family Leave
11 Antitrust Laws – By acceptance of any contract, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust laws.

B. Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

C. Request for Additional Information

Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the procurement representative identified in the solicitation no later than five (5) working days prior to the bid due date. Such inquiries shall contain the requester's name, address, and telephone number. The Procurement Services Office may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to bid opening, which changes, adds to, or clarifies the terms, provisions, or requirements of the solicitation. The bidder should not rely on any statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure receipt and to acknowledge all addenda and any accompanying documentation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid from being considered for award

D. Contents of Solicitation and Bidders' Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the bidder to become thoroughly familiar with the requirements, terms, and conditions of this solicitation. Stated unawareness of contractual terms and conditions will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County or the amount to be paid to the vendor.

E. Restricted Discussions

From the date of issuance of this solicitation until final County action, vendors should not discuss the solicitation with any employee, agent, or any other representative of the County except as authorized by the designated procurement representative. The only communications that shall be considered pertinent to this solicitation are written documents from the vendor addressed to the designated procurement representative and relevant documents promulgated by the designated procurement representative.

F. Change to, Withdrawal of , or Mistake in, Bid

Changes to Bid - Prior to bid opening, a bidder may change its bid by submitting a new bid with notice on the firm's letterhead, signed by an authorized agent, stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain all information as required for submitting the original bid.

Withdrawal of Bid - A bid may be withdrawn, either physically or by written notice, at any time prior to the bid due date. If withdrawn by written notice, that notice must be addressed to, and received by, the designated procurement representative prior to the bid due date and time. A bid may also be withdrawn after expiration of the specified bid acceptance period, and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the designated procurement representative. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the bidder.

Mistake in Bid - Any allegation of mistake in Bid shall be treated on a case-by-case basis. It is to be assumed that any alteration in bid price after receipt of bids will be exceptional in nature, and will be allowed only when substantiated by current legal precedence.

G. Conflicts within the Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between contractual terms and conditions, the technical specifications, the pricing section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: last addendum issued, the pricing section, the technical specifications, the special, and then general conditions. It is incumbent upon the vendor to identify such conflicts prior to the bid response date.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

It is the policy of the County that payment for all purchases by County agencies shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments will be made on late payments in accordance with Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, known as the Florida Prompt Payment Act. The bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation. Bidders are requested to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the signature page of the solicitation.

3.3 PREPARATION OF BIDS

A. The Pricing Section of this solicitation defines the goods or services to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the bid. Use of any other form or alteration of

the form may result in the rejection of the bid.

B. The bid submitted must be legible, and completed using typewriter, computer or ink. Any entry change must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the bid to be rejected.

C. An authorized agent of the bidder's firm must sign the bid. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID MAY RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**

D. The bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

E. The bidder may submit alternate bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate bid marked "Alternate Bid".

F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.

G. Any bid received after the stipulated bid due date and time through no fault of the County will be considered late, and except under the most exceptional circumstances, not be considered for award.

H. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination.

3.4 COLLUSION

Where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a bid for the same contract, or evidence any prior understanding, agreement, or connection in such regard, such bids shall be presumed to be collusive. Related parties shall mean bidder or principals thereof that have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one bidder have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder for the same contract. Bids found to be collusive shall be rejected. Bidders which have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible, and may be suspended or debarred. Any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

3.5 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The vendor warrants that they have not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the vendor to solicit or secure the contract and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the vendor, any consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the contract.

3.6 CONTRACTING WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Any County employee or member of his or her immediate family seeking to contract with the County shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the County Attorney prior to submittal of a response to contract with the County. The affected employee shall disclose the employee's assigned function within the County and interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract.

3.7 INCURRED EXPENSES

This solicitation does not commit the County to award nor be responsible for any cost or expense which may be incurred by any bidder in preparing or submitting a bid, or any cost or expense incurred prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract.

3.8 COUNTY IS TAX-EXEMPT

The County is generally exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and all State of Florida sales and use taxes. The County will sign an exemption certificate if submitted by the contractor. Contractors doing business with the County are not exempt from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor shall any contractor be authorized to use any of the County's Tax Exemptions in securing such materials.

3.9 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of a bid will be available for public inspection in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (the "Public Record Act."). The bidder should not submit any information which the bidder considers proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with any solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any protection from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt or confidential under the Public Records Act.

3.10 CANCELLATION OF SOLICITATION

The County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any Invitation to Bid when it is in the best interest of the County.

3.11 AWARD

A. Unless otherwise allowed by statute or ordinance, award will be made to the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive non-material irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.

B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County. This provision specifically supersedes any method of award criteria stated in the solicitation when such action is clearly necessary to protect the best interests of the County.

C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is determined that prices are excessive or determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.

D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work is not amended.

E. Award will only be made to firms that satisfy all legal requirements to do business with the County. The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the bidder's site or conduct a pre-award qualification meeting to determine the responsibility and capacity of the bidder to perform. Award may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the solicitation.

F. The bidder's performance as prime or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the responsibility of a responding bidder.

G. The Director of Procurement Services will decide all tie bids in consonance with current written procedure in that regard.

H. A vendor wishing to protest any award decision resulting from this solicitation shall do as provided for in the County's Purchasing Procedure Manual.

3.12 GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties and of their respective successors and permitted assigns. The contract may not be amended, released, discharged, rescinded or abandoned, except by a written instrument duly executed by each of the parties hereto. The failure of any party hereto at any time to enforce any of the provisions of the contract will in no way constitute or be construed as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision hereof, nor in any way affect the validity of, or the right thereafter to enforce, each and every provision of the contract. Any dispute arising during the course of contract performance that is not readily rectified by coordination between the vendor and the County user department shall be referred to Procurement Services office for resolution.

3.13 OTHER AGENCIES

With the consent of the vendor, other agencies may make purchases in accordance with the contract. Such purchases shall be

governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein with the exception of the change in agency name.

3.14 CONTRACT EXTENSION
The County has the unilateral option to extend a contract for up to ninety (90) calendar days beyond the current contract period. In such event, the County will notify the vendor(s) in writing of such extensions. The contract may be extended beyond the initial ninety (90) day extension upon mutual agreement between the County and the vendor(s). Exercise of the above options requires the prior approval of the Director of Procurement Services.

3.15 WARRANTY
All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the vendor against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the vendor shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty period. The special conditions of the solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

3.16 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES
Estimated quantities or dollars are for bidder's guidance only. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollar value that will be used during the contract period. The County is not obligated to place any order for a given amount subsequent to the award of this solicitation. The County may use estimated quantities in the award evaluation process. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other entities that may utilize this contract. In no event shall the County be liable for payments in excess of the amount due for quantities of goods or services actually ordered.

3.17 NON-EXCLUSIVITY
It is the intent of the County to enter into an agreement that will satisfy its needs as described within this solicitation. However, the County reserves the right to perform, or cause to be performed, all or any of the work and services herein described in the manner deemed to represent its best interests. In no case will the County be liable for billings in excess of the quantity of goods or services actually provided under this contract.

3.18 CONTINUATION OF WORK
Any work that commences prior to, and will extend, beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the County and the vendor, continue until completion without change to the then current prices, terms and conditions.

3.19 LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND LICENSES
The vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to provision of the goods and/or services specified in this solicitation. During the term of the contract the vendor assures that it is in compliance with Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, in that the vendor does not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status, discrimination in any form or manner against the end/or employees or applicants for employment. The vendor understands that any contract is conditioned upon the veracity of this statement.

3.20 SUBCONTRACTING
Unless otherwise stipulated herein, the vendor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default.

3.21 ASSIGNMENT
The vendor shall not assign or transfer any contract resulting from this solicitation, including any rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County. This provision specifically includes any acquisition or hostile takeover of the awarded vendor. Failure to comply in this regards may result in termination of the contract for default.

3.22 RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER
The employee(s) of the vendor shall be considered at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County, The contractor shall provide employee(s) capable of performing the work as required. The County may require the contractor to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the contractor may be required to wear appropriate identification.

3.23 INDEMNIFICATION
To the extent permitted by law, the vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the vendor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The vendor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The vendor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the vendor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

3.24 MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT
Any contract resulting from this solicitation may be modified by mutual consent of duly authorized parties, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the contract and/or purchase order as appropriate. This presumes the modification itself is in compliance with all applicable County procedures.

3.25 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE
The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the vendor shall not incur any additional costs under this contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the vendor prior to notice of termination. The County shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

3.26 TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING FUNDING
When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a current or subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be cancelled and the vendor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred amortized in the price of the supplies or services/tasks delivered under the contract.

3.27 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT
The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or effect other appropriate remedy in the event the vendor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the vendor in accordance with the County ordinances, resolutions and/or administrative orders. The vendor will be notified by letter of the County's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement cost shall be borne by the vendor.

3.28 FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION
Any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The County as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation or entity with such vendor held responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

3.29 RIGHT TO AUDIT
The COUNTY reserves the right to require CONTRACTOR to submit to an audit by any auditor of the COUNTY's choosing. CONTRACTOR shall provide access to all of its records which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. CONTRACTOR shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the COUNTY for three (3) years following expiration of the Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the COUNTY to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards. Additionally, CONTRACTOR agrees to include the requirements of this provision in all contracts with subcontractors and material suppliers in connection with the work performed hereunder. If an audit inspection or examination pursuant to this section discloses overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY in excess of one percent (1%) of the total contract billings, in addition to making adjustments for the overcharges, the reasonable actual cost of the COUNTY's audit shall be reimbursed to the COUNTY by the CONTRACTOR. Any adjustments and/or payments which must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the CONTRACTOR's invoices and/or records shall be made within a reasonable amount of time, but in no event shall the time exceed ninety (90) days, from presentation of the COUNTY's audit findings to the CONTRACTOR.

3.30 PUBLIC RECORDS/ COPYRIGHTS
All electronic files, audio and/or video recordings, and all papers pertaining to any activity performed by the vendor for or on behalf of the County shall be the property of the County and will be turned over to the County upon request. In accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, each file and all papers pertaining to any activities performed for or on behalf of the County are public records available for inspection by any person even if the file or paper resides in the vendor's office or facility. The vendor shall maintain the files and papers for not less than three (3) complete calendar years after the project has been completed or terminated, or in accordance with any grant requirements, whichever is longer. Prior to the close out of the Contract, the vendor shall appoint a records custodian to handle any records request and provide the custodian's name and telephone number(s) to the County.
Any copyright derived from this Agreement shall belong to the author. The author and the CONSULTANT shall expressly assign to the COUNTY nonexclusive, royalty free rights to use any and all information provided by the CONSULTANT in any deliverable and/or report for the COUNTY's use which may include publishing in COUNTY documents and distribution as the COUNTY deems to be in the COUNTY's best interests. If anything included in any deliverable limits the rights of the COUNTY to use the information, the deliverable shall be considered defective and not acceptable and the CONSULTANT will not be eligible for any compensation.

3.31 GOVERNING LAWS
The interpretation, effect, and validity of any contract(s) resulting from this solicitation shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Florida, and Lake County, Florida. Venue of any court action shall be in Lake County, Florida. In the event that a suit is brought for the enforcement of any term of the contract, or any right arising there from, the parties expressly waive their respective rights to have such action tried by jury trial and hereby consent to the use of non-jury trial for the adjudication of such suit.

3.32 STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
Any corporation submitting a bid in response to this ITB shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes. A copy of the registration/ application may be required prior to award of a contract. Any partnership submitting a bid in response to this ITB shall have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes. For additional information on these requirements, please contact the Florida Secretary of State's Office, Division of Corporations, 800.755.5111 (http://www.dos.state.fl.us).

3.33 PRIME CONTRACTOR
The vendor awarded the contract shall act as the prime contractor and shall assume full responsibility for successful performance of the contract. The vendor shall be considered the sole point of contact with regard to meeting all requirements of the contract. All subcontractors will be subject to advance review by the County in regards to competency and security concerns. After the award of the contract no change in subcontractors will be made without the consent of the County. The vendor shall be responsible for all insurance, permits, licenses, and related matters for any and all subcontractors. Even if the subcontractor is self-insured, the County may require the contractor to provide any insurance certificates required by the work to be performed.

3.34 FORCE MAJEURE
The parties will exercise every reasonable effort to meet their respective obligations hereunder, but shall not be liable for delays resulting from force majeure or other causes beyond their reasonable control, including, but not limited to, compliance with revisions to Government law or regulation, acts of nature, acts or omissions of the other party, fires, strikes, national disasters, wars, riots, transportation problems and/or any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of the parties. Any such cause may be cause for appropriate extension of the performance period.

3.35 NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES
No claim for damages or any claim other than for an extension of time shall be made or asserted against the County because of any delays. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension, or delay in the commencement or progress of the Work shall relieve the vendor of duty to perform, or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the County. The vendor's sole remedy shall be the right to seek an extension to the contract time. However, this provision shall not preclude recovery of damages by the vendor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith, or active interference on the part of the County.

3.36 TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE
For all agreements exceeding $150,000, the firm awarded the agreement may be required to execute a truth in negotiation certificate stating that the wage rates and other factual unit costs are accurate, complete and current, at the time of contracting.

3.37 GRANT FUNDING
In the event any part of the contract is to be funded by federal, state, or other local agency monies, the vendor hereby agrees to comply with all requirements of the funding entity applicable to the use of the monies, including full application of requirements involving the use of minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Vendors are advised that payments under the contract may be withheld pending completion and submission of all required forms and documents required of the vendor pursuant to the grant funding requirements. A copy of the requirements shall be supplied to the vendor by the County upon request.

ITB TITLE: Lake County Department of Health Telecommunication Systems Upgrade

NOTES:

- Lake County is exempt from all taxes (Federal, State, Local). Pricing should be less all taxes. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished upon request.
- The vendor shall not alter or amend any of the information (including, but not limited to stated units of measure, item description, or quantity) stated in the Pricing Section. If any quantities are stated in the pricing section as being "estimated" quantities, vendors are advised to review the "Estimated Quantities" clause contained in Section 3 of this solicitation.
- Each price offered in your bid shall be a firm-fixed price, exclusive of any tax. Any bid containing a modifying or "escalator" clause not specifically allowed for under the solicitation will not be considered.
- All pricing shall be FOB Destination unless otherwise specified in this solicitation document.
- All pricing submitted shall remain valid for a 90 day period. By signing and submitting a response to this solicitation, the vendor has specifically agreed to this condition.
- **Vendors are advised to visit our website at http://www.lakecountyfl.gov and register as a potential vendor. Vendors that have registered on-line receive an e-mail notice when the County issues a solicitation matching the commodity codes selected by a vendor during the registration process.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Part I or Part II, whichever applies

Part I:

The bidder must list below the dates of issue for each addendum received in connection with this ITB:

Addendum #1, Dated: March 20, 2012 MB 4-4-12

Addendum #2, Dated: _____

Addendum #3, Dated: _____

Addendum #4, Dated: _____

Part II:

☐ No Addendum was received in connection with this ITB.

LAKE COUNTY
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ADDENDUM NO. 1

Date: March 20, 2012

Request For Proposal 12-0424

LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure their receipt of all addenda, and to clearly acknowledge all addenda within their initial bid or proposal response. Acknowledgement may be confirmed either by inclusion of a signed copy of this addendum with the initial bid or proposal response, or by completion and return of the addendum acknowledgement section of the solicitation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid or proposal from being considered for award.

This addendum ___ does _X_ does not change the date for receipt of bids or proposals.

Question 1): Are the (250) 5ft. Cat. 6 Ethernet Cables (Green) and the (100) 20ft. Cat. 6 Ethernet Cables (Black) with or without boots?
Answer 1): Without

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Typed/Printed Name: _____

PRICING SECTION

Vendors must submit pricing for all items below to be considered for award.

Complete PBX Network			Quote	Quote
Part #	Qty	Main Description	Unit	Extended
1200796E1	5	NV 7100 POE Switch	2,495.09	12,475.45
4200796G1#UC	2	NV 7100 POE with UC BCS BNDL	3,445.34	6,890.67
1955020TSG1	2	UC (2) Text to Speech channels	977.40	1,954.80
1200740E1	2	NV 6355 POE Switch - Proxy	1,789.19	3,578.37
1700595G1	7	NV 1234 POE	784.64	5,492.45
4242908L1	2	TA-908e Router / Gateway	1,433.76	2,867.52
1200695L1	2	VIM - PRI	217.20	434.40
1200690E1	6	VIM - 4 Port FXS	217.20	1,303.20
1202691G1	6	VIM - 4 Port FXO	217.20	1,303.20
1202692G1	6	VIM - 2 Port FXO / 2 Port FXS	217.20	1,303.20
1200769E1#B	225	Adtran IP-706 Phones	135.21	30,421.58
1200758E1	6	Polycom IP-650 Phones	280.73	1,684.39
1200747G1	18	Polycom IP-650 Add-on Modules	199.28	3,587.06
2612QC/QC	7	Circa Telecom 12 position base	97.35	681.45
5S-AP	75	Oneac 5S-AP	9.12	683.78
5 Foot	250	5 Foot Cat 6 Ethernet Cables (Green)	2.82	704.45
20 Foot	100	20 Foot Cat 6 Ethernet Cables (Black)	5.91	591.00
BR1500G	6	APC - Back-UPS RS 1500	206.74	1,240.45
Shipping	1	Total cost to drop ship equipment		0.00
		Totals		77,197.37

By checking this space: __x___; vendor confirms that this is an Adtran certified dealer.

By Signing this Bid the Bidder Attests and Certifies that:

- It satisfies all legal requirements (as an entity) to do business with the County.
- The undersigned vendor acknowledges that award of a contract may be contingent upon a determination by the County that the vendor has the capacity and capability to successfully perform the contract.
- The bidder hereby certifies that it understands all requirements of this solicitation, and that the undersigned individual is duly authorized to execute this bid document and any contract(s) and/or other transactions required by award of this solicitation.

Certification Regarding Acceptance of County Electronic Payable Process
Vendor will accept payment using the County's VISA- based electronic payment system: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Purchasing Agreements with Other Government Agencies
This section is optional and will not affect contract award. If Lake County awarded you the proposed contract, would you sell under the same terms and conditions, for the same price, to other governmental agencies in the State of Florida? Each governmental agency desiring to accept to utilize this contract shall be responsible for its own purchases and shall be liable only for materials or services ordered and received by it. ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check one)

Certification Regarding Felony Conviction
Has any officer, director, or an executive performing equivalent duties, of the bidding entity been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years? ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check one)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Certification
Except as listed below, no employee, officer, or agent of the firm has any conflicts of interest, real or apparent, due to ownership, other clients, contracts, or interests associated with this project; and, this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a proposal for the same services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

_____

DUNS Number (Insert if this action involves a federal funded project): _____

General Vendor Information and Bid Signature:

Firm Name: QCC DBA CenturyLink
Street Address: 1313 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32301
Mailing Address (if different): _____
Telephone No.: 850-599-1670 Fax No.: 850-847-0940 E-mail: michelle.w.bryant@centurylink.com
FEIN No. 04 - 6141739 Prompt Payment Terms: NA % NA days, net 30
Signature: Michelle Bryant Date: April 4, 2012
Print Name: Michelle W. Bryant Title: Premier Account Manager

Award of Contract by the County: (Official Use Only)

By signature below, the County confirms award to the above-identified vendor under the above identified solicitation. A separate purchase order will be generated by the County to support the contract.

Vendor awarded as:

☒ Sole vendor ☐ Pre-qualified pool vendor based on price
☐ Pre-qualified pool vendor (spot bid) ☐ Primary vendor for items: _____
☐ Secondary vendor for items: _____ ☐ Other status: _____
Signature of authorized County official: Sandra Rogers Date: 5-9-2012
Printed name: Sandra Rogers Title: Contracting Officer
Purchase Order Number assigned to this contract for billing purposes: _____

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED

Attachment 1: Work References

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WORK REFERENCES

Agency	State Board of Administration
Address	1801 Hermatige Blvd
City,State,ZIP	Tallahassee, FL 32301
Contact Person	James Linn
Telephone	850-413-1166
Date(s) of Service	08/2010 - Current
Type of Service	CS1000E, PRI
Comments:	

Agency	Florida Lottery
Address	250 Marriett Drive
City,State,ZIP	Tallahassee, FL 32399
Contact Person	Rebecca Bruce
Telephone	850-487-7777 x2153
Date(s) of Service	11/2010 - Current
Type of Service	CS1000E PRI Centex, BCM
Comments:	

Agency	Florida Department of Health
Address	4052 Bald Cypress Way
City,State,ZIP	Tallahassee, FL 32399
Contact Person	Marlan Blair
Telephone	850-245-4400
Date(s) of Service	04/2005 - Current
Type of Service	CS1000, PRI, Centrex, Call Center, Voice Mail
Comments:	

CenturyLink Exceptions

Section 1.12: Warranty
The vendor agrees that, unless expressly stated otherwise in the bid or proposal, the product and/or service furnished as a result of an award from this solicitation shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the vendor gives to any customer for comparable quantities of products and/or services and the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to said warranty and do not limit any right afforded to the County by any other provision of this solicitation.
The vendor hereby acknowledges and agrees that all materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the vendor in conjunction with this solicitation and resultant contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose.

Century Response:

For CPE: CenturyLink has read, understands, and will comply to the extent such warranties are provided by the manufacturer of the CPE and related software and are permitted to be passed through to the customer.

Section 1.13.2: Completion Requirements for Invitation to Bid
One (1) signed original bid and one (1) complete copies of the bid submitted by the vendor shall be sealed and delivered to the Office of Procurement Services no later than the official bid due date and time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the submitter. The County is not liable or responsible for any costs incurred by any Bidder in responding to this ITB including, without limitation, costs for product and/or service demonstrations if requested.

When you submit your bid, you are making a binding offer to the County and are agreeing to all of the terms and conditions in this Invitation to Bid. Use only the form(s) provided in this document. If you make any change to the content or format of any form, the County may disqualify your offer. All information shall be legible and either written in ink or typewritten. If you make a correction or change on any document, the person signing the bid proposal must initial the change. The bid shall be manually signed in **BLUE INK** by an official authorized to legally bind the Bidder to its provisions.

CenturyLink Response:

CenturyLink does not agree to the terms and conditions in this Invitation to Bid that CenturyLink has changed or taken exception. If the County elects to continue discussions with CenturyLink or to subsequently award the RFP to CenturyLink, then the County is deemed to acknowledge and accept the above limitation.

General Terms and Conditions 3.2 G. Conflicts within the Solicitation
Where there appears to be a conflict between contractual terms and conditions, the technical specifications, the pricing section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: last addendum issued, the pricing section, the technical specifications, the special, and then general conditions. It is incumbent upon the vendor to identify such conflicts prior to the bid response date.

CenturyLink Response:

CenturyLink does not agree to the terms and conditions in this Invitation to Bid that CenturyLink has changed or taken exception. If the County elects to continue discussions with CenturyLink or to subsequently award the RFP to CenturyLink, then the County is deemed to acknowledge and accept the above limitation.

General Terms and Conditions 3.12 GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS
The contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties and of their respective successors and permitted assigns. The contract may not be amended, released, discharged, rescinded or abandoned,

except by a written instrument duly executed by each of the parties hereto. The failure of any party hereto at any time to enforce any of the provisions of the contract will in no way constitute or be construed as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision hereof, nor in any way affect the validity of, or the right thereafter to enforce, each and every provision of the contract. Any dispute arising during the course of contract performance that is not readily rectified by coordination between the vendor and the County user department shall be referred to Procurement Services office for resolution.

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General Terms and Conditions 3.15 WARRANTY
All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the vendor against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the vendor shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty period. The special conditions of the solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

CenturyLink Response

For CPE: CenturyLink has read, understands, and will comply to the extent such warranties are provided by the manufacturer of the CPE and related software and are permitted to be passed through to the customer.

General Terms and Conditions 3.23 INDEMNIFICATION
To the extent permitted by law, the vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the vendor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The vendor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The vendor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the vendor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

CenturyLink Response:

CenturyLink has read, understands, and will comply to the extent the liability, losses or damages are related to personal injury or death, or damage to personal tangible property caused by CenturyLink's negligence or willful misconduct and to the extent not caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the customer. CenturyLink's obligations under this provision are to defend customer and pay any final judgments assessed against customer. Furthermore, CenturyLink expressly disclaims any and all responsibility for content or data transmitted or any resulting claims. CENTURYLINK'S TOTAL AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE RESULTANT CONTRACT WILL IN NO EVENT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT (THE "DAMAGE CAP"): (A) FOR CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF PRODUCTS/MATERIALS, THE AMOUNT OF THE PRODUCTS/MATERIALS SET FORTH IN THE PURCHASE ORDER RELATING SOLELY TO THE AFFECTED PRODUCT/MATERIAL; (B) FOR CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF NONRECURRING SERVICES, THE AMOUNT OF THE SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE PURCHASE ORDER OR SOW; AND (C) FOR CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF RECURRING SERVICES, THREE MONTHS OF MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE AFFECTED COMPONENT.

General Terms and Conditions 3.30 PUBLIC RECORDS/ COPYRIGHTS
All electronic files, audio and/or video recordings, and all papers pertaining to any activity performed by the vendor for or on behalf of the County shall be the property of the County and will be turned over to the County upon request. In accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, each file and all papers pertaining to any activities performed for or on behalf of the County are public records available for inspection by any person even if the file or paper resides in the vendor's office or facility. The vendor shall maintain the files and papers for not less than three (3) complete calendar years after the project has been completed or terminated, or in accordance with any grant requirements, whichever is longer. Prior to the close out of the Contract, the vendor shall appoint a records custodian to handle any records request and provide the custodian's name and telephone number(s) to the County.
Any copyright derived from this Agreement shall belong to the author. The author and the CONSULTANT shall expressly assign to the COUNTY nonexclusive, royalty free rights to use any and all information provided by the CONSULTANT in any deliverable and/or report for the COUNTY's use which may include publishing in COUNTY documents and distribution as the COUNTY deems to be in the COUNTY's best interests. If anything included in any deliverable limits the rights of the COUNTY to use the information, the deliverable shall be considered defective and not acceptable and the CONSULTANT will not be eligible for any compensation.

CenturyLink Response:

CenturyLink does not believe this section applies. In the event this Section applies, CenturyLink provides Customer a limited license to use and disclose any information in the RFP response as required by law; however, Customer may not share or disclose CenturyLink-unique concepts, ideas, designs, solutions, or other information contained herein for purposes of allowing another vendor to provide the CenturyLink proposed solution.

General Terms and Conditions 3.33 PRIME CONTRACTOR
The vendor awarded the contract shall act as the prime contractor and shall assume full responsibility for successful performance of the contract. The vendor shall be considered the sole point of contact with regard to meeting all requirements of the contract. All subcontractors will be subject to advance review by the County in regards to competency and security concerns. After the award of the contract no change in subcontractors will be made without the consent of the County. The vendor shall be responsible for all insurance, permits, licenses, and related matters for any and all subcontractors. Even if the subcontractor is self-insured, the County may require the contractor to provide any insurance certificates required by the work to be performed.

CenturyLink Response:

CenturyLink does not believe this section applies. In the event this Section applies as CenturyLink will not be using subcontractors.