

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)



Issue Date: July 24, 2024

RFQ# 2025-RFQ-3081323

Title: Economic Development Strategic Plan

Issuing Agency: County of Albemarle
Purchasing Division
401 McIntire Road, Suite 248
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Using Department/Division and/or location where work will be performed: The Albemarle County Office of Economic Development.

Period of Contract: For ONE (1) Year from the Date of Executed Contract with the Option for FOUR (4) Additional One (1) Year Renewals.

Request for Quotations will be received until 2:00 PM **ET on August 13, 2024,** for furnishing the Goods/Services described herein.

All inquiries for information should be directed to: Vidhi Danak, Senior Procurement Specialist at vdanak@albemarle.org.

Quotations should be submitted electronically by the stated due date and time, through the [Albemarle County Procurement Intake Form](#) on the Albemarle County Procurement Solicitations Page:

<https://www.albemarle.org/government/finance/procurement/solicitations>.

Alternatively, a secure lockbox is available, at the exterior Visitors Entrance of the Issuing Agency, labeled Vendor/Contractor Bids or Proposals Only. Quotes may be placed in this box, prior to the established due date and time for each solicitation, or may be shipped/mailed, or hand delivered directly to the issuing agency shown above. **No Telephone or Faxed Quotes will be considered.**

If Quotations Are Emailed, Email To: Vidhi Danak at vdanak@albemarle.org with a copy to rfq@albemarle.org.

In compliance with this Request for Quotation and to all the conditions imposed therein, the undersigned offers and agrees to furnish the Goods/Services at the price(s) indicated herein.

By my signature on this solicitation, I certify that this firm/individual and subcontractor is properly licensed for providing the goods/services specified.

Name and Address of Firm:

Date: _____

By: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

(Signature In Ink)

Telephone Number: () _____

Name: _____

Fax Number: () _____

(Please Print)

E-mail Address: _____

Title: _____

Virginia Contractor License No. _____

I have the authority to bind the corporation.

Class: _____ Specialty Codes: _____

SMALL, WOMAN, MINORITY AND SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS: YES; NO

IF YES ⇒⇒ SMALL; WOMAN; MINORITY; SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED.

This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1 or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

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- I. PURPOSE: The Albemarle County Office of Economic Development is soliciting quotations from qualified firms to establish a contract for the services to develop a comprehensive five-year economic development strategic plan.
- II. BACKGROUND: The Albemarle County Office of Economic Development was established in 2015. The staff support the Office's mission to "attract additional financial resources into the community through responsible economic development activities that enhance the County's competitive position and result in quality job creation and career employment opportunities, increased tax base, enhanced natural resources and community character, and an improved quality of life for all residents," as established through the County's first economic development strategic plan, adopted in 2018. The Office also supports the work of the Albemarle County Economic Development Authority, which issues revenue bonds for private partners, provides local matching grant funds to companies receiving state grant funding, and supports public-private partnerships to advance the strategic plan's goals and objectives.

Albemarle County, VA has a population of approximately 115,000, and is projected to grow by approximately 1% per year over the next several decades. Albemarle's local economy is varied, with higher education (anchored by the University of Virginia), the defense sector (anchored by Rivanna Station), healthcare (anchored by the University of Virginia Health System and Sentara), and tourism focused on wine and historic/cultural resources (including Monticello). With the announcement of the Manning Institute for Biotechnology and the Charlottesville Biotech Accelerator projects, our region's biotechnology ecosystem is poised to expand in the near-term. Our workforce is highly educated, with 58% of 25+ year olds holding a bachelor's degree or higher. Nearly 65,000 jobs are located in Albemarle County. Only 5% of the County's 726 square miles is designated for dense development, with 95% of the County designated Rural Area, which supports agricultural production and the area's farm wineries and breweries.

- III. COMPETITION INTENDED: It is the County's intent that this Invitation for Bid (IFB) permits competition. It shall be the Bidder's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language requirement, specification, etc. or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this IFB to a single source, or otherwise restrict competition. All comments, questions, or requests for clarification, including any notification regarding restrictions to competition, must be received by the Purchasing Agent not later than seven (7) days prior to the date set for bids to close. Bidders may not rely on any oral explanations, clarifications, or changes to the solicitation. All explanations, clarifications, or changes will be issued in written form as detailed below. The [County] or [School Board] will not be bound by any oral statements.

All inquiries and any changes to the requirements of this solicitation shall be answered by issue of written addenda to the solicitation. It shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to acknowledge all addenda by signing and returning a copy of all addenda with the quote submission or by separate acknowledgement of each addendum by number and date, in writing. Offerors are advised to contact this office to confirm the number of addenda before the date established for bid opening. All addenda will be issued in a timely manner to allow sufficient time prior to due date of the quotes.

- IV. TERM OF CONTRACT/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:

The strategic plan development project shall begin in Fall 2024 with tentative delivery of the first draft of the plan/report in Spring 2025 and a final plan/report in Summer 2025. Term Contract for Advisory Services, if awarded, will be for one-year beginning date of ratified contract with the option to renew under the terms of the original contract for up to four (4) additional one-year terms if agreed upon in writing by both parties.

- V. SCOPE OF WORK: The contractor shall:

The contractor shall furnish all labor and resources to conduct an economic development strategic plan for Albemarle County and creating the final plan document for the five-year roadmap of the County's economic development work. The document will include:

- 3-5 goals and objectives for communicating the County's economic development strategy
- Robust technical appendices to document the data analysis, feedback summaries, and important information that informed the plan's development.

The contractor will undertake, as part of the plan's development, the following:

1. A full review and analysis of key demographic information and relevant economic indicators for the County, presented in context with at least 10 peer localities.
2. An analysis of existing target industry clusters and their associated workforce.
3. A review and deep understanding of the County's current situation with regard to opportunities and constraints with attention to, a) current/planned land use and zoning rules, b) national/regional trends in real estate development and c) trends in entrepreneurship and business development.
4. A review of state (Virginia Economic Development Partnership Innovative Framework), regional (Thomas Jefferson Planning District Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) and neighboring local economic development strategic plan documents to understand opportunities for alignment, collaboration, and segmentation.

5. An inclusive stakeholder engagement process to include elected/appointed officials and County staff, all levels of business from entrepreneurs to anchor institutions, the development community as well as residents and community support organizations. The engagement process can be multifaceted but must include in-person interaction between consultant and the various stakeholders.
6. A 5-year economic development strategic plan that includes a clear set of strategy goals (not more than 5), objectives and action items. The goals, objectives and actions should reflect stakeholder input, the team's research and analysis of the County's current conditions and current best practices in economic development.
7. The final plan should include a recommended set of easily understandable and obtainable measures to track progress on the overall health of the economy generally, and specifically to track progress on each objective.

A final report of professional quality to include the appropriate use of images and graphics accompanied by an easily understood narrative. A summary presentation featuring highlights of the strategy and suitable to a broad audience is also required. At a minimum, consulting teams will plan to be onsite in-person three times over the course of the project; 1) at project kickoff/research phase, 2) during stakeholder engagement, and 3) to present the final report.

Deliver 10 hard-copies of the finished report as well as digital files for posting to the webpage.

Additional Services: Offerors are requested to provide a statement regarding their willingness and availability to serve beyond the completion of the economic development strategic plan in an ongoing advisory role to assist with implementation and other related work. These additional services would result in a term contract for advisory services.

VI. QUOTE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. Quotations should be submitted electronically by the stated due date and time, or as modified by addendum hereto, through the [Albemarle County Procurement Intake Form](https://www.albemarle.org/government/finance/procurement/solicitations) on the Albemarle County Office of Procurement Solicitations Page: <https://www.albemarle.org/government/finance/procurement/solicitations>. Alternatively, a secure lockbox is available, at the exterior Visitors Entrance of the Issuing Agency, labeled *Vendor/Contractor Bids or Proposals Only*. Quotes may be placed in this box, prior to the established due date and time for each solicitation, or may be shipped/mailed, or hand delivered directly to the issuing agency shown above, by not later than the date and time established herein or as modified by an addendum hereto. *Regardless of the method of delivery, it shall be the Bidder's responsibility to ensure timely and accurate delivery. Bids delivered to the wrong location or received in the specified location late will not be considered.*
- B. Quotes must be provided by submission on the County forms and shall include acceptance of all County Terms and Conditions, expressly stated herein or incorporated by reference. Quote submission must include fully executed Attachments A, B, C, D & G along with narrative response to any technical factors listed in V – Scope of Work.
- C. Ownership of all data, materials, and documentation originated and prepared for the County pursuant to the RFQ shall belong exclusively to the County and be subject to public inspection in accordance with the *Virginia Freedom of Information Act*. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the *Virginia Freedom of Information Act*; however, the offeror must invoke the protections of *Virginia Code 2.2-4342(F)*, in writing, either before or at the time the data or other material is submitted. The written notice must specifically identify the data or materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that constitute trade secret or proprietary information. The classification of an entire quote document, line-item prices, and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable.
- D. All costs of proposal preparation and presentation shall be borne by each offeror. The County is not liable for any cost incurred by the offeror prior to issuance of a contract.
- E. AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS: Pursuant to *Virginia Code § 2.2-4311.2* and in accordance with Title 13.1, Title 50, or as otherwise required by law, a contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized by the State Corporation Commission to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity and shall maintain registration as current throughout the life of the awarded contract. Attachment C applies, an executed copy of which shall be included with your quote submission.

VII. EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD:

- A. Timely received quotes will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth below.
- B. Basis for Contract Award: The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the Offeror whose proposal is considered to provide the best value to the County, provided the offered quote is reasonable and is in the best interest of the

County to accept it and subject to the County's right to reject any and all offers and to waive an informality in the offer. Evaluation will be based on price and price related factors, as well as technical criteria as follows:

1. The proposed schedule, elements of the technical analysis, and the approach for identifying 3-5 plan goals.
2. The experience of the team in developing local government economic development strategic plans.

Information will be evaluated and scored through the following methodology:

Criteria	Point Value
Technical Factors	
The Proposed Schedule	5
Elements of the Technical Analysis	25
Approach for Identifying 3-5 Plan Goals	15
Team Qualifications	5
Pricing	
The ability to provide Best Value, end-to end cost-efficient service	50

- B. **THE CONTRACT:** The successful Offeror(s) shall be issued a County Prepared Purchase Order (PO) or may be awarded a contract in such form, terms and conditions if found at Attachment H hereto. **A County PO must be accepted by the awardee or, when used in lieu of a PO, the County contract shall be signed by the parties as a requirement to receive an award pursuant to this solicitation.** Any Offeror that requires, as policy of the Offeror, certain terms and conditions to be included in the contract shall provide such with the written proposal submission. Albemarle County Terms and Conditions shall take precedence over any conflicting Offeror terms and conditions. The County reserves the right to make multiple awards to multiple contractors, including awards at line-item pricing levels, as determined to be to the best advantage to the County.

VIII. PRE-QUOTE CONFERENCE: No pre-quote conference is scheduled for this solicitation.

IX. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. Refer to the General Terms and conditions located online at <https://www.albemarle.org/government/finance-and-budget/procurement/general-terms-and-conditions>.

X. SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. AUDIT: The contractor shall retain all books, records, and other documents relative to this contract for five (5) years after final payment, or until audited by the County of Albemarle, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or the County of Albemarle shall have full access to and the right to examine any of said materials during the said period.
- B. AWARD TO MULTIPLE OFFERORS: The County of Albemarle reserves the right to make multiple awards as a result of this solicitation. The award(s) will be made to the Offeror(s) meeting the requirements of the solicitation. The County of Albemarle reserves the right to conduct any tests it may deem advisable and to make all evaluations. The County of Albemarle also reserves the right to reject any or all offers, in whole or in part, to waive informalities and to delete items prior to making the award, whenever it is deemed in the sole opinion of the procuring public body to be in its best interest.
- C. COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING: This procurement is being conducted by County of Albemarle in accordance with the provisions of *Virginia Code* § 2.2-4304. Except for contracts for architectural and engineering services, if agreed to by the contractor, other public bodies may utilize this contract. The Contractor shall deal directly with any public body it authorizes to use the contract. Albemarle County, its officials and staff are not responsible for placement of orders, invoicing, payments, contractual disputes, or any other transactions between the Contractor and any other public bodies, and in no event shall the County, its officials or staff be responsible for any costs, damages or injury resulting to any party from use of an Albemarle County contract. The County of Albemarle assumes no responsibility for any notification of the availability of the contract for use by other public bodies, but the Contractor may conduct such notification.
- D. ERROR IN EXTENSION OF PRICES: In the case of error in the extension of prices the unit price shall govern.
- E. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT: Contract shall be for one-year beginning date of award with the option to renew under the terms of the original agreement for up to FOUR (4) additional one-year terms if agreed upon in writing

by both parties. Prior to the expiration date of the initial contract or any subsequent renewal, the Contractor may request price adjustments to be effective during the upcoming contract period. Price increases shall be limited to no more than the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), U. S. City Average, Other Services, for the most recently published twelve months as published by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The base price to which any adjustments will be made shall be the prices in effect during the contract term prior to the proposed term.

XI. METHOD OF PAYMENT: Payment will be made following the project kickoff, at mid-point – following the stakeholder engagement results and at completion - upon delivery of the final reports.

XII. PRICING SCHEDULE: Offeror shall include pricing information on ATTACHMENT A, QUOTATION FORM.

XIII ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A	Quotation Form
ATTACHMENT B	Offeror Data Sheet
ATTACHMENT C	State Corporation Commission & Registered Agent Form
ATTACHMENT D	Certification of No Collusion
ATTACHMENT E	Not Used
ATTACHMENT F	Insurance Requirements
ATTACHMENT G	Proprietary/Confidential Information Identification
ATTACHMENT H	Sample Contract Form

QUOTATION FORM

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Title: Economic Development Strategic Plan

Total Fixed Lump Sum for Services as per all terms, conditions and specifications herein.	\$ _____
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Submit Hourly Rates for the advisory support for the Strategic Plan implementation in the following format (add rows as needed):

Position Title	Rate/Hour

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the Offeror whose quote is considered to provide the best value to Albemarle County, provided the offered quote is reasonable and is in the best interest of Albemarle County to accept it and subject to the right to reject any and all offers and to waive an informality in the offer.

A County PO must be accepted by the awardee or, when used in lieu of a PO, the County contract shall be signed by the parties as a requirement to receive an award pursuant to this solicitation.

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS:

DATE: _____

QUOTE VALID THROUGH: _____

ATTACHMENT B

VENDOR DATA SHEET

Note: The following information is required as part of your response to this solicitation. Failure to complete and provide this sheet may result in finding your quotation nonresponsive.

1. Qualification: The vendor must have the capability and capacity in all respects to satisfy fully all of the contractual requirements.

2. Vendor's Primary Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

3. Years in Business: Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing this type of good or service:

_____ Years _____ Months

4. Vendor Information:

FIN or FEI Number: _____ If Company, Corporation, or Partnership

5. Indicate below a listing of at least four (4) current or recent accounts, either commercial or governmental, that your company is servicing, has serviced, or has provided similar goods. Include the length of service and the name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact.

A.	Company: _____	Contact: _____
	Phone: _____	Email: _____
	Dates of Service: _____	\$ Value: _____
B.	Company: _____	Contact: _____
	Phone: _____	Email: _____
	Dates of Service: _____	\$ Value: _____
C.	Company: _____	Contact: _____
	Phone: _____	Email: _____
	Dates of Service: _____	\$ Value: _____
D.	Company: _____	Contact: _____
	Phone: _____	Email: _____
	Dates of Service: _____	\$ Value: _____

I certify the accuracy of this information.

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION & REGISTERED AGENT FORM

Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) registration information.

Code of Virginia § 13.1-757. A foreign corporation may not transact business in the Commonwealth until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Commission.

The Offeror:

<input type="checkbox"/>	is a corporation or other business entity with the following Virginia SCC identification number: _____ -OR-
<input type="checkbox"/>	is not a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, registered limited liability partnership, or business trust - OR-
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>is not required to obtain a certificate of authority from the Virginia SCC, pursuant to <i>Virginia Code</i> § 13.1-757(B) because its sole contact(s) with the Commonwealth consist(s) of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining, defending, or settling any proceeding; 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Holding meetings of the board of directors or shareholders or carrying on other activities concerning internal corporate affairs; 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining accounts in financial institutions; 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange, and registration of the corporation's own securities or maintaining trustees or depositories with respect to those securities; 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Selling through independent contractors; 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Soliciting or obtaining orders, whether by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise, if the orders require acceptance outside this Commonwealth before they become contracts; 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Creating or acquiring indebtedness, deeds of trust, and security interests in real or personal property; 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Securing or collecting debts or enforcing deeds of trust and security interests in property securing the debts; and holding, protecting, or maintaining property so acquired; 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Owning, protecting, and maintaining property; 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting an isolated transaction that is completed within 30 consecutive days and that is not one in the course of similar transactions; 11. <input type="checkbox"/> For a period of less than 90 consecutive days, producing, directing, filming, crewing or acting in motion picture feature films, television series or commercials, or promotional films that are sent outside of the Commonwealth for processing, editing, marketing and distribution. The term "transacting business" as used in this subsection shall have no effect on personal jurisdiction under § 8.01-328.1; or 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Serving, without more, as a general partner of, or as a partner in a partnership which is a general partner of, a domestic or foreign limited partnership that does not otherwise transact business in the Commonwealth; or 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Transacting business in interstate commerce. -OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	is an out-of-state business entity that is including with this bid <u>an opinion of legal counsel</u> which accurately and completely discloses the undersigned bidder's current contacts with Virginia and describes why those contacts do not constitute the transaction of business in Virginia within the meaning of § 13.1-757 or other similar provisions in Titles 13.1 or 50 of the Code of Virginia. Attach opinion of legal counsel to this form.

Registered Agent Information

Please specify the Registered Agent who will accept service of process on your behalf.

Agent Name: _____

Physical Address (no Post Office Boxes):

I certify the accuracy of this information.

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATION OF NO COLLUSION

The undersigned, acting on behalf of _____, does hereby certify in connection with the procurement and bid to which this Certification of No Collusion is attached that:

This bid is not the result of, or affected by, any act of collusion with another person engaged in the same line of business or commerce: nor is this bid the result of, or affected by, any act of fraud punishable under Article 1.1 of Chapter 12 of Title 18.2 Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended (&&18.2-498.1 atseq.)

Signature of Company Representative

Name of Company

Date

CODE OF VIRGINIA

&18.2-498.4. Duty to provide certified statement. A. The Commonwealth, or any department or agency thereof, and any local government or any department or agency thereof, may require that any person seeking, offering or agreeing to transact business or commerce with it, or seeking, offering or agreeing to receive any portion of the public funds or moneys, submit a certification that the offer or agreement or any claim resulting thereon is not the result of, or affected by, any act of collusion with another person engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any act of fraud punishable under this article.

B. Any person required to submit a certified statement as provided in paragraph A above who knowingly makes a false statement shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony. (1980, c.472)

ATTACHMENT F

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. **INSURANCE:** By signing and submitting a proposal under this solicitation, the offeror certifies that if awarded the contract, it will purchase and maintain, at its sole expense, and from a company or companies authorized to do business within the Commonwealth of Virginia, insurance policies containing the following types of coverages and minimum limits, protecting from claims which may arise out of or result from the Offeror's performance or non-performance of services under this Contract, or the performance or non-performance of services under this Contract by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Offeror or for whose acts it may be liable:
- a. Workers' Compensation - Statutory requirements and benefits. Coverage is compulsory for employers of three or more employees, to include the employer. Businesses who hire subcontractors who will perform the same trade or are hired to fulfill contract requirements must include the subcontractor's employees when determining the total number of employees for workers compensation. A waiver of subrogation in favor of the County of Albemarle and its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers must be endorsed on the workers compensation policy. Contractors who fail to notify the County of increases in the number of employees that change their workers' compensation requirements under the Code of Virginia during the course of the contract shall be in noncompliance with the contract. This policy shall specifically list Virginia as a covered state.
 - b. Employer's Liability - \$1,000,000 each accident/\$1,000,000 each disease-policy limit/ \$1,000,000 each disease-each employee. This policy shall specifically list Virginia as a covered state.
 - c. Commercial General Liability - \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate limit, and a per project aggregate limit of \$2,000,000. CGL form CG 2010 11/85 edition or its equivalent is required to be endorsed to the commercial general liability policy. Commercial General Liability is to include bodily injury and property damage, personal injury, advertising injury, contractual liability, and premises, operations and products and completed operations coverage. The County of Albemarle and its officers, employees' agents and volunteers must be named as additional insureds and be so endorsed on the policy on a primary and non- contributory basis. CG 20 01 04 13 or its equivalent is required to be endorsed to the commercial general liability policy. A waiver of subrogation in favor of Albemarle County Government is required on the commercial general liability policy.
 - d. Automobile Liability - \$1,000,000 per accident. Coverage is to include hired, owned, non-owned, temporary, and leased vehicles. An additional insured endorsement in favor of the County of Albemarle and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers is required on the Commercial auto policy on a primary and non-contributory basis. CA 04 49 11 16 or its equivalent is required to be endorsed to the commercial auto policy. A waiver of subrogation naming the County of Albemarle and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers is also required on the commercial auto policy.
 - e. Umbrella Liability Coverage- minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 or greater; must be follow form and go over the underlying general liability, commercial auto and employer's liability policies. The County of Albemarle and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers must be named as additional insureds and be so endorsed on the umbrella policy on a primary and non-contributory basis. A waiver of subrogation naming the County of Albemarle and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers is also required on the umbrella policy.

All insurance coverage:

1. shall be issued by an insurance carrier authorized to do business within the Commonwealth of Virginia and rated A – VIII or better, by A. M. Best Company or equivalent rating from an alternate recognized ratings agency, and otherwise acceptable to the County;
2. shall be kept in force throughout performance of services;
3. shall be an occurrence-based policy; professional liability may be claims made basis;
4. shall include completed operations coverage;
5. shall contain a cross liability or severability of interest clause or endorsement. Insurance covering the specified additional insured shall be primary and non-contributory, and all other insurance carried by the additional insureds shall be excess insurance;
6. where additional insured required, such policy shall not have a restriction on the limits of coverage provided to the County as an additional insured. The County shall be entitled to protection up to the full limits of the offerors' policy regardless of the minimum requirements specified in the Contract.

Proof of Insurance: Prior to performance of any services or delivery of goods, the Offeror shall (i) have all required insurance coverage in effect; (ii) the Offeror shall deliver to the County certificates of insurance for all lines of coverage. The Offeror shall be responsible that such coverage evidenced thereby shall not be substantially modified or canceled without 30 days prior written notice to the County; and (iii) the Offeror shall deliver to the County endorsements to the policies which require the County and its officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers be named as "additional

insured". Policies which require this endorsement include: Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability and, umbrella or excess liability coverage as detailed below. Such endorsements must be approved by the County, and (iv) upon the request of the County, provide any other documentation satisfactory to the County in its sole discretion, evidencing the required insurance coverage, including but not limited to a copy of the insurance policy and evidence of payment of policy premiums. The Offeror shall require each of its subcontractors and suppliers to have coverage per the requirements herein in effect, prior to the performance of any services by such subcontractors and suppliers. Further, the Offeror shall ensure that all Required Insurance coverages of its subcontractors and suppliers is and remains in effect during performance of their services on the Project and certifies by commencement of the Work that this insurance and that of subcontractors is in effect and meets the requirements set forth herein. The County shall have no responsibility to verify compliance by the Offeror or its subcontractors and suppliers.

Effect of Insurance: Compliance with insurance requirements shall not relieve the Offeror of any responsibility to indemnify the County for any liability to the County, as specified in any other provision of this contract, and the County shall be entitled to pursue any remedy in law or equity if the Offeror fails to comply with the contractual provisions of this contract. Indemnity obligations specified elsewhere in this Contract shall not be negated or reduced by virtue of any insurance carrier's denial of insurance coverage for the occurrence or event which is the subject matter of the claim, or by any insurance carrier's refusal to defend any named insured.

Waiver of Subrogation: The Offeror agrees to release and discharge the County of and from all liability to the Offeror, and to anyone claiming by, through or under the Offeror, by subrogation or otherwise, on account of any loss or damage to tools, machinery, equipment or other property, however caused.

Sovereign Immunity: Nothing contained herein shall affect, or shall be deemed to affect, a waiver of the County's sovereign immunity under law.

Right to Revise or Reject: The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to revise any insurance requirement not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements, or reject any insurance policies which fail to meet the criteria stated herein. Additionally, the County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage due to its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

Umbrella or Excess Liability Coverage shall provide additional coverage limits over the underlying commercial general liability, commercial automobile, and employer's liability insurance with the broadest coverage available between the umbrella or excess liability policy and the underlying policies. This insurance shall name the County and its officials, officers, and employees and agents as "additional insureds" by **endorsement** to the Umbrella or Excess Liability policy on a primary and non-contributory basis. Such policy shall not have a restriction on the limits of coverage provided to the County of Albemarle as an additional insured. The County of Albemarle shall be entitled to protection up to the full limits of the Offeror's policy regardless of the minimum requirements specified in this contract.

Professional Liability Insurance (When Required): At its sole expense, and prior to commencing any activities under this Agreement, Offeror shall secure professional liability insurance, covering any damages caused by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the Offeror, its employees and agents in the performance of this Agreement, with coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim/\$2,000,000 aggregate ("Required Insurance"). Offeror shall maintain the Required Insurance in effect throughout the Term of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years following final acceptance of the Project by the County. Upon execution of this Agreement, Offeror shall provide the County with a certificate of insurance, or other written documentation satisfactory to the County in its sole discretion, issued by Offeror's insurance company(ies), confirming the Required Insurance and the beginning and ending date(s) of Contractor's policy(ies). Upon receipt of any notice, verbal or written, that the Required Insurance is subject to cancellation, Offeror shall immediately (within one business day) notify the County. Offeror's failure to comply with any of the requirements of this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement entitling the County to terminate this Agreement without notice to Offeror and without penalty to the County.

ATTACHMENT G

PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IDENTIFICATION

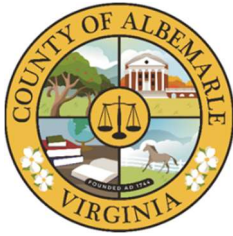
Name of Firm/Offeror: _____

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Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by an offeror shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the offeror must invoke the protections of § 2.2-4342F of the Code of Virginia, in writing, either before or at the time the data or other material is submitted. The written notice must specifically identify the data or materials to be protected including the section of the proposal in which it is contained and the page numbers, and state reasons why protection is necessary. The proprietary or trade secret material submitted must be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures or paragraphs that constitute trade secrets or proprietary information. In addition, a summary of proprietary information shall be submitted on this form. The classification of an entire proposal document, line item prices, and/or total proposal prices as proprietary or trade secrets is not acceptable.

SECTION/TITLE	PAGE NUMBER (S)	REASON(S) FOR WITHHOLDING FROM DISCLOSURE

SAMPLE



CONTRACT #«number»
«Company»
 «Address1»
 «Address2»
 «City», «State» «PostalCode»
«corporate status, as confirmed by SCC»
(Contractor)

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA,
a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,
 401 McIntire Road
 Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
(County)

This Agreement (the “Agreement” or “Contract”) made and entered into on this «AC executed Day» of «AC executed Month spelled out», «Signed Year» between the Contractor as identified above and the County, collectively, the Parties, hereby agree, in consideration of the mutual covenants and stipulations set forth below:

1. Scope of Work: Contractor agrees to perform such goods or services as specified in the County [Request for Proposals/Invitation for Bids] [RFP/IFB] # [20XX-IFB-XXXXXXX] documentation, and said [RFP/IFB] is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference and made a part of this Agreement. The detailed scope of work for this contract is included herewith as Exhibit A.
2. Incorporation of Documents and Order of Precedence: To the extent that it does not conflict with the terms of this agreement or the [RFP/IFB], the Contractor’s proposal/bid, dated [month day, year], is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. In the event that a conflict or ambiguity exists or is created between this Agreement, the [RFP/IFB], or Contractor’s proposal/bid, the terms of this Agreement first and the [RFP/IFB] second, if necessary, shall govern and supersede any such conflicting or ambiguous terms.
3. Payment/Consideration Schedule: In consideration of the work to be performed by Contractor, as set forth in the section entitled, “Scope of Work,” the County agrees to pay Contractor for completed and accepted work as ordered under this Contract upon receipt of a valid invoice and, if not subject to a contract claim or claim for additional compensation as described herein, as determined by the County. A valid invoice shall be an invoice submitted for completed and accepted work and shall include detailed hours worked under each rate category, each hour of equipment used, and the rates for each of the forgoing in accordance with Contract Exhibit B, attached hereto. Use the following sentences for term contracts wherein orders will be placed pursuant to rates established by said term contract. Prior to start of work, Contractor will provide, and the Parties shall agree to a not-to-exceed proposal for any project when requested by the County. The not-to-exceed proposal shall include estimated, detailed hours worked under each rate category, estimated hours for each category of equipment, [and the rates for each of the forgoing in accordance with contract Exhibit B, attached hereto.] [Detailed pricing and maximum liability to the County for this Agreement is included herewith as Exhibit B.]
4. Term: The County's requirements of the products/services hereinafter specified are for the term of date of contract award«Contrdate» and terminating 365 [or such completion date or period as determined by the solicitation/requirements] days after contract award, [with optional renewal clause for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms. Renewal shall not be automatic, and any and all extensions shall by written agreement and signed by both parties in the same manner as the Agreement was executed.]

5. Non-Appropriation: The continuation of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement beyond June 30 of any year, the end of the County's fiscal year, are subject to its approval and ratification by the County and appropriation by them of the necessary money to fund said contract for each succeeding year. In the event funds are not appropriated and budgeted in any fiscal year for payments due under this Agreement, the County shall immediately notify Contractor of such occurrence, and this Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal year for which appropriations were received without penalty or expense to the County of any kind whatsoever.
6. Preconditions to Obligation: It is understood and agreed between the parties to this contract that the County shall not be obligated to purchase or pay for materials by such contract unless and until they are ordered and delivered, and that quantities may be increased or decreased as required.
7. Faith-based Organizations: County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with Code of Virginia §2.2-4343.1.
8. Nondiscrimination: During the performance of this contract, Contractor agrees as follows:
 - A. Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of Contractor. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this Nondiscrimination clause.
 - B. Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Contractor, will state that Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - C. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
 - D. Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs A, B, and C in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
9. Drug-Free Workplace: During the performance of this contract, pursuant to Virginia Code Section § 2.2-4312, Contractor agrees to:
 - A. Provide a drug-free workplace for Contractor's employees.
 - B. Post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
 - C. State in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Contractor that Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace.
 - D. Include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

10. Compliance with Immigration Laws: Contractor agrees that he does not and shall not during the performance of this Agreement knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, §2.2-4311.1.
11. Business Entity Registration. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4311.2, Contractor shall be registered and authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 or as otherwise required by law. Contractor shall submit proof of such registration to the County. Additionally, Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50, to be revoked or canceled at any time during the term of the Agreement.
12. Compliance with All Laws: Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter adopted, in the performance of scope of work set forth herein. Contractor represents that it possesses all necessary licenses and permits required to conduct its business and will acquire any additional licenses and permits necessary for performance of this Agreement prior to the initiation of work.
13. Business License Requirement: If Contractor is a business located in Albemarle County, Virginia or at any time during the performance of this Agreement obtains situs for purposes of business license taxes, it shall be unlawful for such business to conduct or engage in such business, trade, or occupation without having first obtained the proper license from the Albemarle County Department of Finance. Contractor covenants that it has a business license where one is required to perform this Agreement.
14. Non-Assignment: All of the conditions and provisions in this Agreement shall extend to and bind the legal representatives, successors and assigns of the respective parties. Neither party to the Agreement shall assign or transfer their interest in the contract without the prior written consent of the other, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
15. Audit: The Contractor shall maintain full and accurate records with respect to all matters covered under the Agreement including, without limitation, accounting records, written policies and procedures, time records, telephone records, reproduction cost records, travel and living expense records and any other supporting evidence necessary to substantiate charges related to the Agreement. Contractor's records shall be open to inspection and subject to audit and/or reproduction, during normal working hours by the County and its employees, agents or authorized representatives to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of any invoices, payments, or claims submitted by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. Such records subject to examination shall also include, without limitation, those allocations as they may apply to costs associated with the contract. The County's employees, agents, or authorized representatives shall have access to the Contractor's facilities, shall have access to all necessary records, and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace, in order to conduct audits in compliance with this paragraph.
16. Termination with Cause: In the event that Contractor shall for any reason or through any cause be in default of the terms of this Agreement, the County may give Contractor written notice of such default by certified mail/return receipt requested at the address set forth in Section 20 herein. Unless otherwise provided, Contractor shall have ten (10) days from the date such notice is mailed in which to cure the default. Upon failure of Contractor to cure the default, County may immediately cancel and terminate this Agreement as of the mailing date of the default notice. Upon termination, Contractor shall withdraw its personnel and equipment, cease performance of any further work under the Agreement, and turn over to the County any work in process for which payment has been made. In the event of violations of law, safety or health standards and regulations, this Agreement may be immediately cancelled and terminated by County, and provisions herein with respect to opportunity to cure default shall not be applicable.

17. Termination without Cause: The County may at any time, and for any reason, terminate this Agreement by written notice to Contractor specifying the termination date, which shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date such notice is mailed. In the event of such termination, Contractor shall be paid such amount as shall compensate Contractor for the work satisfactorily completed, and accepted by County, at the time of termination. If County terminates this Agreement without cause, Contractor shall withdraw its personnel and equipment, cease performance of any further work under this Agreement, and turn over to County any work completed or in process for which payment has been made.
18. Choice of Laws and Venue: This Agreement shall be governed by the provisions hereof and by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, excepting the law governing conflicts of laws. Disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be resolved in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia in and for Albemarle County.
19. Indemnification and Hold Harmless: It is understood and agreed that Contractor hereby assumes the entire responsibility and liability for any and all damages to persons or property caused by or resulting from or arising out of any act or omission on the part of Contractor, its subcontractors, agents, or employees under or in connection with this Agreement or the performance or failure to perform any work required by this Agreement. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and its agents, volunteers, servants, employees, and officials from and against any and all claims, losses, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and litigation expenses suffered by any indemnified party or entity as the result of claims or suits due to, arising out of or in connection with (a) any and all such damages, real or alleged, (b) the violation of any law applicable to this Agreement, and (c) the performance of the work by Contractor or those for whom Contractor is legally liable. Upon written demand by the County, Contractor shall assume and defend at Contractor's sole expense any and all such suits or defense of claims made against the county, its agents, volunteers, servants, employees, or officials.
20. Notices: All notices and requests required or permitted hereunder shall be sent by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, and to be effective, shall be postmarked not later than the final date for giving of such notice, or such notices may be sent by commercial messenger service, in which event, to be effective, such notices shall be delivered to a commercial messenger service not later than the final date for giving such notice. Alternatively, notice can be sent electronically to the parties and email addresses listed below.

Notices for County shall be addressed as follows:

[name of your project manager]
[Name of school, department, or division]
[street/ mailing address]
[Charlottesville, VA 22902]
[email address of project manager]

With a copy to:

Allison McNally
Chief Procurement Officer
401 McIntire Rd., Room 248
Charlottesville, VA 22902
amcnally@albemarle.org

Notices for Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

[Contractor responsible party name]
[Contractor Business Name]
[street/ mailing address]
[City, State, zip]
[email address of the Contractor responsible party]

Such addresses may be changed at any time and from time to time by like written notice given by either party to the other.

21. Entire Agreement: This Agreement and the documents incorporated by reference and included expressly as Exhibits to this Agreement constitute the entire agreement between the Parties. This Agreement supersedes all prior written or oral agreements or proposals between the parties, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified except in a writing signed by both parties that is expressly stated to be an amendment hereto.
22. Independent Contractor: Contractor shall agree and covenant that it is and shall be at all times, an independent contractor and, as such, shall have and maintain complete control over all of its employees and operations. Neither the Contractor nor anyone employed by it shall be, represent, act, purport to act, or be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of the County. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to absolve or otherwise limit the Contractor's liability and responsibility to safely and correctly perform its duties under this Agreement.
23. Waiver: No failure of County to exercise any right or power given to it by law or by this Agreement or to insist upon strict compliance by Contractor with any of the provisions of this Agreement, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof, shall constitute a waiver of the County's right to demand strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
24. Interpretation: Whenever the context hereof shall require, the singular shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.
25. Severability: The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable, and should any one or more of such provisions be declared or adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be unaffected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.
26. Cooperative Procurement: This Agreement was awarded in accordance with Section 2.2-4304 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA), and in accordance with the Purchasing Manual of Albemarle County and the County. The procurement was conducted on behalf of the County and other public bodies. Therefore, pursuant to Code Section 2.2-4304, other public bodies and agencies shall have the right to utilize the provisions of the Agreement. However, when other public bodies and agencies utilize the contract, Contractor must establish a separate contractual relationship between it and the other party. Under no circumstances shall the County be a party to or incur any obligations or responsibilities, contractual or otherwise, in association with these contractual agreements between the Contractor and another public body or agency.
27. Contract Claims by Contractor: Prompt knowledge by the County of an existing or impending claim for damages or other relief may alter the plans, scheduling, or other action of the County and/or result in mitigation or elimination of the effects of the claim. Therefore, a written statement providing the County with notice of the Contractor's intention to file a claim which (i) describes the act or omission by the County or its agents that the Contractor contends caused it damages or entitles it to other relief; and (ii) provides a description of the nature and amount of the claim. Such written statement shall be submitted to the Office of Procurement of the Albemarle County Department of Finance within 20 days of the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based; provided, however, if such damage is deemed certain in the opinion of the Contractor to result from its acting on an order from the County, it shall immediately take written exception to the order. For purposes of this provision, "claim" shall include, without limitation, any request for an increase in the Agreement price or time and any request for equitable adjustment. Submission of a notice of claim as specified shall be mandatory, and failure to submit such notice shall be a conclusive waiver to such claim for damages or other relief by the Contractor. Neither an oral notice or statement, nor an untimely notice or statement will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements herein. The County will review the claim and render a final decision in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of Contractor's written request for a final decision. Such decision shall be final and binding to the fullest extent allowed by law.

28. Claims for Extra Compensation: If Contractor encounters work and services not included in this Agreement or any supplement thereto but which in the opinion of Contractor is necessary for the successful completion of the Agreement and requires extra compensation, Contractor shall, before it begins the work on which it bases its claim, promptly notify the Office of Procurement of the Albemarle County Department of Finance in writing of its intention to perform the work and to make claim for extra compensation. Notification by Contractor under the terms of this paragraph shall not be construed as proving the validity of the claim. No claim for extra compensation will be filed or considered unless notification is given as herein set forth. Upon notification, the County shall promptly review any claim for extra compensation. If a claim is accepted by the County, it shall be paid as extra work in accordance with the terms of a supplemental agreement executed by the parties before such work is begun. The amounts claimed as extra compensation by Contractor shall be separately itemized, become a part of the claim, and serve as documentation thereto. The amounts itemized shall be in sufficient detail to enable the County to analyze the need for the extra work and the costs claimed for the work.
29. Payments to Subcontractors: In accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-4354 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the Contractor shall make payment to all subcontractors, as defined in the Code, within seven (7) days after receipt of payment from the County; or, shall notify the County and the subcontractor in writing of the intention to withhold all or part of the amount due with the reason for nonpayment. In the event payment is not made as noted, the Contractor shall pay interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month unless otherwise provided in the contract to the subcontractor on all amounts that remain unpaid after seven (7) days except for the amounts withheld as provided herein. These same requirements shall be included in each subcontract and shall be applicable to each lower-tier subcontractor. The Contractor shall provide the County with its social security number or federal taxpayer identification number prior to any payment being made under this Agreement.
30. Insurance: Contractor agrees to secure and maintain in full force and effect at all times during the term of this Agreement, the following policies of insurance:
- A. Workers' Compensation Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.
 - B. Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, including contractual liability and products and completed operations liability coverages, in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limits (CSL).
 - C. Automobile Liability Insurance including coverage for non-owned and hired vehicles in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limits (CSL).
 - D. Umbrella Liability Coverage, of not less than \$1,000,000, must be follow form and go over the underlying general liability, commercial auto and employer's liability policies.
 - E. Errors and Omissions (Professional Liability) Insurance at limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). [NOTE: Delete if not needed.]

All policies of insurance required herein shall be written by insurance companies licensed to conduct the business of insurance in Virginia and acceptable to the County, and shall carry the provision that the insurance will not be cancelled or materially modified without thirty days (30) prior written notice to the County. In certain cases, where coverage is unavailable through licensed carriers, certificates of insurance written by a Surplus Lines Carrier authorized by the Virginia State Corporation Commission to transact the business of insurance in Virginia and acceptable to the County may be approved. Contractor shall furnish the County with certificate of insurance showing Contractor's compliance with the foregoing requirements.

For all insurance coverage except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability, the School Board and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers must be named as additional insureds and shall be so endorsed to the policy or policies.

31. Other:

COUNTY'S ACCEPTANCE
County of Albemarle, Virginia

CONTRACTOR'S ACCEPTANCE
«Company»

SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE _____

NAME (type/print) Allison McNally

NAME (type/print) _____

TITLE Chief Procurement Officer

TITLE _____

DATE _____

DATE _____