

## **Procurement and Contracting Department**

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND REISSUE SOLICITATION

**TO**: All Solicited and Interested Proposers

**FROM**: Daphne M. Robinson, Esq. – Procurement and Contracting Officer DMR

**RE**: Request for Proposals (RFP) No.: ENG/240466

Design-Build for the Ocala Skate Park Expansion Project

**DATE**: April 24, 2024

The City of Ocala ("City") has made the determination to cancel and reject all bids under RFP No.: ENG/240466 (the "Solicitation") on the grounds that inadequate and/or ambiguous specifications were found to have been cited therein (specifically in *Section 2.1 – Overview of Project and Minimum Requirements* and in the *Design Criteria Package* attached as Exhibit A). The City believes that these defective specifications are believed to have: (1) adversely affected competition by confusing actual and/or potential bidders; and (2) led to the City's receipt of only a single proposal under this Solicitation which exceeds the City's anticipated costs for the project.

The amendments required to resolve the deficiencies found in the Solicitation and the *Design Criteria Package* attached thereto would result in modification of the Scope of Work to such a degree that the issuance of a new solicitation is necessary to preserve fairness and transparency in our procurement process. Reissuing an amended solicitation accurately reflecting the needs of the City is in its best interest and places the City in a position to receive the best value possible for this high priority Project through specificity to its true needs and increased competition.

The City's decision to cancel and re-issue this Solicitation is made in accordance with <u>City of Ocala Procurement Policy No. PRO-060 – Source Selection, section II – Bid Evaluation</u>, where the City reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time during the procurement process. **This Solicitation will be revised and readvertised at a date to be determined by the City.** All previously sourced vendors and bidders shall be invited (and are strongly encouraged) to participate in the future solicitation.

**PLEASE NOTE**: In compliance with Chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes, and Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution, all proposals received by the City in response to its solicitations are exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening the proposals, whichever is earlier. If the City rejects all proposals and provides notice of its intent to reissue the solicitation, then the rejected proposals or replies remain exempt from public disclosure until such time that the City provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued solicitation or until the City withdraws the reissued

solicitation. A proposal shall not be exempt from public disclosure longer than twelve (12) months after the City's initial notice rejecting all proposals or replies.

Please direct any and all questions and/or concerns to:

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cc: All Solicited and Interested Vendors
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