

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Wildfire Partners
Continuing Service Forestry Contractors**

RFP #6800-18



SUBMITTAL DUE DATE

**February 6, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

BOULDER COUNTY PURCHASING

**2025 14th STREET
BOULDER CO 80302**

Purchasing@bouldercounty.org

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Summary

Launched in 2014, Wildfire Partners is a nationally recognized, collaborative program to reduce wildfire risk. Homeowners, with the assistance from Wildfire Partners, work to better protect their homes by actively creating and maintaining defensible space and reducing the ignition potential of their structures. The program is funded by participating homeowners, Boulder County, a \$1.5 million grant from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, and a \$1.125 million grant from FEMA. Homeowners apply to join the program. Applications that meet all program criteria are accepted into the program if funding is available.

Wildfire Partners offers motivated homeowners many benefits:

- A comprehensive, on-site, wildfire home assessment with a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
- A Wildfire Partners Assessment Report that identifies the weak links in a home's defenses and specific mitigation measures to be undertaken.
- Wildfire Partners Financial Awards (most awards are between \$500 and \$2,000) to subsidize the cost of hiring a Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractor
- Free access to Wildfire Phone Advisors
- Follow up visits and inspections with a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
- For homeowners who pass their inspections, a Wildfire Partners Certificate, yard sign and letter stating that they have performed mitigation

Homeowners are required to actively participate in their home assessments so that they learn the principles and science behind wildfire mitigation. Homeowners provide essential input to the Wildfire Mitigation Specialists as they mark vegetation for removal as part of the program. The specialists use an iPad assessment app to gather information, take photographs and evaluate 50 mitigation related questions grouped into 10 different categories (i.e., roofs, decks, zone 1, emergency preparedness). Following the assessment, the homeowner receives a customized report containing a Mitigation Checklist with their photos of items requiring mitigation. Homeowners obtain and select bids from Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors (potentially funded by a financial award) and the Wildfire Partners Handyman/Handywoman and Home Retrofit Contractors (not supported by a financial award) to complete the work identified on their Mitigation Checklist. Wildfire Phone Advisors, along with the Mitigation Specialists, help homeowners navigate the individual steps in the process. In 2018, homeowners will pay a \$100 assessment fee and sign a liability waiver in order to join the program. Currently, more than 35 organizations are participating in the program, and we have 28 leaders who are members of the Wildfire Partners Advisory Committee. To learn more about Wildfire Partners, visit www.WildfirePartners.org.

Wildfire Partners has more than 1,400 participants with more homeowners joining on a regular basis. Most homeowners complete the mitigation work on their own or pay the full cost of a contractor directly. In 2014, Wildfire Partners provided rebates totaling \$145,000 to 215 of 448 participants to help them hire forestry contractors. Starting in 2015, Wildfire Partners paid forestry contractors directly instead of giving rebates to homeowners. From 2015 to 2017, Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors selected through this formal RFP process have completed 336 jobs totaling more than \$778,000 (this total includes homeowner contributions and Wildfire Partners Financial Award).

Specifications and a sample contract with a FEMA specific addendum are attached. The successful proposer shall execute the attached addendum as part of any contract with the county, and comply with all FEMA requirements set forth in that addendum.

Written Inquiries

All inquiries regarding this RFP shall be submitted via e-mail to the Boulder County Purchasing Office at purchasing@bouldercounty.org on or before **3:00 p.m. January 19, 2018**. A response from the County to all inquiries shall be posted and sent via email no later than end of business day **January 26, 2018**.

Submittal Instructions

Submittals are due at the Administrative Services Front Desk or the email box (preferred) listed below, for time and date recording on or before **10:00 a.m. Mountain Time on February 6, 2018**.

Your response can be submitted in the following ways. Please note that e-mail responses to this solicitation are preferred, but are limited to a maximum of 25MB capacity. NO ZIP FILES ALLOWED. Electronic Submittals must be received in the e-mail box listed below. Submittals sent to any other box will NOT be forwarded or accepted. This e-mail box is only accessed on the due date of your questions or proposals. Please use the Delivery Receipt option to verify receipt of your email. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure their documents are received before the deadline specified above. Boulder County does not accept responsibility under any circumstance for delayed or failed email or mailed submittals.

E-Mail purchasing@bouldercounty.org; identified as **RFP #6800-18** in the subject line.

-OR-

US Mail **One (1)** unbound copies of your submittal, printed double-sided, 11 point, on at least 50% post-consumer, recycled paper must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked as **RFP #6800-18**, to the Administrative Services Front Desk at 2025 14th Street, Boulder, CO 80302. Please allow at least 2 days for delivery of USPS Priority and Express Mail.

All RFPs must be received and time and date recorded by authorized county staff by the above due date and time. Sole responsibility rests with the Offeror to see that their RFP response is received on time at the stated location(s). Any responses received after due date and time will be returned to the offeror.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any informalities or irregularities therein, and to accept the proposal that, in the opinion of the Board, is in the best interest of the Board and of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): If you need special services provided for under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the ADA Coordinator or the Human Resources office at (303) 441-3525 at least 48 hours before the scheduled event.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Proposers are expected to examine the drawing, specifications, schedule of delivery, and all instructions. Failure to do so will be at the bidder's risk.
2. Each bidder shall furnish the information required in the Request for Proposals.
3. The Contract/Purchase Order will be awarded to that responsible bidder whose submittal, conforming to the Request for Proposals, will be most advantageous to the County of Boulder, price and other factors considered.
4. The County of Boulder reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in bids received, and to accept any portion of or all items proposed if deemed in the best interest of the County of Boulder to do so.
5. No submittal shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the County Purchasing Agent or delegated representative.
6. A signed purchase order or contract furnished to the successful bidder results in a binding contract without further action by either party.
7. Late or unsigned proposals will not be accepted or considered. It is the responsibility of proposers to insure that the proposal arrives at the Administrative Services Front Desk or appropriate email box prior to the time indicated in the "Request for Proposals."
8. The proposed price shall be exclusive of any Federal or State taxes from which the County of Boulder is exempt by law.
9. Any interpretation, correction or change of the RFP documents will be made by Addendum. Interpretations, corrections and changes of the RFP documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and proposer shall not rely upon such interpretations, corrections and changes. The County's Representative will not be responsible for oral clarification.
10. Confidential/Proprietary Information: Proposals submitted in response to this "Request for Proposals" and any resulting contract are subject to the provisions of the Colorado Public (Open) Records Act, 24-72-201 et.seq., C.R.S., as amended. Any restrictions on the use or inspection of material contained within the proposal and any resulting contract shall be clearly stated in the proposal itself. Confidential/proprietary information must be readily identified, marked and separated/packaged from the rest of the proposal. **Co-mingling of confidential/proprietary and other information is NOT acceptable. Neither a proposal, in its entirety, nor bid price information will be considered confidential/proprietary. Any information that will be included in any resulting contract cannot be considered confidential.**
11. Boulder County promotes the purchase/leasing of energy efficient, materials efficient and reduced toxic level products where availability, quality and budget constraints allow. Bidders are expected whenever possible to provide products that earn the ENERGY STAR and meet the ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency with power management features enabled. Bidders are encouraged to offer products and equipment with post-consumer recycled-content materials. Products should be packaged and delivered with a minimum amount of recycled packaging that adequately protects the product, but is not excessive.

SPECIFICATIONS

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

General Liability

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
\$2,000,000 General Aggregate
\$2,000,000 Products Completed Operations Aggregate
3 years Products/Completed Operations

Automobile Liability

\$1,000,000 Each Accident
*Including Hired & Non-Owned auto

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

Statutory limits

Note that the above insurance amounts are the minimum required for this project. Proof of current insurance must be provided with your proposal in the form of a sample certificate. If you require a waiver of insurance requirements (e.g. Workers' Compensation and sole proprietorships) you may request one in your response with an explanation.

New certificates will be requested if the contract process takes more than 30 days after an award.

W-9 REQUIREMENT

Provide a copy of your business's W-9 with your proposal.

SAM.gov Registration

Please provide a copy of your business' registration in sam.gov with your proposal.

DUNS Number

Please provide your business' DUNS number with your proposal.

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SCOPE OF WORK FOR FORESTRY CONTRACTORS

Training: All Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractors are required to participate in an annual training. The training for 2018 will be held on March 15, 2018

Contractors will work with two different categories of homeowners under this contract: 1) homeowners who are receiving financial assistance (a Wildfire Partners Financial Award) and 2) homeowners who are NOT receiving a financial award to help fund their defensible space work (these homeowners will be paying their entire defensible space costs). The first task for contractors is to determine each homeowner's category.

Steps for Homeowners Participating in Wildfire Partners

1. **Site Visits and Providing Bids for Removal of Vegetation:** Contractors shall perform site visits with homeowners and provide them written bids. Contractor may NOT perform a site visit and provide a bid until after a homeowner has completed their home assessment and received their assessment report. All vegetation designated for removal will be clearly identified by a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist prior to the contractors visiting home sites. Contractors are not responsible for any identification or marking, and they shall not alter any vegetation identified or marked for removal. Contractors shall provide bids for the cost to remove and properly dispose of ALL identified vegetation—the entire defensible space job. They are NOT permit to bid on select parts of the job. Contractors are encouraged to review a homeowner's assessment report during site visits before providing a bid.
2. **Wildfire Partners Financial Award:** Contractors shall not conduct any work until they receive a homeowner's financial award via email from Boulder County. The financial award email will document the amount of funding Boulder County will provide directly to the contractor and the financial responsibility of the homeowner
3. **Schedule and Complete Contract Work According to Wildfire Partner Specifications:** Contractors shall schedule and complete the defensible space work documented in their bids **after** receiving the award email. Homeowners and/or Wildfire Mitigation Specialists will oversee contractors and approve work. Wildfire Partners specifications will be described in detail during a mandatory training on March 15, 2018 and documented in all continuing service contracts.
4. **Complete Forms (Invoicing):** Contractors shall submit invoices to Boulder County and complete requested reporting forms to document and track the work performed.
5. **Inspection:** All defensible space work will be inspected by a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

Steps for Homeowners NOT Receiving Financial Awards

1. **Site Visits and Providing Bids for Removal of Vegetation:** Contractors shall perform site visits with homeowners and provide them written bids. Contractor may NOT perform a site visit and provide a bid until after homeowners have completed their site visits and their tree marking has been completed. All vegetation designated for removal will be clearly identified by a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist prior to the contractors visiting home sites. Contractors are not responsible for any identification or marking, and they shall not alter any vegetation identified or marked for removal.
2. **Schedule and Complete Contract Work According to Wildfire Partner Specifications:** Contractors shall be responsible for scheduling all work directly with the homeowners. Homeowners will oversee contracts and approve work.
3. **Payment and Paperwork:** Homeowners will pay contractors directly for the entire job.
4. **Inspection:** All defensible space work will be inspected by a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist.

MARKETING

Wildfire Partners will provide homeowners with its 2018 Forestry Contractors List when they are accepted into the program. Visit www.WildfirePartners.org (under “Our Team”) to view our 2017 list. Contractors are encouraged to have a website to assist with marketing efforts. Homeowners may contact contractors directly to inquire about a contractor’s services, experience and costs. Contractors are encouraged to participate in Wildfire Partners Tours of Homes to help promote their services.

PAYING FOR AND SCHEDULING BIDS

Homeowners contact contractors directly to schedule a time to obtain a bid for a Wildfire Partners contract. Contractors shall return all calls and email inquiries within three business days. If they are too busy to respond within this deadline, they are required to update their phone and email messages to let participants know to expect a delayed response. Wildfire Partners pays contractors \$40 per bid for bids contractors do not win.

TREATMENT METHODS

Every defensible space jobs will be different (number of removals, the site conditions, the preferred disposal method, etc.). This RFP does not contain specifications for each contract. The following is a general description of treatment methods. All work performed is expected to be hand crew/manual treatments. Trees will be directionally felled, limbed, and bucked with chainsaws. Mechanical harvesters, skidders, and forwarders are limited by FEMA grant conditions. Slash may be hauled off-site or chipped and broadcast on-site according to program guidelines. When specifically identified in advance, slash may be left on site in lop and scatter fashion or piled according to program guidelines and homeowner preferences. Contract specifications for stump height, ladder fuels, equipment use, disposal of woody debris, yarding, chipping, environmental safeguards, erosion control, safety, conduct, and other items will be included in each continuing services contract and reviewed during the annual training.

PAYMENT

Contractors will typically issue two invoices and receive two payments for each defensible space jobs where there is a Wildfire Partners Financial Award: 1) one invoice and payment from the homeowner, and 2) one invoice and payment from Boulder County. Contractors shall submit invoices to Boulder County for projects with a financial award. Monthly invoices are preferred. Contractors are responsible for collecting payments from homeowners directly. Any work conducted on federal land shall be paid for by the homeowner. No work on federal land is allowed to be paid by a Wildfire Partners Financial Award.

QUANTITY OF WORK

This RFP is for a continuing services contract. As a result, select contractors are not guaranteed a minimum amount of work. Homeowners are responsible for obtaining and selecting their own bids. If they are receiving a Wildfire Partners Financial Award, they are free to select any bid they choose as long as it is from a Wildfire Partners Forestry Contractor identified through this RFP process.

In response to this RFP, contractors will be asked to indicate their preferred quantity of work: the number of defensible space contracts (assuming an average of one working field day per defensible space contract) they would like to complete during specific months of the grant.

TIMING OF WORK

Work will begin in the spring of 2018 and conclude at the end of 2018.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

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Proposals will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Quality of Past Work
2. Experience
3. Pricing
4. Operational Capability, Capacity and Availability
5. Approach
6. Quality of Customer Service and Client Relations
7. In-person interviews of finalists (if necessary)

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SUBMITTAL SECTION
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Please submit the following information in the order listed below:

1. **Signature Page:** Please fill out the form on the following page.
2. **Company Overview:** Provide a brief history of your company and describe its organizational structure. Include any unique or noteworthy information about your company.
3. **Qualifications:** Summarize your company's experience with similar defensible space work and provide a detailed description of three similar contracts or jobs you have completed recently, include date, client, location, budget, final cost, project description, and results.
4. **Personnel:** Provide a list of the Project Manager, other key personnel, and any sub-contractors who will work on the contract, along with their professional experience and their roles and responsibilities in your proposal.
5. **Pricing:** List your standard, daily or hourly rate for 2017 (explain what this rate includes such as the number of crew members and type of equipment) and your rates for common, additional charges (include a general description of how these rates are determined).
6. **Preferred Quantity of Work:** Please indicate your preferred number of defensible space contracts (homes) in 2017 by month or season assuming an average of one working field day per defensible space contract. The quantity of work at each home varies considerably. The average contract in 2014 for our certified homes was \$1,645.
7. **Project Approach:** Describe your proposed project approach and operational capabilities. Include information about equipment, logistics, planning, scheduling/availability, and coordination with Wildfire Partners that helps demonstrate your ability to complete your preferred quantity of work listed in the previous question. Describe your ability to complete complex defensible space contracts, including jobs with large trees overhanging structures, work on steep slopes, and sites with limited access.
8. **Geographic Scope:** Please specify if you are willing to work in 1) all of western Boulder County or 2) only in select communities within western Boulder County. If you are bidding to work in select communities (number two), please list which of the following partner communities where you are willing to work: Allenspark Fire Protection District, Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District, Boulder Rural Fire Protection District, Coal Creek Canyon, Fourmile Fire Protection District, Gold Hill Fire Protection District, Indian Peaks Fire Protection District, Lefthand Fire Protection District, Lyons Fire Protection District, Nederland Fire Protection District, Rocky Mountain Fire Protection District, Sugarloaf Fire Protection District, Sunshine Fire Protection District, and/or Timberline Fire Protection District. (A map of western Boulder County—Fire Management Zone 1—is available at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/doc/landuse/firezone.pdf>.)
9. **References:** Submit a minimum of three references with contact information.

SIGNATURE PAGE
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Failure to complete, sign and return this signature page with your proposal may be cause for rejection.

Contact Information	Response
Company Name	
Name and Title of Primary Contact Person	
Company Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Company Website	

By signing below I certify that:

I am authorized to bid on my company's behalf.

I am not currently an employee of Boulder County.

None of my employees or agents is currently an employee of Boulder County.

I am not related to any Boulder County employee or Elected Official.

I am not a Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) retiree.

**Signature of Person Authorized to Bid on
Company's Behalf**

Date

Note: If you cannot certify the above statements, please explain in the space provided below.

SAMPLE CONTRACT
(DO NOT RETURN WITH YOUR PROPOSAL)

BOULDER COUNTY (name of service contracting for) **CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") is entered into between the County of Boulder, State of Colorado, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners ("County") and (name of company) ("Contractor").

In consideration of the rights and obligations specified below, the County and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. Incorporation into Contract: *The Invitation for Bid and Bid Specifications of Boulder County Bid No.* _____, together with any alterations and/or modifications to these Specifications (the "Bid Documents"), are expressly incorporated into this Contract by this reference.

2. Work to be Performed: The Contractor will, in a good and workmanlike manner and at its own cost and expense, furnish all labor and equipment and do all work necessary and incidental to performing (specify type of work) as specified in the Bid Documents and this Contract (the "Work"). The Contractor shall perform the Work in strict accordance with the Bid Documents and this Contract.

3. Term of Contract: This Contract shall begin and become effective on the date of execution by the parties, which date is the date specified on the signature page of this Contract. Under this Contract, the Contractor shall begin Work on (date) and shall continue through (date).

4. Payment for Work Performed: In consideration of the Work to be performed by the Contractor, and subject to paragraph 14, the County shall pay to the Contractor, in accordance with the Bid Documents, \$ (contract price).

5. Extension and/or Renewal of Contract Term:

- a. The County, in its sole discretion, may elect to extend the term of this Contract. In the event the County elects to exercise this right, it shall send written notice to Contractor, pursuant to paragraph 15, of its intent to extend the term of the Contract. The notice shall set forth the length of the extension.
- b. Upon mutual agreement by the parties, this Contract may be renewed for four additional one-year periods through date during which time this Contract shall be in full force and effect, subject to the termination provisions of paragraph 14. If this option to renew is exercised, the parties shall execute a written agreement no later than thirty (30) days before the expiration of this Contract or any subsequent renewals.
- c. All of the provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect during any extension or renewed term except that the scope of services and compensation to be paid to Contractor during any extension or renewed term shall be mutually agreed upon prior

to the commencement of any extension or renewed term. The agreed upon scope of services and compensation shall be reduced to writing, signed by both parties, and attached to this Contract.

- d. **TEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXTENDED TERM THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY PROOF OF INSURANCE AS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH 9.**

- e. Should the parties fail to agree upon the scope of services or compensation to be paid to Contractor for any extension or renewed term, or should Contractor fail to submit the required documents within the time period specified in paragraph 5(d), then this Contract shall terminate at the end of the then current term and no extension or renewal of the term of the Contract shall occur.

6. Quality of Performance: The Contractor shall perform the Contract in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the quality of performance.

7. Schedule of Work: The Contractor shall perform the Work during the hours designated by the County so as to avoid inconvenience to the County and its personnel and interference with the County's operations.

8. Indemnity: The Contractor shall be liable and responsible for any and all damages to persons or property caused by or arising out of the actions, obligations, or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives or other persons acting under the Contractor's direction or control in performing or failing to perform the Work under this Contract. The Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless the County, its elected and appointed officials, and its employees, agents and representatives (the "indemnified parties"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, damages, losses, judgments, costs or expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, which may be made or brought or which may result against any of the indemnified parties as a result or on account of the actions or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents or representatives, or other persons acting under the Contractor's direction or control.

9. Insurance Requirements: The Contractor shall procure and maintain at its own expense, and without cost to the County, the following kinds and minimum amounts of insurance for purposes of insuring the liability risks which the Contractor has assumed until this Contract has expired or is terminated:

- a. Commercial General Liability

This coverage should be provided on an Occurrence Form, ISO CG001 or equivalent, with Minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$2,000,000 General Aggregate and \$2,000,000 Products Completed Operations Aggregate.

Coverage should be provided on an Occurrence form, ISO CG0001 or equivalent. The policy shall be endorsed to include Additional Insured endorsements CG 2010 (or equivalent), Designated Construction Projects General Aggregate Endorsement CG2503 (or equivalent) and

Additional Insured (for products/completed operations) CG 2037 (or equivalent). Minimum limits required of \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$2,000,000 General Aggregate and \$2,000,000 Products Completed Operations Aggregate". The County may require Products/Completed Operations coverage to be provided for up to 3 years after completion of construction

b. Automobile Liability

Bodily Injury and Property Damage for any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of the Contract. Minimum limits \$1,000,000 Each Accident.

c. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Workers' Compensation must be maintained with the statutory limits. Employer's Liability is required for minimum limits of \$100,000 Each Accident/\$500,000 Disease-Policy Limit/\$100,000 Disease-Each Employee.

THE STATED INSURANCE LIMITS FOR ALL COVERAGES ARE MINIMUM AMOUNTS; DEPENDING ON THE CONTRACT, HIGHER LIMITS MAY BE REQUIRED OR ADVISABLE. CONTACT RISK MANAGEMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MINIMUM LIMITS. DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH WHEN FINALIZING THE CONTRACT.

The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to Boulder County demonstrating that the insurance requirements have been met prior to the commencement of Work under this Contract. Boulder County shall be named as an additional insured for General Liability and Pollution Liability, as designated in the contract. Additional insured shall be endorsed to the policy.

THE ADDITIONAL INSURED WORDING SHOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: *County of Boulder, State of Colorado, a body corporate and politic, is named as Additional Insured.*

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required by the insurance provisions of this Contract shall provide the required coverage and shall not be suspended, voided or canceled except after thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the County, except when cancellation is for non-payment of premium, then ten (10) days prior notice may be given. Such notice shall be sent directly to (____) **Agency / Department Representative's Name & Address**).

If any insurance company refuses to provide the required notice, the Contractor or its insurance broker shall notify the County of any cancellation, suspension, and/or non-renewal of any insurance within seven (7) days of receipt of insurers' notification to that effect. Such notice shall be sent directly to:

Boulder County
Attn: Risk Manager
P.O. Box 471
Boulder, CO 80306

Please forward certificates to the above certificate holder.

10. Nondiscrimination: The Contractor agrees to comply with the letter and spirit of the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, C.R.S. § 24-34-401, et seq., as amended, and all applicable local, state and federal laws respecting discrimination and unfair employment practices.

11. Nondiscrimination Provisions Binding on Subcontractors: In all solicitations by the Contractor for any Work related to this Contract to be performed under a subcontract, either by competitive bidding or negotiation, the Contractor shall notify each potential subcontractor of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, and of all pertinent regulations relative to nondiscrimination and unfair employment practices.

12. Information and Reports: The Contractor will provide to authorized governmental representatives, including those of the County, State and Federal Government, all information and reports which they may require for any purpose authorized by law. The Contractor will permit such authorized governmental representatives access to the Contractor's facilities, books, records, accounts, and any other relevant sources of information. Where any information required by any such authorized government representative is in the exclusive possession of a person other than the Contractor, then such Contractor shall so certify to the County, and shall explain what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

13. Independent Contractor: The Parties recognize and agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor for all purposes, both legal and practical, in performing services under this Contract, and that the Contractor and its agents and employees are not agents or employees of Boulder County for any purpose. As an independent contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for employing and directing such personnel and agents as it requires to perform the services purchased under this Contract, shall exercise complete authority over its personnel and agents, and shall be fully responsible for their actions.

Contractor acknowledges that it is not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits or workers' compensation benefits from Boulder County, its elected officials, agents, or any program administered or funded by Boulder County. Contractor shall be entitled to unemployment insurance or workers' compensation insurance only if unemployment compensation coverage or workers' compensation coverage is provided by Contractor, or some other entity that is not a party to this Contract. Contractor is obligated to pay federal and state income tax on any monies earned pursuant to this Contract.

14. Termination and Related Remedies:

- a. The other provisions of this Contract notwithstanding, financial obligations of Boulder County payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted and otherwise made available. Boulder County is prohibited by law from making financial commitments beyond the term of its current fiscal year. The County has contracted for goods and/or services under this Contract and has reason to believe that sufficient funds will be available for the full term of the Contract. Where, however, for reasons beyond the control of the Board of County Commissioners as the funding entity, funds are not allocated for any fiscal period beyond the one in which this Contract is entered into, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract by providing seven (7) days written notice to the Contractor pursuant to paragraph 15, and

will be released from any and all obligations hereunder. If the County terminates the Contract for this reason, the County and the Contractor shall be released from all obligations to perform Work and make payments hereunder, except that the County shall be required to make payment for Work which has been performed by the Contractor prior to the effective date of termination under this provision; and, conversely, the Contractor shall be required to complete any Work for which the County has made payment prior to providing written notice to the Contractor of the termination.

- b. The preceding provisions notwithstanding, the County may terminate this Contract, either in whole or in part, for any reason, whenever the County determines that such termination is in the County's best interests. Such termination shall be effective after the County provides seven (7) days written notice to the Contractor pursuant to paragraph 15.
- c. In the event the County exercises either of the termination rights specified in paragraphs 14(a) or 14(b), this Contract shall cease to be of any further force and effect, with the exception of all Contract remedies which are specified herein and may otherwise be available to the parties under the law, and with the exception of any rights or liabilities of the parties which may survive by virtue of this Contract.

15. Notices: For purposes of the notices required to be provided under paragraphs 5, 9, and 14, all such notices shall be in writing, and shall be either sent by Certified U.S. Mail - Return Receipt Requested, or hand-delivered to the following representatives of the parties at the following addresses:

For the County: (enter DH/EO's name, Department, and Mailing Address)
For the Contractor: (enter Contractor's name and Mailing Address)

In the event a notice is mailed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, the time periods specified in paragraph 14 shall commence to run on the day after the postmarked date of mailing.

16. Statutory Requirements: This Contract is subject to all statutory requirements that are or may become applicable to counties or political subdivisions of the State of Colorado generally. Without limiting the scope of this provision, the Contract is specifically subject to the following statutory requirement:

Contract payments may be withheld pursuant to C.R.S. § 38-26-107 if the County receives a verified statement that the Contractor has not paid amounts due to any person who has supplied labor or materials for the project.

17. Prohibitions on Public Contract for Services: Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), § 8-17.5-101, et seq., as amended, the Contractor shall meet the following requirements prior to signing this Agreement (public contract for service) and for the duration thereof:

- a. The Contractor shall certify participation in the E-Verify Program (the electronic employment verification program that is authorized in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a and jointly administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration, or its successor program) or the Department Program (the employment verification program established by the Colorado Department of Labor and

Employment pursuant to C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5)) on the attached certification.

- b. The Contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this public contract for services.
- c. The Contractor shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to certify to the Contractor that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this public contract for services.
- d. At the time of signing this public contract for services, the Contractor has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this public contract for services through participation in either the E-Verify Program or the Department Program.
- e. The Contractor shall not use either the E-Verify Program or the Department Program procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this public contract for services is being performed.
- f. If Contractor obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this public contract for services knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, the Contractor shall: notify the subcontractor and the County within three days that the Contractor has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien; and, terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if within three days of receiving the notice required pursuant to the previous paragraph, the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien; except that the contractor shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during such three days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien.
- g. Contractor shall comply with any reasonable requests by the Department of Labor and Employment (the Department) made in the course of an investigation that the Department is undertaking pursuant to the authority established in C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5).
- h. If Contractor violates any provisions of this Section of this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement for breach of contract. If the Agreement is so terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for actual and consequential damages to the County.

18. Amendments: This Contract may be altered, amended or repealed only on the mutual agreement of the County and the Contractor by a duly executed written instrument.

19. Assignment: This Contract shall not be assigned or subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the County.

20. Benefit to Successors and Assigns: This Contract shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

21. Governing Law: The laws of the State of Colorado shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Contract. Any litigation that may arise between the parties involving the interpretation or enforcement of the terms of this Contract shall be initiated and pursued by the parties in the Courts of the 20th Judicial District of the State of Colorado and the applicable Colorado Appellate Courts.

22. Breach: Any waiver of a breach of this Contract shall not be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach of this Contract. All remedies afforded in this Contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided herein or by law.

23. Termination of Prior Agreements: This Contract cancels and terminates, as of its effective date, all prior agreements between the parties relating to the services covered by this Contract, whether written or oral or partly written and partly oral.

24. Severability: If any provision of this Contract is found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

25. Third Party Beneficiary: The enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Contract and all rights of action relating to such enforcement shall be strictly reserved to the County and the Contractor, and nothing contained in this Contract shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other or third person. It is the express intent of the parties to this Contract that any person receiving services or benefits under this Contract shall be deemed an incidental beneficiary only.

26. Governmental Immunity: Nothing in this agreement shall be construed in any way to be a waiver of the County's immunity protection under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et seq., as amended.

27. Execution by Counterparts; Electronic Signatures: This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties approve the use of electronic signatures for execution of this Agreement. Only the following two forms of electronic signatures shall be permitted to bind the Parties to this Agreement: (1) Electronic or facsimile delivery of a fully executed copy of a signature page; (2) The image of the signature of an authorized signer inserted onto PDF format documents. All use of electronic signatures shall be governed by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, C.R.S. §§ 24-71.3-101 to 121.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on _____(date)_____.

**COUNTY OF BOULDER
STATE OF COLORADO**

ATTEST: _____
Administrative Assistant
Clerk to the Board of
Commissioners
(seal)

By: _____
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
By: _____
Title: _____

CONTRACTOR: _____
Title: _____

(If this Contract is executed on behalf of a corporation, it must be signed by an agent duly authorized by the corporation to execute such Contract, and if specified by the corporate by-laws, the corporate seal must be affixed to the Agreement by the Secretary of the corporation or other authorized keeper of the corporate seal.)

CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, § 8-17.5-101, et seq., as amended, as a prerequisite to entering into a contract for services with Boulder County, Colorado, the undersigned Contractor hereby certifies that at the time of this certification, Contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien who will perform work under the attached contract for services and that the Contractor will participate in the E-Verify Program or Department program, as those terms are defined in C.R.S. § 8-17.5-101, et seq., in order to confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under the attached contract for services.

CONTRACTOR:

Company Name

Date

Name (Print or Type)

Signature

Title

Note: Registration for the E-Verify Program can be completed at: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/enroll/>.

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S GRANT PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

This is an addendum to the [CONTRACT NAME], RFP _____, Agreement between [CONTRACTOR] ("Contractor"), and Boulder County, (the "County").

The parties acknowledge that the above-referenced contract is subject to the provisions of 44 CFR § 13.36 and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). This addendum is hereby expressly incorporated into the agreement between Boulder County and the Contractor. To the extent that the terms of the Agreement and this Addendum conflict, the terms of this Addendum shall control. Nothing in this Addendum shall be construed as making this Agreement contingent upon a Presidential disaster declaration or FEMA's approval or obligation of funds.

The following provisions are hereby added and incorporated into the above-referenced Agreement:

1. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE *(applicable to all construction contracts awarded in excess of \$10,000 by grantees and their contractors or subgrantees; 44 CFR§13.36(i)(3))*

Contractor agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

2. ANTI-KICKBACK ACT COMPLIANCE *(applicable to all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair; 44 CFR§13.36(i)(4))*

Contractor agrees to comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3).

3. ACCESS TO RECORDS

A. The Contractor agrees to provide the County, FEMA, the Comptroller General of the United States or any their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. 44 CFR§13.36(i)(10).

B. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

C. The Contractor agrees to maintain all books, records, accounts and reports required under this Agreement for a period of not less than three years after the later of: (a) the date of termination or expiration of this Agreement or (b) the date County makes final payment under this Agreement, except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Agreement, in which case, Contractor agrees to maintain same until the County, FEMA, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto. 44 CFR§13.36(i)(11).

- 4. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS** *(applicable to construction contracts awarded by grantees and subgrantees in excess of \$2,000, and in excess of \$2500 for other contracts which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers; 44 CFR §13.36(i)(6))*
Contractor agrees that it shall comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327–330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5), which are incorporated herein.
- 5. NOTICE OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
A. Contractor acknowledges that it has read and understands the reporting requirements of FEMA stated in 44CFR§ 13.40 et seq., 13.50-13.52 and Part III of Chapter 11 of the United States Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide, and agrees to comply with any such applicable requirements.
B. The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each third party subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions
- 6. PATENT RIGHTS** *(applicable to contracts for experimental, research, or development projects financed by FEMA; 44 CFR §13.36(i)(8))*
A. General. If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under this Agreement, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the County and Contractor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to FEMA.
B. Unless the Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of Contractor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the County and Contractor agree to take the necessary actions to provide, through FEMA, those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” 37 CFR, Part 401.
C. The Contractor agrees to include paragraphs A and B above in each third party subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.
- 7. NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO COPYRIGHTS**
A. Contractor agrees that FEMA shall have a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for government purposes:
 (1) The copyright in any work developed with the assistance of funds provided under this Agreement;
 (2) Any rights of copyright to which Contractor purchases ownership with the assistance of funds provided under this Agreement. 44 CFR §13.34, 13.36(i)(8)- (9).
B. The Contractor agrees to include paragraph A above in each third party subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

8. ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

- A.** The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. 44 CFR § 13.36(i)(13).
- B.** The Contractor agrees to include paragraph A above in each third party subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

9. CLEAN AIR AND WATER REQUIREMENTS *(applicable to all contracts and subcontracts in excess \$100,000, including indefinite quantities where the amount is expected to exceed \$100,000 in any year; 44 CFR §13.36(i)(12))*

- A.** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857(h)), section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15).
- B.** Contractor agrees to report each violation of these requirements to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FEMA and the appropriate EPA regional office.
- C.** The Contractor agrees to include paragraph A and B above in each third party subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

10. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF COUNTY *(applicable to all contracts in excess of \$10,000; 44 CFR §13.36(i)(2))*

- A.** County shall have the option, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement, at any time during the term hereof, for convenience and without cause. County shall exercise this option by giving Contractor written notice of termination. The notice shall specify the date on which termination shall become effective
- B.** Upon receipt of the notice, Contractor shall commence and perform, with diligence, all actions necessary on the part of Contractor to effect the termination of this Agreement on the date specified by County and to minimize the liability of Contractor and County to third parties as a result of termination. All such actions shall be subject to the prior approval of the County. Such actions shall include, without limitation:
 - (1) Halting the performance of all services and other work under this Agreement on the date(s) and in the manner specified by County.
 - (2) Not placing any further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, equipment or other items.
 - (3) Terminating all existing orders and subcontracts.
 - (4) At County's direction, assigning to County any or all of Contractor's right, title, and interest under the orders and subcontracts terminated. Upon such assignment, County shall

have the right, in its sole discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts.

(5) Subject to County's approval, settling all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of the termination of orders and subcontracts.

(6) Completing performance of any services or work that County designates to be completed prior to the date of termination specified by County.

(7) Taking such action as may be necessary, or as the County may direct, for the protection and preservation of any property related to this Agreement which is in the possession of Contractor and in which County has or may acquire an interest.

C. Within 30 days after the specified termination date, Contractor shall submit to County an invoice, which shall set forth each of the following as a separate line item:

(1) The reasonable cost to Contractor, without profit, for all services and other work County directed Contractor to perform prior to the specified termination date, for which services or work County has not already tendered payment. Reasonable costs may include a reasonable allowance for actual overhead, not to exceed a total of 10% of Contractor's direct costs for services or other work. Any overhead allowance shall be separately itemized. Contractor may also recover the reasonable cost of preparing the invoice. Taking such action as may be necessary, or as the County may direct, for the protection and preservation of any property related to this Agreement which is in the possession of Contractor and in which County has or may acquire an interest.

(2) A reasonable allowance for profit on the cost of the services and other work described in the immediately preceding subsection (1), provided that Contractor can establish, to the satisfaction of County, that Contractor would have made a profit had all services and other work under this Agreement been completed, and provided further, that the profit allowed shall in no event exceed 5% of such cost.

(3) The reasonable cost to Contractor of handling material or equipment returned to vendor, delivered to the County or otherwise disposed of as directed by the County.

D. In no event shall County be liable for costs incurred by Contractor or any of its subcontractors after the termination date specified by County, except for those costs specifically enumerated and described in the immediately preceding subsection (c). Such non-recoverable costs include, but are not limited to, anticipated profits on this Agreement, post-termination employee salaries, post-termination administrative expenses, post-termination overhead or unabsorbed overhead, attorneys' fees or other costs related to the prosecution of a claim or lawsuit, prejudgment interest, or any other expense which is not reasonable or authorized under such subsection (c).

E. In arriving at the amount due to Contractor under this Section, County may deduct:

(4) All payments previously made by County for work or other services covered by Contractor's final invoice;

(5) Any claim which County may have against Contractor in connection with this Agreement;

(6) Any invoiced costs or expenses excluded pursuant to the immediately preceding subsection (d); and

(7) In instances in which, in the opinion of the County, the cost of any service or other work performed under this Agreement is excessively high due to costs incurred to remedy or replace defective or rejected services or other work, the difference between the invoiced amount and County's estimate of the reasonable cost of performing the invoiced services or other work in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement.

F. County's payment obligation under this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

11. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

Contractor's failure to perform or observe any term, covenant or condition of this document (Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Requirements for Procurement Contracts) shall constitute an event of default under this Agreement.

A. Each of the following shall also constitute an event of default ("Event of Default") under this Agreement:

(1) Contractor fails or refuses to perform or observe any other term, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement, and such default continues for a period of ten days after written notice thereof from County to Contractor.

(2) Contractor (a) is generally not paying its debts as they become due, (b) files, or consents by answer or otherwise to the filing against it of a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency or other debtors' relief law of any jurisdiction, (c) makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (d) consents to the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers of Contractor or of any substantial part of Contractor's property or (e) takes action for the purpose of any of the foregoing.

(3) A court or government authority enters an order (a) appointing a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to Contractor or with respect to any substantial part of Contractor's property, (b) constituting an order for relief or approving a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency or other debtors' relief law of any jurisdiction or (c) ordering the dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of Contractor.

B. On and after any Event of Default, County shall have the right to exercise its legal and equitable remedies, including, without limitation, the right to terminate this Agreement or to seek specific performance of all or any part of this Agreement. In addition, County shall have the right (but no obligation) to cure (or cause to be cured) on behalf of Contractor any Event of Default; Contractor shall pay to County on demand all costs and expenses incurred by County in effecting such cure, with interest thereon from the date of incurrence at the maximum rate then permitted by law. County shall have the right to offset from any amounts due to Contractor under this

Agreement or any other agreement between County and Contractor all damages, losses, costs or expenses incurred by County as a result of such Event of Default and any liquidated damages due from Contractor pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or any other agreement.

C. All remedies provided for in this Agreement may be exercised individually or in combination with any other remedy available hereunder or under applicable laws, rules and regulations. The exercise of any remedy shall not preclude or in any way be deemed to waive any other remedy

12. SOCIOECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT

Contractor will take the following affirmative steps to engage small and minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.

- A. Place qualified small and minority business and women's business enterprises on sub-contractor solicitation lists.
- B. Assure that such firms are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- C. Divide total requirements into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by such firms.
- D. Establish delivery schedules which encourage participation by such firms.

13. NO SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT

Contractor certifies that neither it nor its Principals (as defined at 49 C.F.R. §29.105) or any of its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any Federal department or agency.

Except as modified herein, all terms and conditions of the existing contract between the parties remain in full force and effect.

IF THIS ADDENDUM IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE CONTRACT, THE PARTIES DO NOT NEED TO SIGN THE ADDENDUM, AND THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS MAY BE REMOVED

Accepted by **[CONTRACTOR]** on

(Date)

By: _____
TITLE

Accepted by **BOULDER COUNTY** on

, Chair