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SOLICITATION OF QUALIFICATIONS
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SOQ Number: 7281-21

SOQ Title: GENERAL GROUNDWATER WELL DEVELOPMENT,
REPAIR, AND IMPROVEMENTS

SOQ Questions Due: December 3, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Submittal Due Date: **December 15, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.**

Email Address: purchasing@bouldercounty.org

Documents included in this package:
Proposal Instructions
Terms and Conditions
Specifications
Insurance and W-9 Requirements
Submittal Checklist
Evaluation Criteria
Signature Page
Attachment A: Sample Contract



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PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

BACKGROUND:

Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) is soliciting Solicitations of Qualification (SOQ) from qualified, experienced, and State licensed Contractors for the development, repair, and improvement of groundwater wells and associated infrastructure located on BCPOS properties. These services are necessary to develop new groundwater supplies for irrigation and livestock water, repair existing wells, and make improvements to well structures to comply with permitting requirements by the State of Colorado Division of Water Resources.

CONTRACT LANGUAGE:

The County is seeking qualified contractors to retain for future projects of the discipline as described above.

The successful proposer will be required to enter into a Contract for Services and meet all insurance requirements as required prior to any work beginning. The County retains the right to select more than one contractor. The selected contractor(s) will be required to enter into a Continuing Services Contract, for the current year with an option to renew, in writing, for four (4) additional years. The Contractor acknowledges that a Contract does not constitute a guarantee that Contractor will receive any Projects or Work of any kind under this Contract, if selected, and in such event, Contractor would not receive any payment from County. Projects will be awarded, on a Project-by-Project basis. Each Project will include a separate Scope of Work and bids/proposals will be solicited from the approved contractor vendor list compiled from this solicitation.

Proposers should list the Boulder County and Colorado professional and/or contractor licenses held by the company and the key personnel who will be assigned to County awarded projects. Proposers are to provide the license number and explain if held by an individual or the company. All workers shall be certified by the County and/or the State of Colorado for these types of projects, if required. Proof of certification must be submitted for each worker in the submittal package.

The evaluation of the qualifications shall be based on the requirements described in this SOQ. All properly submitted qualifications will be reviewed, evaluated, and selected by the Evaluation Committee. Qualification submittal information must include information regarding company fees, in detail and including personnel hourly rates, equipment, meetings, reports,

administrative costs, mileage, travel, and/or other cost information relevant to do business with the County. Boulder County reserves the right to reject submittals that do not include evidence of prior experience and current capabilities, including manpower and equipment, necessary to provide the required services and to successfully complete this type of work.

All proposers are instructed to thoroughly review all the stated insurance requirements for this Project, the insurance requirements stated are the minimum and standard for Boulder County Government, for this Project. All hired contractors are required to meet the insurance requirements, as stated, for contracted services as part of the Boulder County contracting process. Owner/Sole Proprietors/Officer are not Exempt from the county's insurance requirements and coverage limits. Please refer to the Insurance Requirements in this SOQ.

Additionally, the Contractor is aware all insurance requirements, as stated, are required to be active for the duration of the contract, or as otherwise stated, whether Projects or Work are awarded from the County.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES:

Contractor shall submit, in writing, to Boulder County, a request for payment. Invoices shall be submitted on company letterhead and include, but not limited to, depending on the activity completed, designated project name and project bid number, date(s), type of work performed. Additionally, all invoices should contain the current date, invoice number, amount due and current return address.

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING:

A Pre-proposal meeting will NOT be held for this Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following documents are part of this SOQ:

1. Attachment A: Sample Contract

WRITTEN INQUIRIES:

All inquiries regarding this SOQ will be submitted via email to the Boulder County Purchasing Office at purchasing@bouldercounty.org on or before 2:00 p.m., **December 3, 2021**. A response from the county to all inquiries will be posted and sent via email no later than **December 8, 2021**.

Please do not contact any other county department or personnel with questions or for information regarding this solicitation.

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:

SOQs are due at the email box only, listed below, for time and date recording on or before **2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on December 15, 2021**.

Please note that email responses to this solicitation are limited to a maximum of 50MB capacity.

NO ZIP FILES OR LINKS TO EXTERNAL SITES WILL BE ACCEPTED. THIS INCLUDES GOOGLE DOCS AND SIMILAR SITES. ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE RECEIVED AS AN ATTACHMENT (E.G. PDF, WORD, EXCEL).

Electronic Submittals must be received in the email box listed below. Submittals sent to any other box will NOT be forwarded or accepted. This email 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.

Email purchasing@bouldercounty.org; identified as **SOQ# 7281-21** in the subject line.

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

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, 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.

Contractors and their employees, subcontractors, and agents must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, orders, and codes, as well as Boulder County policies, guidelines, and protocols.

Please be advised of the following contract term required for all Boulder County contracts effective 12/1/21:

COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Certain Contractors of County

On September 28, 2021, the Boulder County Board of Commissioners adopted a COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy that applies to, as relevant here, all employees of independent contractors of the County that perform county work in a county facility. For purposes of this policy, “perform work in a county facility” means any employee of an independent contractor that routinely performs more than fifteen (15) hours per month of county work that takes place in or on a county facility/property. Under the County’s COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy, these individuals are required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine unless a reasonable accommodation based on medical reasons or due to a sincerely held religious belief is requested and approved. The policy requires that, by December 1, 2021, all individuals to which the policy applies must be fully vaccinated and submit proof of vaccination or have an approved reasonable accommodation in place. Therefore, beginning December 1, 2021, any employees of Contractor that perform county work in a county facility must be in compliance with the County’s vaccine requirement policy unless Contractor can show proof that it is in compliance with its own COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy or is required by local, state, or federal law or regulation to be compliant with a COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy.

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.



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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 proposer's risk.
2. Each proposer will furnish the information required in the Request for Proposals.
3. The Contract/Purchase Order will be awarded to that responsible proposer 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 proposals 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 will be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the County Purchasing Agent or delegated representative.
6. A signed purchase order or contract furnished to the successful proposer 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 ensure that the proposal arrives at the Purchasing email address prior to the time indicated in the "Request for Proposals."
8. The proposed price will 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 SOQ documents will be made by Addendum. Interpretations, corrections and changes of the SOQ documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and proposer will 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 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 or resulting contract will be clearly stated in the proposal and contract 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. Proposals that do not properly identify confidential/proprietary information may be released in their entirety. Pricing totals contained in a proposal are not considered confidential.

The Boulder County Attorney’s Office retains sole authority for determining whether the Colorado Open Records Act requires or permits Boulder County to disclose proposal or bid documents, or any information contained therein, pursuant to an open records request.

11. Boulder County promotes the purchase/leasing of energy efficient materials and products with low toxicity levels when availability, quality and budget constraints allow. Proposers 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. Proposers 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.
12. Pursuant to Colorado law (House Bill 1292), in any bidding process for public works in which a bid is received from a non-resident bidder who is from a state that provides a percentage bidding preference, a comparable percentage disadvantage will be applied to the bid of that bidder. Bidders may obtain additional information from the Department of Personnel’s website: <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/>.



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SPECIFICATIONS

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BCPOS is in the process of inventorying the County's groundwater wells, including the current condition, location, and State permitting status. Through this process, the County, working with the State Engineers Office, will identify wells which require services provided by the selected consultant(s). Services will depend on the County's assessment of the well and associated equipment and infrastructure, the specific purpose required of the well, and State guidance in order to permit the well. The prioritization of work and approximate location of new wells will be determined through the County's assessment and will be provided to the selected consultant.

The County anticipates work will begin in January 2022.

General well contractor services may include:

1. Complete well contracting construction services for new domestic, commercial, livestock, and/or agricultural water well installation, operation, equipment, and infrastructure
2. Complete State permitting services required with the installation of a new well with Boulder County coordination
3. Complete improvements or replacements to existing wells required by the State and Boulder County which may include:
 - a. Construct concrete slab surrounding existing well casing
 - b. Construct and install approved well seal on the well casing
 - c. Construct and install a protective structure enclosing the well to prevent damage by livestock or wildlife
4. Complete water delivery systems from groundwater wells to distribute to nearby areas
5. Complete well abandonment, if necessary, to comply with State guidelines

BOULDER COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The County will provide the contractor the following:

1. The general location for new well required to meet project objectives
2. The specific location of existing wells that require repair or improvements
3. A description of necessary repairs or improvements to the well and / or the well structure
4. Access to the project site
5. The project manager will be available for pre-work site visits and consultation during the project as needed.
6. Support State permitting requirements

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Determine the most appropriate location for new wells or recommend alternate locations for existing wells
2. Complete all services required to drill and make operational new wells
3. Complete necessary well repairs and improvements in a timely and cost-effective manner with

quality workmanship

4. Provide permitting support for new wells and wells requiring updated permitting documentation
5. Install pipe systems to distribute well water to tanks for livestock watering
6. Licensed well driller with the State of Colorado
7. The selected contractor will provide all necessary project materials, labor, tools, and equipment for completing the project on or before the project deadline
8. Contractor may be required to obtain a Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting Department Contractor's License. It is the responsibility of the selected Contractor to apply for and ensure the appropriate Contractor's license is obtained if necessary.

PERMITS, LICENSES, LOCATES AND CODES:

The selected Contractor shall have full responsibility for identifying and obtaining, prior to the start of work, and for maintaining throughout the term of the Project, any permits and licenses which may be required in order to carry out the work. The Contractor shall also be responsible for following all State and County codes, which may be required in order to carry out the Project. The Contractor shall also be responsible for all "locates" of all public utilities related to performing work under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor shall also be responsible for insuring that any of its subcontractors performing work on the Project satisfy the provisions of this paragraph.

Contractor is responsible to contact and coordinate with utility companies regarding protection of existing utilities and special requirements at utility crossing locations, as well as, other conditions where work is nearby existing utilities. Contractor shall be responsible for all costs of coordination with utilities including, but not limited to: outages, protection or support and any fees for costs from the utility.

CONTRACTOR LICENSING:

It is the responsibility of the selected Contractor to apply for and ensure the appropriate Contractor's license is obtained.

General contractors, HVAC contractors, and roofing contractors require licensing through the Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting Department. Electricians and plumbers are required to be licensed through the State of Colorado and registered with the Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting Department. Furthermore, it is required for all Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors to be fully-licensed through the State of Colorado.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Any party that has developed, designed or drafted specifications, requirements, statements of work and/or has participated in planning activities for this SOQ may be excluded from consideration for the award of this SOQ. Additionally, any party that has developed, designed or drafted specifications, requirements, statements of work and/or has participated in planning activities for future Projects may be excluded from consideration for the award of those Projects.

CHANGE ORDERS:

Any unplanned, change orders, modifications or additional services to this Project, shall be submitted by the Contractor, in a separate, written document, including a fee schedule and completion schedule and presented to the County for review. Approval from the County, in writing, must accompany all change order requests.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING:

Boulder County prohibits any overnight camping for awarded Projects; all operational staff, including designated security staff, are not authorized to be present at Project sites from sunset to sunrise, the open space property will remain closed during these hours to the contractor and its subcontractors and/or designated representatives and/or agents, unless specifically authorized by a BCPOS representative.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Contractor work hours shall be designated as **Monday through Friday from sunrise to sunset with the potential for work outside of those times for unplanned or emergency response work.** Unless specified otherwise in individual awarded Projects. Work on Saturdays and Sundays, nights, and designated Federal Holidays shall not be allowed unless approved, in writing, by the County.



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INSURANCE AND W-9 REQUIREMENTS

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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
Pollution Liability	\$1,000,000 Per Loss \$1,000,000 Aggregate Coverage maintained or extended discovery period for 3 years

Boulder County as Additional Insured: Boulder County shall be named as an additional insured for General Liability, Umbrella/Excess Liability, and Pollution Liability, as designated in this 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 Insureds.*

In regards to General Liability, Umbrella/Excess Liability, and Pollution Liability:

If any or all of these coverages are required above, additional insured status will be required at the time a contract is executed.

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. You are NOT required to include additional insured status until the time a contract is executed.

If you require a waiver of insurance requirements you may request one in your response with an explanation.

W-9 REQUIREMENT:

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



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SUBMITTAL SECTION

The proposer’s attention is especially called to the items listed below, which must be submitted in full as part of the PROPOSAL. Failure to submit any of the documents listed below as a part of your PROPOSAL, or failure to acknowledge any addendum in writing with your PROPOSAL, or submitting a proposal on any condition, limitation or provision not officially invited in this Solicitation of Qualifications (SOQ) may be cause for rejection of the PROPOSAL.

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL PACKAGE: Proposer will check each box indicating compliance:

INCLUDED	ITEM
	Name and Address of firm/Organization
	Telephone and Email address
	Name and Address of the Partners and Subcontractors – IF APPLICABLE
	Contact Person(s) Telephone and Email Address
	Information on the relevant experience of key personnel
	State your compliance with the Terms and Conditions in the Sample Contract contained in this RFP. Specifically list any deviations and provide justification for each deviation.
	Submit three (3) references for similar projects your firm has completed within the last three (3) years and contact information
	Insurance Certificate – Proof of Insurance - SAMPLE
	Copies of Professional certifications and/or license including copy of current Boulder County contractor’s license type - IF APPLICABLE
	Licensed State Well Driller
	Rate Sheet
	W-9 from current year
	Signature Page
	Addendum Acknowledgement(s) – IF APPLICABLE



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EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee. The committee may request additional information from vendors or request interviews with one or more vendors. Final evaluation and selection may be based on, but not limited to, any or all of the following:

- Certified State well driller
- Performed similar work described in the SOQ
- Equipment located within or near Boulder County
- Familiarity with State permitting process
- Experience drilling new wells
- Experience with the well abandonment process
- Experience developing well water delivery systems
- Experience modifying and improving existing wells

A scoring matrix with the order and priority of criteria to be used by the county in its evaluation and selection process is shown below:

Description	Points
Certified State well driller	10
Performed similar work described in the SOQ	15
Equipment located within or near Boulder County	5
Familiarity with State permitting process	20
Experience drilling new wells	20
Experience with the well abandonment process	5
Experience developing well water delivery systems	5
Experience modifying and improving existing wells	20
Total Possible	100



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SIGNATURE PAGE

Contact Information	Response
Company Name including DBA	
List Type of Organization (Corporation, Partnership, etc.)	
Name, Title and Email Address of Person Authorized to Contract with Boulder County	
Company Address	
Company Phone Number	
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.
- (Sole Proprietorships Only) 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 a statement of explanation.

Continuing Services Contract

DETAILS SUMMARY	
Document Type	New Contract
OFS Number-Version	TBD
County Contact Information	
Boulder County Legal Entity	Boulder County
Department	Parks & Open Space
Division/Program	
Mailing Address	Boulder County Parks & Open Space Department Attn: ADMIN-Contracts 5201 St. Vrain Road Longmont, CO 80503
Contract Contact – Name, email	Rosa Brohm rbrohm@bouldercounty.org
Invoice Contact – Name, email	pospayables@bouldercounty.org
Contractor Contact Information	
Contractor Name	
Contractor Mailing Address	
Contact 1- Name, title, email	
Contact 2- Name, title, email	
Contract Term	
Start Date	1/1/2022
Expiration Date	12/31/2022
Final End Date	12/31/2027
Contract Amount	
Contract Amount	\$150,000.00
NOTE: The Contract Amount is a not-to-exceed amount for the Contract Term. The cost of services shall be established on a project-by-project basis consistent with the terms of this Contract.	
Brief Description of Work	
SOQ # TBD; Development, repair, and improvement of groundwater wells and associated infrastructure located on BCPOS properties.	
NOTE: Work shall be assigned on a project-by-project basis according to the terms of this Contract.	
Contract Documents	
a. Formal Procurement (RFP/Bid/SOQ) No. Bid Variable (the "Bid Documents")	
b. Contractor's proposal in response to the Bid Documents (the "Proposal")	
c. Project Details, including project-specific terms and a Scope of Work, attached as Exhibit A (the "Scope of Work")	
d. Fee Schedule, attached as Exhibit B (the "Fee Schedule")	
Purchasing Details – County Internal Use Only	
Grant funded?	No
SOQ Number	TBD

Award Date	TBD
If no SOQ No., bid process used	Bid number provided above
COVID-19	NO
Project #	N/A
Purchasing Notes (optional)	N/A
Contract Notes	
<i>Additional information not included above</i>	

SAMPLE

THIS CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT ("Contract") is entered into by and between the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the County of Boulder, State of Colorado, a body corporate and politic, for the benefit of the Parks and Open Space Department ("County") and [Supplier] ("Contractor"). County and Contractor are each a "Party," and collectively the "Parties."

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Contract, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Incorporation into Contract: The **Details Summary** is incorporated into this Contract. The **Contract Documents** are incorporated into this Contract by reference, except to the extent that the Proposal, if any is incorporated, contains any obligations placed upon County and not otherwise contained in this Contract.
2. Work to be Performed: County will assign work on a project-by-project basis. County may enter into continuing services contracts with other contractors who will compete with Contractor to receive individual projects. Contractor will only be paid for projects awarded to Contractor through a bid process. The scope of work, cost, start date, and any other relevant project/Work details must be mutually agreed upon in writing prior to any Work commencing; such project-specific documents shall be incorporated into this Contract upon their acceptance by both Parties. **Contractor acknowledges that a continuing service contract does not constitute a guarantee that Contractor will be awarded any projects or work of any kind.** Upon receipt of an assignment, Contractor will provide all labor and equipment and do all tasks necessary and incidental to performing the work as described in the **Details Summary, Contract Documents,** and the project-specific documents mutually agreed upon in writing (the "Work"). Contractor will perform the Work (a) in a good and workmanlike manner, (b) at its own cost and expense, (c) in accordance with recognized industry standards of care, skill and diligence for the type of work being performed, and (d) in strict accordance with the Contract.
3. Term of Contract: The **Contract Term** begins on the **Start Date** and expires on the **Expiration Date**, unless terminated sooner. All the Work must be performed during the **Contract Term**.
4. Payment for Work Performed: In consideration of the Work performed by Contractor, and subject to conditions contained in this Contract, County will pay the **Contract Amount** to Contractor in accordance with the **Contract Documents** and mutually agreed upon project-specific documents.
5. Invoicing: Contractor will promptly provide a copy of its Form W-9 and invoice template to County upon request. Contractor must submit an invoice to the County by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month for any part of the Work completed in the prior calendar month. All invoices submitted require the following components: Contractor's name and address (submitted W-9 address must match remit address), detailed description of services, dates of services, itemization of labor and materials costs, "Bill to: Boulder County" language, payment remittance address, payer, name and address, date of invoice, unique invoice number, and total amount due. Contractor must send all completed invoices to the **Invoice Contact** in the **Details Summary**. County may require delivery of invoices by email. Failure to submit invoices in a timely manner and in accordance with the terms of this Contract may cause a delay in payment. County may recoup any damages incurred because of Contractor's failure to submit invoices pursuant to the terms of this paragraph.

County's acceptance or payment of an invoice will not constitute acceptance of any Work performed under this Contract.

6. Extra Time to Complete the Work (Additional Time only): If Contractor cannot complete the Work by the **Expiration Date**, Contractor may request extra time to complete the Work. County, in its sole discretion, may grant Contractor additional time to complete the Work by sending a written notice of extension to Contractor. An extension of time to complete the Work will not entitle Contractor to additional compensation from County.

7. Extension of Contract Term (Additional Time and Work): Upon mutual agreement of the Parties, this Contract may be extended until the **Final End Date**. During any extended **Contract Term**, the terms of this Contract will remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise amended in writing by the Parties. Where the Contractor will provide additional services for additional compensation beyond the initial **Contract Amount**, the Parties must execute a written amendment before the then-current **Expiration Date**. If necessary, the written amendment will incorporate an updated Scope of Work and updated Fee Schedule as exhibits. Contractor must provide a current Certificate of Insurance to the County that complies with the **Insurance Requirements** of this Contract, if any, prior to any extended **Contract Term**.

8. Schedule of Work: County may designate the hours (on a daily or weekly basis) during which Contractor may perform the Work, strictly for the purposes of minimizing inconvenience to the County and interference with County operations. Contractor will otherwise set its own work schedule.

9. Indemnity: Contractor will be liable for any damages to persons or property caused by or arising out of the actions, obligations, or omissions of Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives or other persons acting under Contractor's direction or control in performing or failing to perform the Work under this Contract. Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless County, its elected officials and appointed department heads, and its employees, agents and representatives (the "indemnified parties"), from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, damages, losses, judgments, costs or expenses, including 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 Contractor, its employees, agents or representatives, or other persons acting under Contractor's direction or control. This indemnification obligation will extend to claims based on Contractor's unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential information and intellectual property infringement. County will not be obligated to indemnify or defend Contractor under any circumstances. Contractor's obligations under this provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Contract. Nothing contained in this Contract or the **Contract Documents** is intended to limit or restrict the indemnification rights or obligations of any Party under this provision, or damages available for breaches of the obligations herein.

10. Nondiscrimination: Contractor will comply with the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, C.R.S. § 24-34-401, et seq., as amended, and all applicable local, State and Federal laws concerning discrimination and unfair employment practices. County prohibits unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, national origin, age 40 and over, disability, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, genetic information, or any other status protected by applicable Federal, State or local law. Contractor must require that its subcontractors, if any, similarly comply with all applicable laws concerning discrimination and unfair employment practices.

11. Information and Reports: Contractor will provide to authorized County, State, and Federal government representatives all information and reports that may be required for any purpose authorized by law. Contractor will permit access to such representatives to Contractor's facilities, books, records, accounts, and any other relevant sources of information. Where information required by a representative is in the exclusive possession of a person or entity other than Contractor, Contractor must so certify to the County and explain what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

12. Independent Contractor: Contractor is an independent contractor for all purposes in performing the Work. None of Contractor, its agents, personnel or subcontractors are employees of the County for any purpose, including the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the Colorado Workers' Compensation Act, the Colorado Unemployment Insurance Act, and the Public Employees Retirement Association. Accordingly, County will not withhold or pay any income tax, payroll tax, or retirement contribution of any kind on behalf of Contractor or Contractor's employees. As an independent contractor, Contractor is responsible for employing and directing such personnel and agents as it requires to perform the Work. Contractor will exercise complete authority over its personnel and agents and will be fully responsible for their actions.

13. Termination

a. Breach: Either Party's failure to perform any of its material obligations under this Contract, in whole or in part or in a timely or satisfactory manner, will be a breach. The institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, by or against Contractor, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Contractor or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within thirty (30) days after the institution of such proceeding, will also constitute a breach. In the event of a breach, the non-breaching Party may provide written notice of the breach to the other Party. If the breaching Party does not cure the breach, at its sole expense, as reasonably determined by the non-breaching Party in its sole discretion, within thirty (30) days after delivery of notice, the non-breaching Party may exercise any of its remedies provided under this Contract or at law, including immediate termination of this Contract.

b. Non-Appropriation: The other provisions of this Contract notwithstanding, County is prohibited by law from making commitments beyond the current fiscal year. Payment to Contractor beyond the current fiscal year is contingent on the appropriation and continuing availability of funding in any subsequent year. County has reason to believe that sufficient funds will be available for the full **Contract Term**. Where, however, funds are not allocated for any fiscal period beyond the current fiscal year, County may terminate this Contract without penalty by providing seven (7) days' written notice to Contractor.

c. Convenience: In addition to any other right to terminate under this Section 13, County may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, for any or no reason, upon seven (7) days' advance written notice to Contractor.

14. Contractor Obligations upon Termination or Expiration: By the **Expiration Date** or effective date of termination, if earlier, Contractor must (1) remove from County property all of its personnel, equipment, supplies, trash and any hazards created by Contractor, (2) protect any serviceable materials belonging to the County, and (3) take any other action necessary to leave

a safe and healthful worksite. Any items remaining on County property after the Expiration Date or the effective date of termination, if earlier, will be deemed abandoned by Contractor.

15. Payable Costs in Event of Early Termination: If County terminates this Contract before the **Expiration Date**, Contractor's payments (and any damages associated with any lawsuit brought by Contractor) are limited to only (1) payment for Work satisfactorily executed and fully and finally completed, as determined by County in its sole discretion, prior to delivery of the notice to terminate, and (2) the reasonable and actual costs Contractor incurred in connection with performing the Work prior to delivery of the notice to terminate. Contractor explicitly waives all claims it may have against the County for any other compensation, such as anticipatory profits or any other consequential, special, incidental, punitive or indirect damages

16. Remedies for Non-Performance: If Contractor fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, County may, at its sole discretion, exercise one or more of the following remedies (in addition to any other remedy provided by law or in this Contract), which shall survive expiration or termination of this Contract:

a. Suspend Performance: County may require that Contractor suspend performance of all or any portion of the Work pending necessary corrective action specified by the County and without entitling Contractor to an increase in compensation or extension of the performance schedule. Contractor must promptly stop performance and incurring costs upon delivery of a notice of suspension by the County.

b. Withhold Payment Pending Corrections: County may permit Contractor to correct any rejected Work at the County's discretion. Upon County's request, Contractor must correct rejected work at Contractor's sole expense within the time frame established by the County. Upon full and final completion of the corrections satisfactory to the County, County will remit payment to Contractor.

c. Deny Payment: County may deny payment for any Work that does not comply with the requirements of the Contract or that Contractor otherwise fails to provide or fully and finally complete, as determined by the County in its sole discretion. Upon County request, Contractor will promptly refund any amounts prepaid by the County with respect to such non-compliant Work.

d. Removal: Upon County's request, Contractor will remove any of its employees or agents from performance of the Work, if County, in its sole discretion, deems any such person to be incompetent, careless, unsuitable, or otherwise unacceptable.

17. Binding Arbitration Prohibited: County does not agree to binding arbitration by any extra-judicial body or person.

18. Conflicts of Interest: Contractor may not engage in any business or personal activities or practices or maintain any relationships that conflict in any way with the full performance of Contractor's obligations.

19. Notices: All notices provided under this Contract must be in writing and sent by Certified U.S. Mail (Return Receipt Requested), electronic mail, or hand-delivery to the other Party's **Contact** at the address specified in the **Details Summary**. For certified mailings, notice periods will begin to run on the day after the postmarked date of mailing. For electronic mail or hand-

delivery, notice periods will begin to run on the date of delivery.

20. 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, including but not limited to: C.R.S. § 38-26-107, which requires withholding funds where the County receives a claim for payment from a supplier or subcontractor of Contractor upon notice of final settlement (required for public works contracts that exceed \$150,000); C.R.S. § 8-17-101 et seq.; C.R.S. § 18-8-301, et seq.; and C.R.S. § 18-8-401, et seq.

21. Public Contracts for Services (C.R.S. §§ 8-17.5-101, et seq.): *The phrase “unauthorized worker” as used in this provision shall have the same and intended meaning as “illegal alien” as such phrase is used in C.R.S. §§ 8-17.5-101, et seq.* Contractor hereby certifies, warrants, and agrees that it does not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized worker who will perform work under this Contract and further certifies that it will confirm the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this Contract by participating in the E-Verify Program established under Pub. L. 104-28 or the department verification program established under C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5)(c). Contractor (i) shall not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized worker to perform work under this Contract; (ii) 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 unauthorized worker to perform work under this Contract; (iii) has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under this Contract through participation in the E-Verify program or department program; (iv) is prohibited from using either the E-Verify program or department program procedures to undertake preemployment screening of job applicants while this Contract is being performed; and (v) shall comply with any reasonable request by the department made in the course of an investigation that the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment is undertaking pursuant to the authority established in C.R.S. § 8-17.5-102(5). If Contractor obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this Contract knowingly employs or contracts with an unauthorized worker, Contractor shall (a) notify the subcontractor and County within three (3) days that Contractor has actual knowledge that subcontractor is employing or contracting with an unauthorized worker; and (b) terminate the subcontract if, within three (3) days of receiving notice hereunder, subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the unauthorized worker; except that Contractor shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during such three (3) days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an unauthorized worker. Contractor’s violation of this provision will constitute a material breach of this Contract, entitling the County to terminate the contract for breach. If this Contract is so terminated, Contractor shall be liable for actual and consequential damages to the County.

22. Entire Agreement/Binding Effect/Amendments: This Contract represents the complete agreement between the Parties and is fully binding upon them and their successors, heirs, and assigns, if any. This Contract terminates any prior agreements, whether written or oral in whole or in part, between the Parties relating to the Work. This Contract may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both Parties.

23. Assignment/Subcontractors: This Contract may not be assigned or subcontracted by Contractor without the prior written consent of the County. If Contractor subcontracts any of its obligations under this Contract, Contractor will remain liable to the County for those obligations and will also be responsible for subcontractor’s performance under, and compliance with, this Contract.

24. Governing Law/Venue: The laws of the State of Colorado govern the construction, interpretation, performance, and enforcement of this Contract. Any claim relating to this Contract or breach thereof may only be brought exclusively in the Courts of the 20th Judicial District of the State of Colorado and the applicable Colorado Appellate Courts.
25. Breach: The failure of either Party to exercise any of its rights under this Contract will not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights or a waiver of any breach of the Contract. All remedies available to a Party in this Contract are cumulative and in addition to every other remedy provided by law.
26. Severability: If any provision of this Contract becomes inoperable for any reason but the fundamental terms and conditions continue to be legal and enforceable, then the remainder of the Contract will continue to be operative and binding on the Parties.
27. Third-Party Beneficiary: Enforcement of the terms and conditions and all rights and obligations of this Contract are reserved to the Parties. Any other person receiving services or benefits under this Contract is an incidental beneficiary only and has no rights under this Contract. Notwithstanding, where the beneficiary **Department** is led by an Elected Official, such Elected Official shall be considered a third-party beneficiary.
28. Colorado Open Records Act: County may disclose any records that are subject to public release under the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1, et seq.
29. Conflict of Provisions: If there is any conflict between the terms of the main body of this Contract and the terms of any of the **Contract Documents** or the project-specific documents, the terms of the main body of the Contract will control.
30. Governmental Immunity: Nothing in this Contract 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.
31. Representations and Warranties: Contractor represents and warrants the following:
- a. Execution of this Contract and performance thereof is within Contractor's duly authorized powers;
 - b. The individual executing this Contract is authorized to do so by Contractor;
 - c. Contractor is authorized to do business in the State of Colorado and is properly licensed by all necessary governmental and public and quasi-public authorities having jurisdiction over the Work and the Contractor; and
 - d. Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, are financially solvent, able to pay all debts as they mature, and have sufficient working capital to complete the Work and perform all obligations under the Contract.
32. Legal Compliance: Contractor assumes full responsibility for obtaining and maintaining any permits and licenses required to perform the Work. Contractor is solely responsible for ensuring that its performance under this Contract and the Work itself will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, ordinances and codes. County approval of the Work or any aspect of Contractor's performance, such as plans, designs, or other Contractor-drafted documents, shall not be interpreted to mean that Contractor has satisfied its obligations under this Section.

33. Litigation Reporting: Contractor is not currently involved in any action before a court or other administrative decision-making body that could affect Contractor's ability to perform the Work. Contractor will promptly notify the County if Contractor is served with a pleading or other document in connection with any such action.
34. Tax Exemption: County is exempt from payment of Federal, State, and local government taxes. Contractor shall collect no tax from the County, and the County shall not be liable to pay any taxes imposed on Contractor. County shall provide its tax exemption status information to Contractor upon request.
35. Delegation of Authority: The Parties acknowledge that the Board of County Commissioners has delegated authority to the Department Head or Elected Official that leads the beneficiary Department and their designees to act on behalf of the County under the terms of this Contract, including but not limited to the authority to terminate this Contract.
36. Ownership of Work Product: All work product, property, data, documentation, information or materials conceived, discovered, developed or created by Contractor pursuant to this Contract ("Work Product") will be owned exclusively by the County. To the extent possible, any Work Product will be deemed to be a work made for hire. Contractor unconditionally and irrevocably transfers and assigns to the County all right, title and interest in and to any Work Product.
37. Publicity Releases: Contractor will not refer to this Contract or the County in commercial advertising without prior written consent of the County. This provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Contract.
38. Execution by Counterparts; Electronic Signatures: This Contract may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which will constitute one agreement. The Parties approve the use of electronic signatures, governed by the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, C.R.S. §§ 24 71.3 101 to 121. The Parties will not deny the legal effect or enforceability of this Contract solely because it is in electronic form or because an electronic record was used in its creation. The Parties will not object to the admissibility of this Contract in the form of electronic record, or paper copy of an electronic document, or paper copy of a document bearing an electronic signature, because it is not in its original form or is not an original.
39. Limitation on Public Statements and Lobbying Activity. During the term of this Contract, Contractor may receive from the County its confidential data, work product, or other privileged or confidential information that is protected by law. To maintain the fact and appearance of absolute objectivity, Contractor shall not, without the prior written consent of the County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, do any of the following: (a) disclose information obtained because of this contractual relationship to any third party; (b) lobby any State or Federal agency on any pending matter while this Contract is effective; or (c) make any public statements or appear at any time to give testimony at any public meeting on the subject matters regarding which Contractor is or was retained by the County. County may set reasonable conditions on any disclosure authorized by the County under this provision. Notwithstanding, Contractor may make disclosures as required by law, and to law enforcement officials in connection with any criminal justice investigation.
40. Sustainability: County encourages Contractor to consider the procurement and use of

environmentally preferable products and services while performing services under this Contract. “Environmentally preferable purchasing” means making purchasing choices for products and services that have a lesser or reduced adverse effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products and services that serve the same purpose. Environmentally preferable purchasing is consistent with the County’s commitment to protecting our air, water, soil, and climate for current and future generations. County encourages Contractor to incorporate the following actions into Contractor’s performance of the Work: environmentally preferable supplies and services; conservation of water; efficient energy use; waste prevention; reuse and recycle construction and de-construction materials in a manner that maximizes reuse of materials; sustainable transportation choices, including consideration to business communication software such as Skype alternative to air travel and public transit or carpooling for in-person meetings; pollution prevention; low toxicity for public health & safety; and reduced emissions to address climate change.

41. Limitation of Liability: COUNTY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO CONTRACTOR FOR ANY SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, OR INDIRECT DAMAGES ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, REGARDLESS OF ANY NOTICE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. COUNTY’S AGGREGATE LIABILITY, IF ANY, ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THIS CONTRACT, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, OR IN TORT, OR OTHERWISE, IS LIMITED TO, AND SHALL NOT EXCEED, THE AMOUNTS PAID OR PAYABLE HEREUNDER BY COUNTY TO CONTRACTOR. ANY CONTRACTUAL LANGUAGE LIMITING CONTRACTOR’S LIABILITY SHALL BE VOID.

42. Legal Interpretation. Each Party recognizes that this Contract is legally binding and acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel of its choice about this Contract. The rule of construction providing that any ambiguities are resolved against the drafting Party will not apply in interpreting the terms of this Contract.

43. No Suspension or Debarment: Contractor certifies, and warrants for the Contract Term, that neither it nor its principals nor any of its subcontractors are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Contract by any Federal or State department or agency. Contractor shall comply, and shall require its subcontractors to comply, with subpart C of 2 C.F.R. § 180.

44. *[For Contracts that require employees of Contractor to routinely perform more than fifteen (15) hours per month of county work in a county building.]* COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Certain Contractors of the County: On September 28, 2021, the Boulder County Board of Commissioners adopted a COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy that applies to, as relevant here, all employees of independent contractors of the county that perform county work in a county facility. For purposes of this policy, “perform county work in a county facility” means any employee of an independent contractor that routinely performs more than fifteen (15) hours per month of county work that takes place in a county building. Under the county’s COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy, these individuals are required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine unless a reasonable accommodation based on medical reasons or due to a sincerely held religious belief is requested and approved. The policy requires that, by December 1, 2021, all individuals to which the policy applies must be fully vaccinated and submit proof of vaccination or have an approved reasonable accommodation in place. Therefore, beginning December 1, 2021, any employees of Contractor that perform county work in a county facility must be in compliance with the County’s vaccine requirement policy unless Contractor can show proof that it is in compliance with its own COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy or is required by local, state, or federal law or regulation to

be compliant with a COVID-19 vaccine requirement policy. By its execution of this Contract, Contractor hereby acknowledges and attests compliance with this provision. Contractor shall provide proof of compliance with this provision upon County's request.

45. Insurance: Prior to commencing the Work, Contractor will provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County demonstrating adequate insurance coverage as required by this paragraph. All policies evidencing coverage required by the Contract will be issued by insurance companies satisfactory to the County. Contractor will forward Certificates of Insurance directly to the **County Department** and **Contact** listed in the **Details Summary**.

a. Boulder County as Additional Insured: Boulder County shall be named as an additional insured for General Liability, Umbrella/Excess Liability, and Pollution Liability, as designated in this 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.*

b. Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required by 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. If any insurance company refuses to provide the required notice, Contractor or its insurance broker shall notify the County any cancellation, suspension, or nonrenewal of any insurance policy within seven (7) days of receipt of insurers' notification to that effect.

c. Insurance Obligations of County: County is not required to maintain or procure any insurance coverage beyond the coverage maintained by the County in its standard course of business. Any insurance obligations placed on the County in any of the **Contract Documents** shall be null and void.

d. Deductible: Any and all deductibles contained in any insurance policy shall be assumed by and at the sole risk of Contractor.

e. Primacy of Coverage: Coverage required of Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, shall be primary over any insurance or self-insurance program carried by the County.

f. Subrogation Waiver: All insurance policies in any way related to this Contract secured or maintained by Contractor as required herein shall include clauses stating that each carrier shall waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against County, its organizations, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

g. Requirements: For the entire duration of this Contract including any extended or renewed terms, and longer as may be required by this Contract, Contractor shall procure and maintain at its own expense, and without cost to the County, the following kinds and minimum amounts of insurance to insure the liability risks that Contractor has assumed under this Contract:

i. **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.

ii. **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.

iii. **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.

vi. **Pollution Liability**

Coverage pay for those sums the Contractor becomes legally obligated to pay as damages because of Bodily Injury, Property Damage or environmental Damage arising out of a pollution incident caused by the Contractor's work including Completed Operations. Coverage shall include emergency response expenses, pollution liability during transportation (if applicable) and at Non-Owned Waste Disposal Site (if applicable). The Minimum limits required are \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence/Loss and \$1,000,000 Policy Aggregate. If the coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the Contractor warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of this Contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of three (3) years beginning from the time that work under this contract is completed. County shall be named as an additional insured for ongoing operations and completed operations.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and entered into this Contract as of the latter day and year indicated below.

SIGNED for and on behalf of Boulder County		SIGNED for and on behalf of Contractor	
Signature:		Signature:	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Date:		Date:	
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Attest Signature:		<i>Initial</i>	
Attestor Name:			
Attestor Title:			