



**Boulder County Purchasing**

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**Boulder, CO 80302**

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**SOLICITATION OF QUALIFICATIONS  
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SOQ Number:

**7379-22**

SOQ Title:

**North Foothills Feasibility Study**

CDOT Project Number

SW02 919

CDOT Project Code

24933

SOQ Questions Due:

October 31, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

Submittal Due Date:

November 10, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

Email Address:

[purchasing@bouldercounty.org](mailto: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

Sample Contract

**Attachment A:** Affidavit of Small Business

Participation



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## **PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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### **1. Purpose/Background**

Boulder County (“the County”) is seeking to hire a consulting firm (“Contractor”) to complete a Bikeway Feasibility Study (“Study”) which will identify and evaluate alternative alignments for a new hard-surface multi-use bikeway parallel to US 36 (a.k.a. North Foothills Highway) between the City of Boulder and the Town of Lyons. The extents of the Study are from US M.M. 21 to US 36 M.M. 32.5.

The Study will identify alignments for a separated, safe, convenient, and reliable bikeway that will appeal to people desiring to travel by bicycle or foot on the US 36 corridor but who are currently deterred due to the high speeds and heavy traffic volumes immediately adjacent to the existing shoulders. The alignments should be suitable for cyclists of varying speeds and riding abilities ranging from interested but concerned to strong and fearless riders. The anticipated project outcome is a single preferred alternative bikeway alignment, a conceptual level plan and preliminary opinion of probable construction cost.

The Study will consider connections to existing and planned trails and trailheads within the US 36 corridor.

Alignments evaluated as part of the Study should be within the ROW to the greatest extent possible. Much of the property adjacent to the CDOT ROW is city or county owned open space. Any alternative that encroaches into adjacent property, including open space land, will be in the immediate vicinity of the CDOT right-of-way and will require additional coordination and consultation.

Analysis of potential conceptual trail alignments will include impact analysis and potential mitigation to offset impacts to natural, cultural, agricultural, and social resources. The Study

will ID City of Boulder open space land that is approved to be designated as a Habitat Conservation Area (HCA) and will include an alignment that avoids those areas.

If City open space lands cannot be avoided, minimize adverse impacts to the greatest extent practicable. The alignments alternatives studied will not include any disturbance to the City Habitat Conservation Area open space land.

Should the preferred alternative alignment propose to use City of Boulder open space lands outside of the roadway ROW, disposal of that portion of land may be required pursuant to City of Boulder Charter Section 177, a process that would occur during a subsequent phase of the planning and design process.

The bikeway project must comply with CDOT's, the County's and City of Boulder's design standards and criteria, and all draft deliverables will be reviewed by CDOT and the County. Impacts to OSMP lands must be consistent with existing City of Boulder rules and regulations, and the City of Boulder charter. The Study is federally funded and must meet all federal requirements.

Specifications, Affidavit of Small Business Participation and a sample contract are attached.

## **2. Written Inquiries**

All inquiries regarding this SOQ will be submitted via email to the Boulder County Purchasing Office at [purchasing@bouldercounty.org](mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.org) on or before 2:00 p.m. **October 31, 2022**. A response from the county to all inquiries will be posted and sent via email no later than **November 4, 2022**.

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

## **3. Submittal Instructions**

Submittals are due at the email box only, listed below, for time and date recording on or before **2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on November 10, 2022**.

**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](mailto:purchasing@bouldercounty.org); identified as SOQ # 7379-22 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 responses 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 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.

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.

**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**

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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: Bids submitted in response to this “Invitation to Bid” 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 bid or resulting contract should be clearly stated in the bid and contract itself. Confidential/proprietary information should be readily identified, marked and/or separated from the rest of the bid. Co-mingling of confidential/proprietary and other information is NOT acceptable.

**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.



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## **SPECIFICATIONS**

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The Contractor will design the project scope and schedule in consultation with a Project Steering Committee comprised of staff from Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting, Boulder County Parks and Open Space, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks and Town of Lyons under the direction of a single Project Manager from Boulder County Community Planning and Permitting.

The anticipated Study outcome is the identification of a single preferred alternative bikeway alignment, a conceptual level plan and profile, and preliminary opinion of probable construction cost. The scope of the Study contains five main elements which the Contractor will complete:

- 1: Mapping: Creation of a Map(s) of the CDOT US 36 right-of-way for the project extents (approximately MM 21 to MM 32.5). Most information can be found in existing sources including deeds. The map will show ROW 300 feet from centerline on both sides. If recommended by consultants, additional ROW/land ownership maybe be needed at Neva Road and possibly other specific locations recommended by the consultants.
- 2: Environmental documentation using existing sources, including Countywide Lidar, to identify wetlands and inventory of environmental constraints including threatened and endangered species and wildlife migration routes. Information and data from the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance's Eastern Slope Wildlife Prioritization Study and any plans for a wildlife crossing will also be incorporated.
- 3: Utility Inventory at quality level C to determine location of existing utilities and extent of utility impacts, including potential ditch crossings
- 4: Development and evaluation of potential bikeway alignments using right-of-way needs, environmental impacts, and topographical constraints, preliminary opinion or probable construction costs and other constraints to assist in identifying a preferred alternative.

## 5: Project Meetings

Contractor will prepare meeting agendas and is responsible for meeting minutes due within seven (7) working days after meetings that include key decisions and action items, agency responsible for accomplishing them and proposed completion date. Attendees from consultant team will be limited to necessary staff at each meeting. Most meetings will be held virtually via Teams or Zoom. Public meetings will be virtual with possible hybrid in-person option.

List of meetings:

- One (1) kick-off meeting: The consultant project management team will attend and conduct with the Project Steering Committee to develop critical path items, review goals and needs of project, and evaluate existing information. The consultant will bring a detailed project schedule to the kick-off meeting.
- Three (3) alternatives analysis meetings to examine strengths and weaknesses of the alignment alternatives based on agreed upon evaluation criteria developed with steering committee as part of the Study.
- One (1) conceptual design project team meeting
- Monthly collaboration meetings with project manager and partners, particularly OSMP as needed. Representatives from bicycle advocacy groups will be invited as needed.
- Up to five (5) meetings with adjacent private landowners as needed. These meetings may be via phone, video call or in person by preference of landowner.
- Two (2) County led virtual community public meetings with the consultant providing materials, attending and presenting as needed and summarizing comments.
- Up to two (2) site visits with Boulder County staff as needed.
- The consultant will conduct any meetings with ditch companies to determine any major items that need to be considered at the 15% design phase.

Deliverables:

- A. Preferred alignment based on alternatives analysis and input from the steering committee including all supporting documents developed during the Study.
- B. Preliminary opinion of probable construction cost for design and construction of the preferred alternative bikeway alignment.
- C. Electronic files (PDF, DWG, Shapefile, File Geodatabase, etc.) of the preferred alternative bikeway alignment geo-referenced to a defined coordinate system.

Project Schedule:

Work must be completed by or before June 30, 2024.



**Boulder County and CDOT Oversight:**

The County will conduct reviews of contract submittals to determine the extent to which contract requirements are being met by the work products, and ultimately to provide CDOT with the necessary confidence for acceptance. The Contractor will review the County's and CDOT's comments on submitted work products, provide a written response utilizing the medium in which these comments were provided, and implement corrective actions as required. County and CDOT design review comments will be recorded. However, these reviews are not intended to replace the Contractor's own quality assurance/quality control activities.



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## **INSURANCE AND W-9 REQUIREMENTS**

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### **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.

### **iv. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)**

Professional liability coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Per Loss and \$1,000,000 Aggregate. Professional Liability provisions indemnifying for loss and expense resulting from errors, omission, mistakes or malpractice is acceptable and may be written on a claims-made basis. The contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

b. 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.

c. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) as Additional Insured: CDOT 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, and Colorado Department of Transportation are 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 the Partners and Subcontractors if applicable
	A detailed project schedule
	Information on the relevant experience of key personnel
	State your compliance with the Terms and Conditions in the Sample Contract contained in this SOQ. Specifically list any deviations and provide justification for each deviation.
	Submit three references for similar projects your company has completed within the last three years and contact information
	Insurance Certificate
	Completed Affidavit of Small Business Participation (spreadsheet attached) and review of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Contract Requirements (can be found here: <a href="https://www.codot.gov/business/civilrights/la-compliance/ps/overview">https://www.codot.gov/business/civilrights/la-compliance/ps/overview</a> )
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	Signature Page
	Addendum Acknowledgement(s) (If Applicable)



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## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

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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:

**Project Concept Approach and Project Understanding 45%**

Discuss your approach, methodology and techniques to complete the work as specified herein. Identify the various tasks/items of work that will be required to successfully complete the design. This should be specific, logical, and organized.

Include identification and suggested resolution of potential challenges that the consultant foresees based on the project goals listed in the scope of work, as well as any corridor issues. Include approach to meaningful engagement and collaboration with agencies, including City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, advocacy organizations, and ability to incorporate relevant public comments.

**Project Team/Qualifications/Firm Capability 30%**

How the team's qualifications and experience relate to the Scope of Work including but not limited to:

- Identify Project Manager: Knowledge of project management related to the Scope of Work and project management abilities and controls abilities (i.e. cost, schedule, and quality control)
- Identify the person who would be the day-to-day contact for the County if not the project manager
- Identify lead Personnel and other Key Staff and resumes or relevant work background on each
- Identify any Sub-consultants, Vendors/Suppliers and their qualifications and relevant individual experience and their role, and integration into the team

**Quality Control 5%**

Describe your approach on quality control. How are design issues monitored and resolved, plans checked and cross-referenced, and documents ensured to be complete, accurate, and coordinated with other sub-consultant plans?

**Past Performance on Similar Projects 20%**

Experience on similar projects. Include at least two similar projects that were on topographically challenging, ROW constrained areas and working with steering committees made up of different agencies. Include references from completed projects.

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:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Project Concept Approach</b>	45%
<b>Project Team/Qualifications/Firm Capability</b>	30%
<b>Quality Control</b>	5%
<b>Past Performance on Similar Projects</b>	20%
<b>Total Possible</b>	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.

# **BOULDER COUNTY SAMPLE CONTRACT**

THIS 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 Community Planning & Permitting 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:** Contractor will provide all labor and equipment and do all tasks necessary and incidental to performing the work as described in the **Details Summary** and **Contract Documents** (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 an amount not to exceed the **Contract Amount** to Contractor in accordance with the **Contract 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 completion of any Work performed 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 does 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 remedies 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. 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.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**, 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. **Insurance:** Prior to commencing the Work, Contractor will provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County demonstrating adequate insurance coverage as required by this Section. 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:** Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and 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, and Colorado Department of Transportation are named as Additional Insureds.**

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.

**iv. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions)**

Professional liability coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Per Loss and \$1,000,000 Aggregate. Professional Liability provisions indemnifying for loss and expense resulting from errors, omission, mistakes or malpractice is acceptable and may be written on a claims-made basis. The contractor warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

**[Signature Page to Follow]**

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:		<i>Initials</i>	
Attestor Name:			
Attestor Title:			