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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL COVER PAGE

RFP Number:	7446-23
RFP Title:	Boulder County Area Agency on Aging - Housing Navigation Assistance
Non-Mandatory Pre- Proposal Meeting:	Thursday, March 16, 2023 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	St. Vrain Community Hub 515 Coffman St., Longmont
RFP Questions Due:	March 17, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.
Submittal Due Date:	March 24, 2023 – 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 Sustainability Questionnaire

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#### **PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### 1. Purpose/Background

The mission of the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging (BCAAA) is to deliver, fund, and advocate for services that promote well-being, independence, and dignity for older adults, people living with disabilities, caregivers, and veterans in Boulder County. BCAAA practices a strengths-based and solutions-focused philosophy toward strategic planning and service delivery, and encourages the same in our providers.

Boulder County Area Agency on Aging is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to provide **Housing Navigation Assistance** funded by and in compliance with the Older Americans Act (OAA) and State Funding for Senior Services (SFSS), to eligible older adults 60 and older, and their caregivers in Boulder County.

#### 2. Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting

An OPTIONAL Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held Thursday, March 16 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the St. Vrain Community Hub (515 Coffman Street, Longmont), Room 112-N.

The meeting will be hybrid; representatives may attend in-person or virtually. <u>Register for the</u> <u>meeting here</u> to receive a virtual link.

#### 3. Written Inquiries

All inquiries regarding this RFP will be submitted via email to the Boulder County Purchasing Office at <u>purchasing@bouldercounty.org</u> on or before 5:00 p.m., March 17, 2023. A response from the county to all inquiries will be posted and sent via email no later than Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

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

#### 4. Submittal Instructions

Submittals are accepted online at <u>https://bouldercountyaaa.oaa-sys.com/rfp/public/</u> and are due no later than **2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on March 24, 2023.** Instructions for navigating the online platform can be found within the site.

# Vendors must answer whether line-item pricing information submitted with a bid is confidential or closely held.

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.

<u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</u>: Americans with Disabilities Act: If you need special services provided for under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact the Boulder County ADA Coordinator or Human Resources office at (303) 441-3525 as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for service delivery ahead of applicable due dates.



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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 County may award the Contract/Purchase Order to one or more responsive proposers whose submittal, conforming to the Request for Proposals, is advantageous to the County, 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 is submitted through the online portal 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 RFP documents will be made by Addendum. Interpretations, corrections and changes of the RFP documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and proposer 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. Vendors must answer whether line-item pricing information submitted with a bid is confidential or closely held. Bids that do not identify confidential/proprietary information may be released in their entirety. Pricing totals contained in a bid 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/.



**SPECIFICATIONS** 

# PLEASE NOTE:

We encourage innovative and non-traditional approaches to meeting the needs of older adults and caregivers in Boulder County.

The specifications and definitions below are general in nature and by no means capture all potential services and programs that can be funded. When completing an online proposal, please select the service that most closely describes the service in your proposal. Be sure to include a thorough description of the service.

Awarded proposals will result in one of several variations of provider contracts based on provider resources, capacity, and ability to meet compliance obligations. Specific contract type and terms will be determined after awards are made, during contract negotiations.

# Housing Navigation Assistance

#### Service Definition

Individualized, one-on-one housing navigation assistance. The service should assist clients in navigating housing options and benefits. Services are focused on client goals and housing preferences, as possible.

Examples of activities:

- Identify appropriate housing opportunities, including long term care options
- Advocate for client goals and direction
- Navigate applications and available public housing benefits

#### Unit of Service

1 unit = 1 contact

#### Client Eligibility

Older adult, 60+ Caregivers

#### Service Requirements

Case Managers must have four years of related education, experience, or a combination of both. Areas of expertise should include:

- Knowledge of resources available in Boulder County communities
- Ability to navigate public assistance programs
- Person Centered interviewing skills
- Negotiation, intervention, and interpersonal communication skills
- Maintain case records and keep client information private

Specific requirements can be found under Case Management in the State Unit on Aging Policies and Procedure manual Section IV-415.

#### Service Specific Priorities

- NON-profit organization
- Client centered and directed
- Rapid or transitional housing navigation and assistance
- Experience working with local housing authorities and
- Knowledgeable about Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) and affiliated appeals processes
- Well versed in local housing financial assistance resources and programs
- Awareness of local home modification resources

# Grant Requirements – All Services

The requirements below can be met by the provider or in collaboration with **BCAAA**. If awarded, ability to meet requirements will determine the contract options offered to the provider.

### **Compliance Obligations**

- Comply with all applicable Federal and Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS)
- Ensure that for services requiring coordination between multiple providers or professionals, all laws governing the protection of personal health information shall be followed, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- Maintain required licenses from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), if applicable
- Maintain Operational procedures manual
- Maintain or develop Target Population outreach plan
- Maintain personnel records for employees, including background and CAPS check results, as required
- Maintain or develop wait list policy and tracking system
- Operate and provide services in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local regulations and standards.
- Participate in annual BCAAA on-site visits and trainings
- Routinely notify clients about their ability to provide feedback about services. Track complaints and complaint resolutions
- County of Boulder, Colorado, and State of Colorado listed as additional insured on relevant insurance policies.

#### **Reporting Requirements**

- Facilitate client registration and service delivery data entry into State Unit Data System, as required
- Report number of clients served, and units of service delivered by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following service delivery, through OAA-SYS Contract and Reimbursement System (CRS), as required by service
- Retain service delivery documentation

#### Fiscal Requirements

- Grantees are required to provide a minimum of 25% cash match and/or in-kind. Income from
  other federal grants cannot be utilized to match these federal/state dollars. In-kind match can
  be provided for up to ½ of the required 25% match. In addition, monthly in-kind match
  reported must be clearly documented, kept on file, and made available for review upon
  request.
- Maintain Fiscal procedures manual, including accounting processes for service units delivered and supporting documentation for billing and cash match, including in-kind costs

- Provide clients an opportunity to voluntarily donate toward the cost of the service. Track receipt and expense of program income.
- Submit a monthly reimbursement request by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following service delivery



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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. 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.

\*\*\*Waiver available if vendor is not required to carry workers compensation by Colorado State Law.\*\*\*

#### iii. 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.

**iv.** <u>Boulder County as Additional Insured</u>: 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 online PROPOSAL. Failure to attach or include any of the documents or information in the online system 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 Request for Proposal (RFP) may be cause for rejection of the PROPOSAL.

REQUIRED ITEM	NOTE
Name and Address of the Partners and	Required in online system narrative
Subcontractors if applicable	
A detailed project schedule with an all-	Required by online system for each service
inclusive total cost	selected
Information on the relevant experience of key	Required in online system narrative
personnel	
State your compliance with the Terms and	Required by online system to register
Conditions in the Sample Contract contained	
in this RFP. Specifically list any deviations and	
provide justification for each deviation.	
Insurance Certificate	Must upload in online system
W-9	Must upload in online system

**THIS QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED AS PART OF YOUR BID PACKAGE:** Proposer will answer Yes or No indicating compliance.

REQUIRED QUESTION	NOTE
Do you customarily keep line-item pricing	Required in online system narrative
information, such as the information being	
submitted with this proposal, confidential or	
closely-held?	



## **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 criteria included in the following scoring matrix:

Criteria	Description	Score	Weight
Target Populations	Target populations identified in the Older Americans Act, identified below-		
Greatest Economic Need	Income at or below the federal poverty level	1	
Greatest Social Need	<ul> <li>Physical and mental differences in abilities</li> <li>Language Barriers</li> <li>Cultural, social, or geographic isolation</li> </ul>	1-10	40%
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, People of Color		
Frail	<ul> <li>Differences or changes in abilities that impact activities of daily living</li> </ul>		
Rural	<ul> <li>Includes mountain and unincorporated areas of Boulder Cnty.</li> <li>Area not defined as urban by the State Demographer's Office</li> </ul>		
Service Specific Priorities	Meeting or providing individual service priorities as identified in the service specifications	1-10	30%
Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI)	<ul> <li>JEDI training made available to staff</li> <li>Diverse and inclusive Staff/Board that prioritize representative recruiting</li> <li>Language in the proposal is framed to be inclusive, anti-ageist, anti-racist, and anti-ablest</li> </ul>	1-10	10%
Grant Management Experience and Capacity	<ul> <li>Experience managing federal and/or state grants</li> <li>Appropriate and qualified staff/leadership</li> <li>Fiscal and operational capacity, sustainability</li> <li>Ability to meet compliance obligations</li> <li>Ability to meet service specifications and grant requirements</li> <li>Ability to provide cash and/or in-kind match</li> <li>Ability to provide clients information and referrals to other community services</li> </ul>	1-10	10%

Overall Quality of Proposal	<ul> <li>Service explained as happens on ground</li> <li>Demonstrates need/service demand through data</li> <li>Appropriate and relevant costs</li> <li>Proposal includes SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely) program/service Goals and Objectives</li> <li>Proposal includes performance measures (how progress towards Goals and Objectives will be measured)</li> </ul>	1-10	10%
	Total Possible Score	1	00%

#### **Criteria Scoring Guide:**

Score	How well does the proposal address the criteria?
0	Criteria not addressed at all
1-2	Criteria addressed in an insufficient or incomplete way
3-4	Criteria addressed in limited, or generic way; lacks relevant data or sources for data
5-6	Criteria addressed in an average or adequate way, with relevant data used and cited
7-8	Criteria addressed in a robust and specific way; relevant data used well
9-10	Criteria addressed in an outstanding way, that exceeds expectations

#### **Resources:**

Administration for Community Living (ACL) - Older Americans Act Colorado Department of Human Services – State Unit on Aging Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs (Rule Manual Volume 10) State Unit on Aging Policies and Procedure Manual Boulder County Area Agency on Aging

#### **Narrative Questions:**

- 1. Describe your organizational structure, including the diversity of your governing body and staff.
- 2. Are Justice, Equity, Diversity, and/or Inclusion trainings made available to staff providing the proposed program/service? If yes, please provide examples. If no, why?
- 3. Describe your organization's success providing programs to older adults in Boulder County. What are the strengths of your organization?
- 4. Please describe your organization's experience in providing housing navigation assistance and knowledge of local resources. Are you or organization staff members well versed in accessible housing options? Have you received any training on the subject? Please describe.
- 5. How does your organization outreach to potential clients?
- 6. What are the Goals and Objectives of the program/service?
- 7. Describe the service.
  - a. How does a client access the service or program?
  - b. What does the service look like on the ground for the participant?
  - c. When and where are services delivered? locations, times, days of the week, etc.

- 8. Does the program/service encourage participant direction and choice? If so, please explain how. If no, why?
- 9. How is success of the program/service measured?
- 10. Describe the role and qualifications of key personnel that will be providing the program/service you propose to offer.
- 11. Describe the specific ways in which you target and serve the following populations. If you do not target specific population(s), please explain why.
  - a. Greatest Economic Need
  - b. Greatest Social Need
  - c. Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)
  - d. Frail/Homebound
- 12. Is the program/service available in the mountain communities of Boulder County? If yes, please describe. If no, why?
- 13. Is the program/service and affiliated materials available in Spanish?
- 14. Have you received federal or state grants in the past? Describe your organization's experience with maintaining regulatory compliance and fiscal accountability.
- 15. Is your organization able to demonstrate 25% cash (and/or in-kind) match through non-state or federal sources?
- 16. Does your organization offer participants an opportunity to voluntarily donate toward the cost of the services provided? If yes, please describe how. If no, would you be willing to work with BCAAA to do so?
- 17. Describe your organization's ability to continue services if this funding is no longer available.
- 18. Are participants able to find information about and receive referrals to other community services and resources through your organization? If yes, please describe how. If no, why not?
- 19. Describe the type of Organization non-profit, for profit, government entity, etc.?
- 20. Do you customarily keep line-item pricing information, such as the information being submitted with this proposal, confidential or closely-held?
- 21. Please provide the Name and Address of any subcontractors that would be paid with these grant funds.
- 22. Please 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.



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## SUSTAINABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is applicable to firms that provide services as well as those that provide goods. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability.

1. What sustainability certifications does your business have? Please check the items that apply:

B-Corp
Green Business Bureau
Fair Trade USA
Green C Certification
None
Other - describe any other certifications your company has related to sustainability.
sustainability.

2. Does your company have a sustainability vision/commitment/values statement or policy? Please check the items that apply:

Our sustainability statement/policy describes our company's sustainability initiatives.
We have formed an oversight committee to ensure the success of our sustainability policy.
Our sustainability statement/policy describes how our company explores opportunities to
work with communities, governments and non-governmental and professional organizations to help articulate, teach and advance the principles of sustainability. We are currently in the process of developing a sustainability statement/policy consistent with a commitment to promote environmental, economic, and social sustainability.



#### None

Other - Provide (or supply a link) your company's sustainability statement/policy.

3. What policies are in place to monitor and manage your supply chain regarding sustainability issues? Please select all that apply

We apply sustainability criteria when making purchasing decisions.
We partner with suppliers who share in our sustainability commitment and/or
work with them to reduce the impact to the environment of our resource needs as
well as improve worker conditions.
We purchase "green" (i.e. recyclable, reusable, non-toxic, compostable, fair trade
and made from 100% post-consumer recycled materials) supplies, products, and
materials.
We specify locally manufactured products in procuring goods.
We specify products that use the Electronic Products Environmental Assessment
Tool (EPEAT) standards in procuring goods.
None.
Other – describe other ways your company monitors and manages your supply
chain concerning environmental issues.
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4. Does your company promote sustainable transportation in its operations? Please select all that apply:

We own, rent, or lease electric fleet vehicles.
We own, rent, or lease hybrid or natural gas fueled fleet vehicles.
We encourage carpooling, public transportation, and using other alternative
modes of transportation.
We subsidize public transportation for employees.
We have an established Green Transportation Plan
We are developing a Green Transportation Plan
We offer flexible hours, telecommuting, or a compressed work week.
We utilize teleconference, video conference, WebEx or GoTo Meetings (or other
similar conferencing services).
None
Other - describe other ways your company promotes sustainable transportation. If
applicable, use this space to describe your company's Green Transportation Plan
(whether existing or in development).

5. What does your company do to minimize the environmental impacts associated with shipping? Please check the items that apply:

We have established company policies and procedures that minimize the need for
 shipping in the first place
We combine deliveries with customer visits.
We consolidate deliveries.
We use bike couriers for local delivery.
We utilize electronic communications and electronic transfer of documents, such as e-mail, fax and Portable Document Format (PDF).
We specify products that can be purchased locally within a 500-mile radius of the delivery location in procuring goods.
We are currently evaluating what the company can do to minimize the
environmental impacts associated with shipping (must describe below; no additional points awarded for providing this description).
Our packaging/shipping materials are reusable.
Our packaging/shipping materials are made from 100% post-consumer recycled materials.
N/A
Other – describe what your company does to minimize the environmental costs
associated with shipping. If applicable, use this space to provide required description(s).

6. Has your company ever been cited for non-compliance of any law, regulation, ordinance, code, rule, standard, or policy regarding an environmental or safety issue? Please check the item that applies:

No, my company HAS NOT been cited for non-compliance regarding ar	۱
environmental or safety issue.	

]	Yes, my company HAS been cited for non-compliance of an environmental or
	safety issue.

N/A State the reason date and outcome of	the citetion.
N/A State the reason, date and outcome of	the citation.

7. What programs do you have, either in place or currently being planned, to promote resource efficiency? Examples include energy or waste audit programs. Please check the items that apply:



- We have an established zero waste program.
- We utilize a facilities energy management system.
- We have adopted a climate action plan.
- We have a water conservation program.

We have formed a sustainability committee to identify sustainable solutions for
our company.
We are a member of various sustainability organizations.
We are recognized by peers and environmental organizations for providing
leadership in
Sustainability.
None
Other - what other programs do you have in place or planned for promoting
resource.
Efficiency?

8. If your business's proposal involves the provision of a product, does the manufacturer of the product, whether your business or an outside entity, have a sustainability policy statement? Please check the item that applies:

No, the manufacturer of the product that I am proposing DOES NOT have a
sustainability policy statement.
Yes, the manufacturer of the product that I am proposing HAS a sustainability policy statement.
 policy statement.
Not applicable.

Provide Sustainability Policy Statement:

- 9. If your business's proposal involves the provision of a product, has the manufacturer of the product, whether your business or an outside entity, ever been cited for non-compliance of any law, regulation, ordinance, code, rule, standard, or policy regarding an environmental or safety issue? Please check the item that applies:
  - No, the manufacturer of the product that I am proposing HAS NOT been cited for noncompliance regarding an environmental or safety issue.
  - Yes, the manufacturer of the product that I am proposing HAS been cited for noncompliance regarding an environmental or safety issue.
  - \_\_\_\_\_Not applicable.

Provide reason, date and outcome of the citation:

10. If your business's bid/proposal involves the provision of a product, has an environmental lifecycle analysis of the product that you are proposing been conducted by a certified testing organization, such as Green Seal, Energy Star, and Cradle to Cradle? Please check the item that applies.

No, an environmental life-cycle analysis of the product that I am bidding/proposing HAS NOT been conducted by a certified testing organization, such as Green Seal.
Yes, an environmental life-cycle analysis of the product that I am bidding/proposing HAS been conducted by a certified testing organization, such as
Green Seal. Not applicable.

Provide certification:



#### **SIGNATURE PAGE**

# **PLEASE NOTE:** The information below and formal approval for this proposal is captured by the online system.

It is not required to submit a separate 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 Services ("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. <u>Incorporation into Contract</u>: 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. <u>Work to be Performed</u>: 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. <u>Term of Contract</u>: 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. <u>Payment for Work Performed:</u> 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. <u>Invoicing</u>: 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 of this paragraph. County's acceptance or payment of an invoice will not constitute acceptance of any Work performed under this Contract.

6. <u>Extra Time to Complete the Work (Additional Time only)</u>: 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. <u>Extension of Contract Term (Additional Time and Work)</u>: 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. <u>Schedule of Work:</u> 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. <u>Indemnity:</u> 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. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>: Contractor will comply with the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, C.R.S. § 24-34-401, <u>et</u> <u>seq</u>., 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. <u>Information and Reports</u>: 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. <u>Termination</u>

a. <u>Breach</u>: 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. <u>Non-Appropriation</u>: 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. <u>Convenience</u>: 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. <u>Contractor Obligations upon Termination or Expiration</u>: 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. <u>Payable Costs in Event of Early Termination</u>: 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. <u>Remedies for Non-Performance</u>: 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. <u>Suspend Performance</u>: 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. <u>Withhold Payment Pending Corrections</u>: 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. <u>Deny Payment</u>: 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. <u>Removal</u>: 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. <u>Binding Arbitration Prohibited</u>: County does not agree to binding arbitration by any extra-judicial body or person.

18. <u>Conflicts of Interest</u>: 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. <u>Notices</u>: 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. <u>Statutory Requirements</u>: 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. <u>No Suspension or Debarment</u>: 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. <u>Entire Agreement/Binding Effect/Amendments</u>: 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. <u>Assignment/Subcontractors</u>: 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. <u>Governing Law/Venue</u>: 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. <u>Breach</u>: 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. <u>Severability</u>: 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. <u>Third-Party Beneficiary</u>: 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. <u>Colorado Open Records Act</u>: County may disclose any records that are subject to public release under the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1, <u>et seq</u>.

29. <u>Conflict of Provisions</u>: 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. <u>Governmental Immunity</u>: 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, <u>et seq</u>., as amended.

31. <u>Representations and Warranties:</u> 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. <u>Legal Compliance</u>: 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. <u>Litigation Reporting</u>: 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. <u>Tax Exemption</u>: 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. <u>Delegation of Authority</u>: 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. <u>Ownership of Work Product</u>: 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. <u>Publicity Releases</u>: 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. <u>Execution by Counterparts; Electronic Signatures</u>: 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. <u>Limitation on Public Statements and Lobbying Activity</u>. 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. <u>Sustainability</u>: 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. <u>Limitation of Liability</u>: 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. <u>Legal Interpretation</u>. 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. <u>Insurance:</u> 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. <u>Boulder County as Additional Insured</u>: 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.

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

b. <u>Notice of Cancellation</u>: 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. <u>Insurance Obligations of County</u>: 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. <u>Deductible</u>: Any and all deductibles contained in any insurance policy shall be assumed by and at the sole risk of Contractor.

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

f. <u>Subrogation Waiver</u>: 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. <u>Requirements</u>: 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. 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. \*\*\*Waiver available if vendor is not required to carry workers compensation by Colorado State Law. \*\*\*

#### iii. 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:	Initials	
Attestor Name:		
Attestor Title:		