



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

#16-22

Bond Underwriting Services

February 22, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Statements of Qualifications will be received by the City of Clearwater (City) until **10:00 AM, Local Time, March 24, 2022** to provide **Bond Underwriting Services**.

Brief Description: The City of Clearwater is seeking qualified investment banking firms interested in serving as a member of the City's bond underwriting team.

Responses must be in accordance with the provisions, specifications and instructions set forth herein and will be received by the Procurement Division until the above noted time, when they will be publicly acknowledged and accepted.

This Request for Qualifications, any attachments and addenda are available for download at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp>

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit the response in accordance with the instructions. This document (less this invitation and the instructions) and any required documents, attachments, and submissions will constitute the response.

General, Process, or Technical Questions concerning this solicitation should be directed, IN WRITING, to the Procurement Manager.

This Request for Qualifications is issued by:

Lori Vogel, CPPB
Procurement Manager
lori.vogel@myclearwater.com

Procurement Division
100 S Myrtle Ave
Clearwater FL 33756-5520
PO Box 4748, 33578-4748
727-562-4630 Tel

INSTRUCTIONS

- i.1 **VENDOR QUESTIONS:** All questions regarding the contents of this solicitation, and solicitation process (including requests for ADA accommodations), shall be directed solely to the Contact listed on Page One (1). Questions should be submitted in writing via letter, fax or email. Questions received less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the due date and time may be answered at the discretion of the City.
- i.2 **ADDENDA/CLARIFICATIONS:** Any changes to the specifications will be in the form of an addendum. Addenda are posted on the City website no less than seven (7) days prior to the Due Date. **Vendors are cautioned to check the Purchasing Website for addenda and clarifications prior to submitting their response.** The City cannot be held responsible if a vendor fails to receive any addenda issued. The City shall not be responsible for any oral changes to these specifications made by any employees or officer of the City. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may result in disqualification of a response.
- i.3 **DUE DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION AND OPENING:**
Date: March 24, 2022
Time: 10:00 AM (Local Time)

The City will open all responses properly and timely submitted and will record the names and other information specified by law and rule. All responses become the property of the City and will not be returned except in the case of a late submission. Respondent names, as read at the opening, will be posted on the City website. Once a notice of intent to award is posted or 30 days from day of opening elapses, whichever occurs earlier, responses are available for inspection by contacting the Procurement Division.
- i.4 **SUBMIT RESPONSES TO:** It is recommended that responses are submitted electronically through our bids website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp>.

Respondents may mail or hand-deliver responses to the address below. E-mail or fax submissions will not be accepted. Use label at the end of this solicitation package

City of Clearwater
Attn: Procurement Division
100 S Myrtle Ave, 3rd Fl, Clearwater FL 33756-5520
or
PO Box 4748, Clearwater FL 33758-4748

Responses will be received at this address. Respondents may mail or hand-deliver proposals; e-mail or fax submissions will not be accepted.

No responsibility will attach to the City of Clearwater, its employees or agents for premature opening of a response that is not properly addressed and identified.
- i.5 **LATE RESPONSES.** The respondent assumes responsibility for having the response delivered on time at the place specified. All responses received after the date and time specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened to the respondent. The respondent assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in handling of the mail by employees of the City of Clearwater, or any private courier, regardless whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery. It shall not be sufficient to show that you mailed or commenced delivery before the due date and time. All times are Clearwater, Florida local times. The respondent agrees to accept the time stamp in the City's Procurement Division as the official time.
- i.6 **LOBBYING; LOBBYING NO-CONTACT PERIOD; QUESTIONS REGARDING SOLICITATION.**
From the time a competitive solicitation is posted until such time as the contract is awarded by the city or the solicitation is cancelled, all bidders, offerors, respondents, including their employees, representatives, and other individuals acting on their behalf, shall be prohibited from lobbying city officers, city employees, and evaluation committee members.

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Violation of this section may result in rejection/disqualification from award of the contract arising out of the competitive solicitation.

All questions regarding the competitive solicitation must be directed to the procurement manager or designee, who will respond in writing and post such response to ensure that all respondents receive the same information during the No-Contact Period.

The penalty for violating the No-Contact Period may include suspension or debarment

- i.7 **RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND.** Failure to read, examine and understand the solicitation will not excuse any failure to comply with the requirements of the solicitation or any resulting contract, nor shall such failure be a basis for claiming additional compensation. If a vendor suspects an error, omission or discrepancy in this solicitation, the vendor must immediately and in any case not later than seven (7) business days in advance of the due date notify the contact on page One (1). The City is not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of the response. Respondents are cautioned to verify their responses before submission, as amendments to or withdrawal of responses submitted after time specified for opening of responses may not be considered. The City will not be responsible for any respondent errors or omissions.
- i.8 **FORM AND CONTENT OF RESPONSES.** Unless otherwise instructed or allowed, responses shall be submitted on the forms provided. An original and the designated number of copies of each response are required. Responses, including modifications, must be submitted in ink, typed, or printed form and signed by an authorized representative. Please line through and initial rather than erase changes. If the response is not properly signed or if any changes are not initialed, it may be considered non-responsive. The City may require that an electronic copy of the response be submitted. The response must provide all information requested and must address all points. The City does not encourage exceptions. The City is not required to grant exceptions and depending on the exception, the City may reject the response.
- i.9 **DEBARMENT DISCLOSURE.** If the respondent has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a (sub)contractor with any federal, state, or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the respondent shall include a letter with its response identifying the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above must be provided. A response from a respondent who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity may be rejected.
- i.10 **RESERVATIONS.** The City reserves the right to reject any or all responses or any part thereof; to reissue the solicitation; to reject non-responsive or non-responsible responses; to reject unbalanced responses; to reject responses where the terms and/or awards are conditioned upon another event; to reject individual responses for failure to meet any requirement; to award by part or portion, or total; to make multiple awards; to waive minor irregularities, defects, omissions, technicalities or form errors in any response. The City may seek clarification of the response from respondent at any time, and failure to respond is cause for rejection. Submission of a response confers on respondent no right to an award or to a subsequent contract. The City is responsible to make an award that is in the best interest of the City. All decisions on compliance, evaluation, terms and conditions shall be made solely at the City's discretion and made to favor the City. No binding contract will exist between the respondent and the City until the City executes a written contract or purchase order.
- i.11 **OFFICIAL SOLICITATION DOCUMENT.** Changes to the solicitation document made by a respondent may not be acknowledged or accepted by the City. Award or execution of a contract does not constitute acceptance of a changed term, condition or specification unless specifically

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acknowledged and agreed to by the City. The copy maintained and published by the City shall be the official solicitation document.

- i.12 **ETHICS.** It is the intention of the City to promote courtesy, fairness, impartiality, integrity, service, professionalism, economy, and government by law in the Procurement process. The responsibility for implementing this policy rests with each individual who participates in the procurement process, including respondents and contractors.

To achieve the purpose of this Article, it is essential that respondents and contractors doing business with the City also observe the ethical standards prescribed herein. It shall be a breach of ethical standards to:

- a. Exert any effort to influence any City employee or agent to breach the standards of ethical conduct.
- b. Intentionally invoice any amount greater than provided in Contract or to invoice for Materials or Services not provided.
- c. Intentionally offer or provide sub-standard Materials or Services or to intentionally not comply with any term, condition, specification or other requirement of a City Contract.

- i.13 **GIFTS.** The City will accept no gifts, gratuities or advertising products from respondents or prospective respondents and affiliates.

- i.14 **RIGHT TO PROTEST.** Pursuant to Section 2.562(3), Clearwater Code of Ordinances, a bidder who submitted a response to a competitive solicitation and was not selected may appeal the decision through the bid protest procedures, a copy of which shall be available in the Procurement Division. A protesting bidder must include a fee of one percent of the amount of the bid or proposed contract to offset the City's additional expenses related to the protest. This fee shall not exceed \$5,000.00 nor be less than \$50.00. Full refund will be provided should the protest be upheld. No partial refunds will be made.

ADDRESS PROTESTS TO:

City of Clearwater - Procurement Division

100 So Myrtle Ave, 3rd Fl

Clearwater FL 33756-5520

or

PO Box 4748

Clearwater FL 33758-4748

INSTRUCTIONS – EVALUATION

- i.15 **EVALUATION PROCESS.** Responses will be reviewed by a screening committee comprised of City employees and/or authorized agents. The City staff may or may not initiate discussions with respondents for clarification purposes. Clarification is not an opportunity to change the response. Respondents shall not initiate discussions with any City employee or official.
- i.16 **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION AND AWARD.** The City evaluates three (3) categories of information: responsiveness, responsibility, and the technical response. All responses must meet the following responsiveness and responsibility criteria.
- a) **Responsiveness.** The City will determine whether the response complies with the instructions for submitting responses including completeness of response which encompasses the inclusion of all required attachments and submissions. The City must reject any responses that are submitted late. Failure to meet other requirements may result in rejection.
 - b) **Responsibility.** The City will determine whether the respondent is one with whom it can or should do business. Factors that the City may evaluate to determine "responsibility" include, but are not limited to: past performance, references (including those found outside the response), compliance with applicable laws, respondent's record of performance and integrity- e.g. has the respondent been delinquent or unfaithful to any contract with the City, whether the respondent is qualified legally to contract with the City, financial stability and the perceived ability to perform completely as specified. A respondent must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the City, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. City staff may also use Dun & Bradstreet and/or any generally available industry information. The City will determine whether any failure to supply information, or the quality of the information, will result in rejection.
 - c) **Technical Response.** The City will determine how well responses meet its requirements in terms of the response to the solicitation and how well the offer addresses the needs of the project. The City will rank offers using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation.

The criteria that will be evaluated and their relative weights are:

Evaluation Criteria (<i>response format, pp. 11-12</i>)	Points
Experience of Firm with Relevant Financings (<i>Tab 2</i>)	25
Experience of Firm's Key Personnel and Underwriter(s) (<i>Tab 3</i>)	25
Marketing and Distribution Capabilities (<i>Tab 4</i>)	20
Ability and Willingness to Commit Capital (<i>Tab 5</i>)	20
Additional Information: References, Litigation (<i>Tab 6</i>)	10

- i.17 **PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS.** If requested, the respondent must provide a formal presentation and/or interview. The location for these presentations and/or interviews will be determined by the City and may be held virtually.
- i.18 **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE.** Respondent must be prepared for the City to accept the response as submitted. If respondent fails to sign all documents necessary to successfully execute the final contract within a reasonable time as specified, or negotiations do not result in an acceptable agreement, the City may reject response or revoke the award, and may begin negotiations with another Respondent. Final contract terms must be approved or signed by the appropriately authorized City official(s). No binding contract will exist between the respondent and the City until the City executes a written contract or purchase order.
- i.19 **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD.** Notices of the City's intent to award a Contract are posted to Purchasing's website. **It is the respondent's responsibility to check the City of Clearwater's**

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Purchasing website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp> to view the Procurement Division's Intent to Award postings.

- i.21 **RFQ TIMELINE.** All dates are tentative and subject to change.
Release RFQ: February 22, 2022
Advertise Tampa Bay Times: February 23, 2022
Responses due: March 24, 2022
Review responses/presentations: March 24, 2022-April 13, 2022
Award recommendation: April 13, 2022
Council authorization: May 2022
Contract begins: June 2022

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

1. **PROJECT MISSION.** The City of Clearwater is dedicated to providing superior services to its customers in order to improve the quality of life for Clearwater residents, businesses and visitors. The City is looking for vendors who share that dedication and will help the City meet that goal.
2. **GENERAL PURPOSE.** The City of Clearwater (City) seeks qualified investment banking firms interested in serving as bond underwriter to the City. The City intends to assemble a team of underwriters to serve the City for a period of five (5) years – **June 2022 through May 2027**. The City cannot project or guarantee number of negotiated issues that will be completed over this time period. The City anticipates selecting an underwriter or underwriters from the established pool for each transaction based on firm's service and coverage to the City, including suggestions of new ideas, strategies, or techniques; performance on behalf of the City on prior transactions; and/or other demonstrated services and commitment to the City. The City strives to maintain ongoing communication and relationships with its investment banking pool. The City reserves the right to determine the number of underwriters and to select the underwriter(s) for each specific transaction at its sole discretion and is not obligated to retain any specific firm for any financing. Existence of the underwriting pool shall not prohibit the City from using a competitive bidding process, bank loans, or other financing vehicles in instances where the City deems the use of these or alternative financing structures to be in the City's best interest.
3. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The required services of the senior managing underwriter include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Participate in review and drafting of all bond documents, including the Preliminary Official Statement, Official Statement, Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and other necessary legal documents
 - Assist in preparation and discussions with rating agencies and bond insurers, if requested
 - Make recommendations for important aspects of the proposed financing, including, but not limited to: the timing of the sale, the overall sales approach, the structure of the bonds, the call provisions, and the use of credit enhancement
 - Lead the underwriting team in marketing and distributing the bonds to both retail and institutional investors, in an attempt to access the largest possible selection of investors
 - Underwrite the financing based upon terms and conditions agreed to by both the City and the underwriters in the Bond Purchase Agreement
 - Provide detailed and specific information as it relates to the orders and allotments on the specific financing, if requested
 - Assist with the closing of the bonds, including reviewing all closing documents and providing a post financing report to the City which highlights the key characteristics of the financing

Co-managing underwriters will provide assistance as requested and will support in the marketing, distribution, and underwriting of the bonds.

Underwriting fees will be negotiated with the senior manager of a specific financing prior to that financing being priced. The City does not anticipate paying underwriting fees above what is being paid in the market at the time of pricing for similar transactions.

4. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.** The Contractor (respondent) shall, at its own cost and expense, acquire and maintain (and cause any subcontractors, representatives or agents to acquire and maintain) during the term with the City, sufficient insurance to adequately protect the respective interest of the parties. Coverage shall be obtained with a carrier having an AM Best Rating of A-VII or better. In addition, the City has the right to review the Contractor's deductible or self-insured retention and to require that it be reduced or eliminated.

Specifically the Contractor must carry the following minimum types and amounts of insurance on an occurrence basis or in the case of coverage that cannot be obtained on an occurrence basis.

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then coverage can be obtained on a claims-made basis with a minimum three (3) year tail following the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Specific work may require additional coverage on a case by case basis:

- a. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** coverage, including but not limited to, premises operations, products/completed operations, products liability, contractual liability, advertising injury, personal injury, death, and property damage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per occurrence and \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) general aggregate.
- b. **Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance** coverage for any owned, non-owned, hired or borrowed automobile is required in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) combined single limit.
- c. Unless waived by the State of Florida, statutory **Workers' Compensation Insurance** coverage in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, and **Employer's Liability Insurance** in the minimum amount of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) each employee each accident, \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) each employee by disease and \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) aggregate by disease with benefits afforded under the laws of the State of Florida. Coverage should include Voluntary Compensation, Jones Act, and U.S. Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Act coverage where applicable. Coverage must be applicable to employees, contractors, subcontractors, and volunteers, if any.
- d. **Professional Liability Insurance** coverage appropriate for the type of business engaged in by the Contractor with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per occurrence. If a claims made form of coverage is provided, the retroactive date of coverage shall be no later than the inception date of claims made coverage, unless prior policy was extended indefinitely to cover prior acts. Coverage shall be extended beyond the policy year either by a supplemental extended reporting period (ERP) of as great a duration as available, and with no less coverage and with reinstated aggregate limits, or by requiring that any new policy provide a retroactive date no later than the inception date of claims made coverage.

The above insurance limits may be achieved by a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS.

- a. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, and then annually upon the anniversary date(s) of the insurance policy's renewal date(s) for as long as this Agreement remains in effect, the Contractor will furnish the City with a Certificate of Insurance(s) (using appropriate ACORD certificate, SIGNED by the Issuer, and with applicable endorsements) evidencing all of the coverage set forth above and naming the City as an "Additional Insured." In addition, when requested in writing from the City, Contractor will provide the City with certified copies of all applicable policies. The address where such certificates and certified policies shall be sent or delivered is as follows: **City of Clearwater**
Attn: Procurement Division, RFQ #16-22
P.O. Box 4748
Clearwater, FL 33758-4748
- b. Contractor shall provide thirty (30) days written notice of any cancellation, non-renewal, termination, material change or reduction in coverage.
- c. Contractor's insurance as outlined above shall be primary and non-contributory coverage for Contractor's negligence.
- d. Contractor reserves the right to appoint legal counsel to provide for the Contractor's defense, for any and all claims that may arise related to Agreement, work performed under this

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Agreement, or to Contractor's design, equipment, or service. Contractor agrees that the City shall not be liable to reimburse Contractor for any legal fees or costs as a result of Contractor providing its defense as contemplated herein.

The stipulated limits of coverage above shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability to the City, and failure to request evidence of this insurance shall not be construed as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified.

MILESTONES

1. **ANTICIPATED BEGINNING AND END DATE OF INITIAL TERM.** June 2022 – May 2027

If the commencement of performance is delayed because the City does not execute the contract on the start date, the City may adjust the start date, end date and milestones to reflect the delayed execution.

2. **EXTENSION.** The City reserves the right to extend the term of this contract, provided however, that the City shall give written notice of its intentions to extend this contract no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the contract.

RESPONSE FORMAT

1. **RESPONSE SUBMISSION.** It is recommended that responses are submitted electronically through our bids website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp>.

For responses mailed and/or hand-delivered, firm must submit one (1) signed original (identified as ORIGINAL) response, three (3) copies of the response and one (1) copy in an electronic format, on a disc or thumb drive, in a sealed container using the label provided at the end of this solicitation.

NOTE: Every response received by the City will be considered a public record pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Any response marked confidential may be deemed non-responsive to this RFQ.

2. **RESPONSE FORMAT** - Qualifications shall be submitted in bound volumes on standard 8½" x 11" paper. A single 8½" x 11" sheet printed on both sides is two (2) pages. All information must be assembled and indexed in the order indicated below. The page count shall not exceed fifteen (15) total pages, including typed text, graphics, charts and photographs. The total page count does not include documents submitted for Tabs 6 and 7, the tabbed separator pages, cover page, and back page.

TAB 1 – Letter of Interest (two [2] pages). Each response should be accompanied by a transmittal letter which summarizes key qualifications points. The transmittal letter must be signed by an officer of the firm authorized to commit the firm's resources.

TAB 2 – Experience of Firm with Relevant Financing (seven [7] pages). This section shall include:

- a. A brief overview of the firm's Public Finance Department, including the number of offices and Public Finance bankers.
 - i. Highlight whether the firm maintains any full-time public finance offices in Florida and the staffing level at each location.
 - ii. Identify the location from which the firm's banking and analytical services will be provided.
- b. Summary tables of the firm's negotiated underwriting experience with local municipalities issuing bonds backed by general governmental credits (i.e. general obligation, tax-backed financings, enterprise fund financings, etc.) since January 1, 2019. Provide four (4) summary tables:
 - i. Florida senior managed experience
 - ii. Florida co-senior/co-managed experience
 - iii. National (excluding Florida) senior managed experience
 - iv. National (excluding Florida) co-senior/co-managed experience

For each table, include an annual breakdown (on a calendar year basis) of number of issues and par amount as well as a total amount over this timeframe. Include detailed experience lists of these transactions as an appendix under Tab 6.

- c. A description of the firm's experience in providing investment banking services and municipal bond underwriting, specifically experience with issuers similar to the City. Provide three (3) case studies of Florida negotiated underwritings that demonstrate the firm's approach and experience.
- d. Additional information that demonstrates the firm's ability to serve as a member of the City's underwriting team, including any prior submissions, analyses, or services you have provided the City and/or any specific ideas you have related to the City's existing debt portfolio or capital improvement plans.

TAB 3 – Experience of Firm's Key Personnel and Underwriter(s) (two [2] pages).

- a. Identify the primary day-to-day contact for the engagement and their experience.

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- i. Include a brief resume which describes overall professional experience and experience working with clients similar to the City.
 - ii. State each individual's role during the engagement along with title and office location of each.
- b. Provide the location of the underwriting desk that will price future negotiated fixed-rate tax-exempt issuances for the City.
 - i. Include a resume detailing the experience of the firm's principal underwriter at this location.
 - ii. Provide the names and titles of those individuals, if any, who must approve an underwriting commitment for the firm and the process by which this is accomplished.

TAB 4 – Marketing and Distribution Capabilities (two [2] pages). This section shall include:

- a. A discussion of the firm's marketing strategy for the City's issuance of general revenue-backed bonds (such as water and sewer or stormwater revenue) and distribution capabilities of tax-exempt securities on a national, statewide and local scale.
- b. A table listing the number of the firm's retail salespeople, institutional salespeople, traders, and underwriters for tax-exempt bonds in Florida and nationally.

TAB 5 – Ability and Willingness to Commit Capital (two [2] pages).

- a. Describe the firm's ability and willingness to commit capital to the City's financing in order to hold bonds in inventory if necessary.
- b. Provide a table detailing the firm's total capital, equity capital, net capital, and excess net capital as of the most recent available date.
- c. Include one (1) specific case study in which the firm committed capital during the past twelve (12) months in order to assist in bringing a deal to market at the lowest possible cost.

TAB 6 – Additional Information.

- a. **References.** Include a minimum of three (3) municipal clients, preferably Florida clients providing similar services within the past 3 years, that the City can contact as references for the assigned professionals. Include name, title, address, phone number, and email address for each reference.
- b. **Conflict of Interest.** Describe any current or potential conflicts of interest that may arise from the selection of the firm as a member of the City's underwriting team.
- c. **Litigation.** Provide a description of any litigation or regulatory action filed against or settled by the firm relating to public finance and/or bond underwriting practice since January 1, 2019, and the resolution thereof.
- d. **Summary Tables Appendix for Tab 2.**
- e. **Sample Bond Purchase Agreement.**

TAB 7 - Other Forms. The following forms should be completed and signed:

- a. Exceptions, Additional Materials, Addenda form
- b. Company Information form
- c. Response Certification form
- d. Exhibit B_Scrutinized Companies Form
- e. Exhibit C_E-Verify Eligibility Form
- f. W-9 Form. All responses should include a fully completed, most current W-9 form. Failure to include the W-9 will not disqualify your bid. (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>)

EXCEPTIONS/ADDITIONAL MATERIALS/ADDENDA

Respondents shall indicate any and all exceptions taken to the provisions or requirements in this solicitation document. Exceptions that surface elsewhere and that do not also appear under this section shall be considered invalid and void and of no contractual significance.

Exceptions (mark one):

****Special Note – Any material exceptions taken to the City's Terms and Conditions may render a Response non-responsive.**

_____ No exceptions

_____ Exceptions taken (describe--attach additional pages if needed)

Additional Materials submitted (mark one):

_____ No additional materials have been included with this response

_____ Additional Materials attached (describe--attach additional pages if needed)

Addenda

Respondents are responsible for verifying receipt of any addenda issued by checking the City's website at <https://www.myclearwater.com/business/rfp> prior to the bid opening. Failure to acknowledge any addenda issued may render a Bid Non-responsive.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda (initial for each addenda received, if applicable):

Addenda Number	Initial to acknowledge receipt

Vendor Name _____ Date _____

COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Legal/Corporate Name: _____

Doing Business As (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Website: _____

DUNS # _____

Remit to Address (if different than above):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Order from Address (if different from above):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact for Questions about this response:

Name: _____ Fax: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Day-to-Day Project Contact (if awarded):

Name: _____ Fax: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

_____ Certified Small Business

Certifying Agency: _____

_____ Certified Minority, Woman or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Certifying Agency: _____

Provide supporting documentation for your certification, if applicable.

RESPONSE CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this Response, the Company certifies that:

- a) It is under no legal prohibition to contract with the City of Clearwater.
- b) It has read, understands, and is in compliance with the specifications, terms and conditions stated herein, as well as its attachments, and any referenced documents.
- c) It has no known, undisclosed conflicts of interest.
- d) No offer of gifts, payments or other consideration were made to any City employee, officer, elected official, or consultant who has or may have had a role in the procurement process for the services and or goods/materials covered by this contract.
- e) It understands the City of Clearwater may copy all parts of this response, including without limitation any documents and/or materials copyrighted by the respondent, for internal use in evaluating respondent's offer, or in response to a public records request under Florida's public records law (F.S. 119) or other applicable law, subpoena, or other judicial process.
- f) Respondent hereby warrants to the City that the respondent and each of its subcontractors ("Subcontractors") will comply with, and are contractually obligated to comply with, all Federal Immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees.
- g) Respondent certifies that they are not in violation of section 6(j) of the Federal Export Administration Act and not debarred by any Federal or public agency.
- h) It will provide the materials or services specified in compliance with all Federal, State, and Local Statutes and Rules if awarded by the City.
- i) It is current in all obligations due to the City.
- j) It will accept such terms and conditions in a resulting contract if awarded by the City.
- k) The signatory is an officer or duly authorized agent of the respondent with full power and authority to submit binding offers for the services as specified herein.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

MAILING LABEL

CUT ALONG THE LINE AND AFFIX TO THE FRONT OF YOUR BID CONTAINER

----- For US Mail -----

SEALED RESPONSE

Submitted by:

Company Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

RFQ #16-22, Bond Underwriting Services

Due Date: March 24, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

City of Clearwater
Attn: **Procurement Division**
PO Box 4748
Clearwater FL 33758-4748

----- For US Mail -----

----- For Hand Deliveries, FEDEX, UPS or Other Courier Services -----

SEALED RESPONSE

Submitted by:

Company Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

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Due Date: March 24, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

City of Clearwater
Attn: **Procurement Division**
100 S Myrtle Ave 3rd Fl
Clearwater FL 33756

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