

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 139

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH WITT O'BRIEN'S, LLC AS THE TOP RANKED FIRM UNDER RFP NO: 21-68 AND UPON SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT - PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES.

RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to enter into contract with Witt O'Brien's LLC for program administration services associated with St. Johns County's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Grant under the United States Department of Treasury. The purpose of the program is to mitigate and assist extremely low, up to low income households who are suffering financial setbacks due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, by providing assistance with delinquent residential rent and/or utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of the services will be to provide any and all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and supervision necessary to perform the required services, which shall include, but may not be limited to: originating program applications, providing technical assistance to applicants, ensuring funding/grant compliance, monitoring program guidance/requirements, development of programmatic policies & procedures, performing programmatic monitoring and compliance, and compliance with all record-keeping and/or reporting requirements.); in accordance with RFP No. 21-68; and

**WHEREAS**, through the County's formal RFP process, Witt O'Brien's LLC was scored as the highest ranked respondent to perform the work referenced above; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has reviewed the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the proposed contract (attached hereto, an incorporated herein) and finds that entering into contract for the required services serves a public purpose.

**WHEREAS**, the contract will be finalized after negotiations but will be in substantial conformance with the attached draft contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as finds of fact.

Section 2. The County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations with Witt O'Brien's LLC, and upon successful negotiations, award a contract to the firm to provide the services set forth therein.

Section 3. Upon successful negotiations, the County Administrator, or designee, is further authorized to execute agreements in substantially the same form and format as the attached draft to provide the required services as specifically provided in RFP 21-68.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Jeremiah R. Blocker  
Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chair

ATTEST: ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER,  
Brandon J. Patty

By: Sam Halterman  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 4/8/21





## CONTRACT AGREEMENT

RFP No. 21-68; Emergency Rental Assistance Grant – Program Administration Services  
Master Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

This Contract Agreement, (“Agreement”) is made as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, (“Effective Date”) by and between **St. Johns County, FL** (“County”), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, with principal offices located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, and **Witt O’Brien’s LLC** (“Contractor”), authorized to do business in the state of Florida, with mailing address: 1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 600; Washington, DC 20005; Phone: (202) 585-0780; Email: [contractrequests@wittobriens.com](mailto:contractrequests@wittobriens.com).

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the County and the Consultant agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 – DURATION and EXTENSION

This Agreement shall become effective upon signature by both parties, as of the Effective Date shown above, shall remain in effect through and until 11:59PM EST on December 31, 2021 for completion of services. In the event the grant is extended, this Agreement may also be extended, as needed, to serve the best interest of the County. While this Agreement may be extended as stated in this Article, it is expressly noted that the County is under no obligation to extend this Agreement. It is further expressly understood that the option of extension is exercisable at the County’s sole discretion.

### ARTICLE 2 - ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The term “Contract Documents” shall include the U.S. Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Grant, all RFP Documents and any addenda/exhibits thereto; all Specifications; this Agreement, any duly executed amendments, addenda, and/or exhibits hereto; and any and all Change Orders.

### ARTICLE 3 - SERVICES

The Consultant’s responsibility under this Agreement is to provide any and all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, and supervision necessary to provide program administration services associated with St. Johns County’s Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Grant, as specified in the Scope of Work attached hereto as “Exhibit B”, approved by the County in accordance with RFP No: 21-68 and as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

The project consists of providing program administration services associated with St. Johns County’s Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Grant under the United States Department of Treasury. The purpose of the program is to mitigate and assist extremely low, up to low income households who are suffering financial setbacks due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, by providing assistance with delinquent residential rent and/or utilities. The required services shall include, but may not be limited to: originating program applications, providing technical assistance to applicants, ensuring funding/grant compliance, monitoring program guidance/requirements, development of programmatic policies & procedures, performing programmatic monitoring and compliance, and compliance with all record-keeping and/or reporting requirements.

Services provided by the Consultant shall be under the general direction of St. Johns County Health and Human Services or other authorized County designee, who shall act as the County’s representative throughout the duration of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE 4 – SCHEDULE

The Consultant shall perform the required Services according to the schedule submitted and approved by the County. No changes to said schedule shall be made without prior written authorization from the County’s representative.

### ARTICLE 5 – COMPENSATION/BILLING/INVOICES

- A. The County shall compensate the Consultant in accordance with the Hourly Rates and Administrative Service Fee Percentage Rate provided herein on Exhibit “A”, which shall include any and all direct and indirect costs, and reimbursable expenses. The maximum amount available as compensation to Consultant under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount stated above without the County’s express written approval, and amendment, to this Agreement.
- B. It is strictly understood that Consultant is not entitled to the above-referenced amount of compensation. Rather, Consultant’s compensation is based upon Consultant’s adhering to the Scope of Work, detailed in this Agreement. As

such, the Consultant's compensation is dependent upon satisfactory completion and delivery of all work products and deliverables noted in the Scope of Work, and detailed in this Agreement.

- C. The Consultant shall bill the County for services satisfactorily performed, and materials satisfactorily delivered at the end of the month services are completed. The signature of the Consultant's authorized representative on the submitted invoice shall constitute the Consultant's certification to the County that:
1. The Consultant has billed the County for all services rendered by it and any of its Consultants or subcontractors or subconsultants through the date of the invoice;
  2. As of the date of the invoice, no other outstanding amounts are due from the County to the Consultant for services rendered;
  3. The reimbursable expenses, if any, have been reasonably incurred; and
  4. The amount requested is currently due and owing.
- D. Though there is no billing form or format pre-approved by either the County, or the Consultant, bills/invoices submitted by the Consultant shall include a detailed written report of the Work accomplished in connection with the Scope of Work, and must be submitted with a Request for Payment Form 1551, as provided by the County. The County may return a bill/invoice from the Consultant, and request additional documentation/information. Under such circumstances, the timeframe for payment will be extended by the time necessary to receive a verified bill/invoice.
- E. The Consultant's acceptance of the County's payment of an invoiced amount shall release the County from any claim by the Consultant, or by the Consultant's sub-contractors, for work performed but not invoiced during the time period indicated on the invoice for which payment was issued.
- F. Unless otherwise notified, bills/invoices should be delivered to:
- St. Johns County Health and Human Services  
Attn: Joseph Cone, Assistant Health and Human Services Director  
200 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084
- G. **FINAL INVOICE:** In order for the County and the Consultant to reconcile/close their books and records, the Consultant shall clearly indicate "Final Invoice" on the Consultant's final bill/invoice to the County. Such indication establishes that all services have been satisfactorily performed and that all charges and costs have been invoiced to the County and that there is no further Work to be performed under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 6 – TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

The signing of this Agreement by the Consultant shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of this Agreement.

The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – ARREARS**

The Consultant shall not pledge the County's credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgement, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The Consultant further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – TERMINATION**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by the County without cause upon at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to the Consultant of such termination without cause.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by the County with cause upon at least seven (7) calendar days advance written notice of such termination with cause. Such written notice shall indicate the exact cause for termination.

## **ARTICLE 9 – NOTICE OF DEFAULT/RIGHT TO CURE**

- A. Should the Consultant fail to perform (default) under the terms of this Agreement, then the County shall provide written notice to the Consultant, which such notice shall include a timeframe of no fewer than seven (7) calendar days in which to cure the default. Failure to cure the default within the timeframe provided in the notice of default (or any such amount of time as mutually agreed to by the parties in writing), shall constitute cause for termination of this Agreement.
- B. Consistent with other provisions in this Agreement, Consultant shall be paid for services authorized and satisfactorily performed under this Contract up to the effective date of termination.
- C. Upon receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed by the County in writing, the Consultant shall:
  - 1. Stop work on the date to the extent specified.
  - 2. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
  - 3. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other material related to the terminated work to the County.
  - 4. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

## **ARTICLE 10 – PERSONNEL**

The Consultant represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the Work as provided in the Contract Documents. It is expressly understood that such personnel shall not be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with the County.

All Work required hereunder shall be performed by the Consultant, or under its supervision. All personnel engaged in performing the Work shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under federal, state and local law to perform such Work.

Any changes or substitutions in the Consultant's key personnel must be made known to the County's representative and written approval granted by the County before said change or substitution can become effective.

The Consultant warrants that all Work shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field. The Consultant is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and timely completion of all work performed hereunder, and shall correct or revise any errors or deficiencies in the Work, without additional compensation.

## **ARTICLE 11 – SUBCONTRACTING**

The County reserves the right to approve the use of any subcontractor, or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor, and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform the Work described in the Contract Documents. The Consultant is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities.

If a subcontractors or subconsultant fails to satisfactorily perform in accordance with the Contract Documents, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractors or subconsultants to complete the Work in a timely fashion, the Consultant shall promptly do so, subject to approval by the County.

The County reserves the right to disqualify any subcontractor, vendor, or material supplier based upon prior unsatisfactory performance.

## **ARTICLE 12 – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY AND MANDATORY USE OF E-VERIFY**

As a condition precedent to entering into this Agreement, and in accordance with section 448.095, F.S., Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all employees hired on or after January 1, 2021.

- a. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement.

- b. The County, Contractor, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), F.S. or these provisions regarding employment eligibility shall terminate the contract with the person or entity.
- c. The County, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated these provisions regarding employment eligibility, but Contractor otherwise complied, shall promptly notify Contractor and Contractor shall immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- d. The County and Contractor hereby acknowledge and mutually agree that, a contract terminated pursuant to these provisions regarding employment eligibility is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. Any contract terminated pursuant to these provisions regarding employment eligibility may be challenged in accordance with section 448.095(2)(d), F.S.
- e. Contractor acknowledges that, in the event that the County terminates this Contract for Contractor's breach of these provisions regarding employment eligibility, then Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after such termination. Contractor further acknowledges that Contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the County's termination of this Agreement for breach of these provisions regarding employment eligibility.
- f. Contractor shall incorporate in all subcontracts made pursuant to this Agreement the provisions contained herein regarding employment eligibility. Contractor

**ARTICLE 13 – FEDERAL AND STATE TAX**

In accordance with Local, State, and Federal law, the County is exempt from the payment of Sales and Use Taxes. The County shall provide a tax exemption certificate to the Consultant upon request. The Consultant shall not be exempt from the payment of all applicable taxes in its performance under this Agreement. It is expressly understood by the County and by the Consultant that the Consultant shall not be authorized to use the County's Tax Exemption status in any manner.

The Consultant shall be solely responsible for the payment and accounting of any and all applicable taxes and/or withholdings including but not limited to Social Security payroll taxes (FICA), associated with or stemming from Consultant's performance under this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 14 – AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

The County's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the lawful appropriation of sufficient funds, for that purpose, by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 129.07, Florida Statutes, payment made under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount appropriate in the County's budget for such purpose in that fiscal year. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any obligation on the part of the Board of County Commissioners to appropriate such funds for the payment of services provided under this Agreement during any given County fiscal year. Moreover, it is expressly noted that the Consultant cannot demand that the County provide any such funds in any given County Fiscal Year.

**ARTICLE 15 - INSURANCE**

The Consultant shall not commence work under this Agreement until he/she has obtained all insurance required under this section and such insurance has been approved by the County. All insurance policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The Consultant shall furnish proof of Insurance to the County prior to the commencement of operations. The Certificate(s) shall clearly indicate the Consultant has obtained insurance of the type, amount, and classification as required by contract and that no material change or cancellation of the insurance shall be effective without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County. Certificates shall specifically include the County as Additional Insured for all lines of coverage except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. A copy of the endorsement must accompany the certificate. Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the Consultant of its liability and obligations under this Agreement.

Certificate Holder Address: St. Johns County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida  
 500 San Sebastian View  
 St. Augustine, FL 32084

The Consultant shall maintain during the life of this Agreement, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate to protect the Consultant from claims for damages for bodily injury, including wrongful death, as well as from claims of property damages which may arise from any operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by the Consultant or by anyone directly employed by or contracting with the Consultant.

The Consultant shall maintain during the life of this Agreement, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability to protect the Consultant from claims for damages for bodily injury, including the ownership, use, or maintenance of owned and non-owned automobiles, including rented/hired automobiles whether such operations be by the Consultant or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by a Consultant.

The Consultant shall maintain during the life of the contract, Professional Liability or Errors and Omissions Insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000, if applicable.

The Consultant shall maintain during the life of this Agreement, adequate Workers' Compensation Insurance in at least such amounts as are required by the law for all of its employees (if three or more) per Florida Statute 440.02.

In the event of unusual circumstances, the County Administrator, or his designee, may adjust these insurance requirements.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers, and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, intentional/unintentional conduct or omission of the Consultant and other persons employed or utilized by the Consultant.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The County and the Consultant each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Except as above, neither the County nor the Consultant shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the County, which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the County and the Consultant.

#### **ARTICLE 18 - NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

It is expressly understood by the County, and the Consultant, and this Agreement explicitly states that no third party beneficiary status or interest is conferred to, or inferred to, any other person or entity.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - REMEDIES**

No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive, or any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party or any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees.

#### **ARTICLE 20 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Consultant represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder. The Consultant further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The Consultant shall promptly notify the County, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence the Consultant's judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the Consultant may undertake and

request an opinion of the County, whether such association, interest, or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the Consultant.

The County agrees to notify the Consultant of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the Consultant. If, in the opinion of the County, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the Consultant, the County shall so state in the notification and the Consultant shall, at his/her option enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the County by the Consultant under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 21 – EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The Consultant shall not be considered in default by reason of any delay in performance if such delay arises out of causes reasonably beyond the Consultant's control and without its fault or negligence. Such cases may include, but are not limited to: acts of God; the County's ommissive and commissive failures; natural or public health emergencies; freight embargoes; and severe weather conditions.

If delay is caused by the failure of the Consultant's subcontractors or subconsultant(s) to perform or make progress, and if such delay arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the Consultant and its subcontractors or subconsultant(s) and is without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Consultant shall not be deemed to be in default.

Upon the Consultant's request, the County shall consider the facts and extent of any delay in performing the work and, if the Consultant's failure to perform was without its fault or negligence, the Contract Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Agreement shall be revised accordingly; subject to the County's right to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the Work at any time.

#### **ARTICLE 22 – DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

The Consultant shall deliver to the County for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the County under this Agreement.

All written and oral information not in the public domain, or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the County, or at its expense, shall be kept confidential by the Consultant and shall not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the County's prior written consent, unless required by a lawful order. All drawings, maps, sketches, and other data developed, or purchased under this Agreement, or at the County's expense, shall be and remains the County's property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the County.

The County and the Consultant shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law). All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to, any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### **ARTICLE 23 – INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT RELATIONSHIP**

The Consultant is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, an independent Consultant, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the County. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times and in all places be subject to the Consultant's sole direction, supervision, and control.

The Consultant shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Consultant's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent Consultant and not as employees or agents of the County. The Consultant does not have the power or authority to bind the County in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 24 – CONTINGENT FEES**

Pursuant to Section 287.055(6), Florida Statutes, the Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent

upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

Violation of this section shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated for violation of this section, the County may deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration.

#### **ARTICLE 25 – ACCESS AND AUDITS**

The Consultant shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion of this Agreement. The County shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the County's cost, upon five (5) days written notice.

#### **ARTICLE 26 – NONDISCRIMINATION**

The Consultant warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, physical handicap, sex, age or national origin.

#### **ARTICLE 27 – ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

The County and the Consultant agree that this Agreement, signed by both parties sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein, or are incorporated by reference into this Agreement. None of the provisions, terms, conditions, requirements, or responsibilities noted in this Agreement may be amended, revised, deleted, altered, or otherwise changed, modified, or superseded, except by written instrument, duly executed by authorized representatives of both the County, and the Consultant.

#### **ARTICLE 28 – ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Agreement, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all reasonable expenses even if not taxable as court costs (including, without limitation, all such reasonable fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceedings, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

#### **ARTICLE 29 – COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS**

Both the County and the Consultant shall comply with any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, and policies of the County, State, and Federal Governments.

#### **ARTICLE 30 – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE**

The Consultant hereby represents and warrants that it has and shall continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it shall at all times, conduct its business activities in a reputable manner.

#### **ARTICLE 31 – SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such items or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE 32 - AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

No amendments or modifications of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by each of the parties.

The County reserves the right to make changes in the work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the Consultant of the County's notification of a contemplated change, the Consultant shall: (1) if requested by the County, provide an estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change; (2) notify the County of any estimated change in the completion date; and (3) advise the County in writing if the contemplated change shall effect the Consultant's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Agreement. If the County instructs in writing, the Consultant shall suspend work on that portion of the project, pending the County's decision to proceed with the change. If the County elects to make the change, the County shall issue a Change Order for changes, or a contract change order, if the original contract is to be changed or amended the Consultant shall not commence work on any such change until such written change order has been issued and signed by each of the parties.



**ARTICLE 33 – FLORIDA LAW & VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement shall be held in St. Johns County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 34 – ARBITRATION**

The County shall not be obligated to arbitrate or permit any arbitration binding on the County under any of the Contract Documents or in connection with the project in any manner whatsoever.

**ARTICLE 35 - NOTICES**

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and if sent to the County shall be mailed to:

St. Johns County Purchasing Department  
**Attn: Purchasing Manager**  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

and if sent to the Consultant shall be mailed to:

Witt O'Brien's LLC  
**Attn: Matthew Erchull**  
1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005

**ARTICLE 36 - HEADINGS**

The heading preceding the articles and sections herein are solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement, or affect its meaning, construction or effect.

**ARTICLE 37 – USE OF COUNTY LOGO**

Pursuant to, and consistent with, County Ordinance 92-2 and County Administrative Policy 101.3, the Consultant may not manufacture, use, display, or otherwise use any facsimile or reproduction of the County Seal/Logo without express written approval St. Johns County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 38 – SURVIVAL**

It is explicitly noted that the following provisions of this Agreement, to the extent necessary, shall survive any suspension, termination, cancellation, revocation, and/or non-renewal of this Agreement, and therefore shall be both applicable and enforceable beyond any suspension, termination, cancellation, revocation, and/or non-renewal: (1) Truth-in-Negotiation; (2) Federal and State Taxes; (3) Insurance; (4) Indemnification; (5) Access and Audits; (6) Enforcement Costs; and (7) Access to Records.

**ARTICLE 39 – AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE**

Each party represents that it has the lawful authority to enter into this Agreement and has authorized the execution of this Agreement by the party's authorized representative shown below.

**ARTICLE 40 – PUBLIC RECORDS**

A. The cost of reproduction, access to, disclosure, non-disclosure, or exemption of records, data, documents, and/or materials, associated with this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and other applicable State and Federal provisions. Access to such public records, may not be blocked, thwarted, and/or hindered by placing the public records in the possession of a third party, or an unaffiliated party.

B. In accordance with Florida law, to the extent that Consultant's performance under this Contract constitutes an act on behalf of the County, Consultant shall comply with all requirements of Florida's public records law. Specifically, if Consultant is expressly authorized, and acts on behalf of the County under this Agreement, Consultant shall:

- (1) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the Services;

- (2) Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost as provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
- (3) Ensure that public records related to this Agreement that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by applicable law for the duration of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Consultant does not transfer the records to the County; and
- (4) Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the Services.

If the Consultant transfers all public records to the County upon completion of this Agreement, the Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Consultant shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the County's information technology systems.

Failure by the Consultant to comply with the requirements of this section shall be grounds for immediate, unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County.

**IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 209-0805  
[publicrecords@sjcfl.us](mailto:publicrecords@sjcfl.us)**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the County and Consultant have executed this Agreement on the day and year below noted.

**Owner**

St. Johns County, FL (Seal)  
(Typed Name)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Leigh A. Daniels, CPPB  
Printed Name

Purchasing Manager  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Execution

**Consultant**

Witt O'Brien's LLC (Seal)  
(Typed Name)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Execution

**ATTEST:**  
**St. Johns County, FL**  
**Clerk of Courts**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Execution

**Legally Sufficient:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Execution

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**EXHIBIT "A" – HOURLY RATES &  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FEE  
PERCENTAGE RATE**

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**EXHIBIT “B” – SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**PART III: SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**A. BACKGROUND**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, enacted on December 27, 2020 provides \$25B for the U.S. Department of Treasury – Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. St. Johns County will receive \$7.9M of this appropriation for distribution to County residents that qualify for Emergency Rental Assistance. Monies received from the ERA program can be used for: Rent, Rental Arrears, Utilities and home energy costs (water, electric, gas, sewer, trash & fuel oil), and Utilities and home energy costs arrears.

**B. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The purpose of the St. Johns County (SJC) Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERA) is to mitigate and assist extremely low, 30% Area Median Income (AMI), up to low-income, 80% AMI, families and individuals (households) who are suffering a financial setback due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and who need assistance with delinquent residential rent and/or utilities. The funding source for the ERA will be the United States Department of the Treasury. Administration of the ERA shall include, but not be limited to: ensuring funding/grant compliance, keeping up-to-date with all program guidance published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury; developing policies that are required as part of the grant administration process, originating program applications, providing technical assistance to program applicants, development of all required federal reports, complying with federal record-keeping requirements, and the timely reporting of program data to the SJC Board of County Commissioners, and SJC staff.

**Type of Assistance** – Rental assistance for tenants experiencing an unforeseen financial crisis and inability to pay rent and/or utilities due to a loss of income related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The form of assistance will be in a grant payable directly to the landlord and/or utility company through a voucher and/or direct deposit from St. Johns County.

**Program Administration** – Consultant shall have advanced understanding of the needs of low income households who face eviction or financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. The Consultant’s role is to maintain housing stability of SJC’s residents by collecting and vetting Rental Assistance Applications to evaluate financial need. Consultant must also possess the ability to connect residents to supportive services such as case management, financial planning and coaching, and special needs housing resources and providers. Consultant will ensure, using the best available resources that no duplication of benefits will occur.

St. Johns County will not be providing a physical workspace to the Consultant. It is expected that the ERA program will be managed off-site utilizing software for program implementation, including but not limited to client tracking, document submission, collection of required client information, etc., as well as program reporting. All records concerning the program and its implementation shall be stored electronically and have the ability to be easily accessed by St. Johns County staff.

Consultant, upon award of contract, will be expected to implement the ERA program as quickly as possible in an effort to serve the residents of St. Johns County in a timely and efficient manner. Consultant shall offer both well-timed technical assistance as well as professional and compassionate customer service to the residents of St. Johns County as it relates to the ERA program.

### **Funding Process and Priorities:**

- In an effort to ensure the preservation of housing stability, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Priority for assistance is to eligible households with individuals who have been unemployed for at least 90 days immediately preceding the application submission or below 50% of the area median income.
- A landlord may submit an application for assistance on behalf of a tenant, provided that the landlord:
  - Obtains the signature of the tenant on the application, which may be documented electronically;
  - Provides documentation of the application to the tenant; and applies any payments received by the landlord to satisfy the tenant's rental obligations; and
  - Signs a document stating that they will not evict the tenant based on non-payment.

**Applicant Eligibility and Requirements** – Households must demonstrate an inability to meet rent obligations through documenting a loss of income. To qualify for assistance, the applicant(s) must be an eligible household. An “eligible household” is defined as one which resides in St. Johns County and meets the following criteria:

- Has one or more individuals who have qualified for unemployment benefits;
- Experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship as a result, either directly or indirectly, of COVID-19; or
- Has one or more individuals who can demonstrate a risk of experiencing housing instability, including, but not limited to:
  - A past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice;
  - A household income that is not more than eighty percent (80%) of the area median income.

A household's income may be calculated based on either:

- The household's total income for the year 2020; or
- Confirmation of the household's monthly income at the time of application for assistance.
  - If household income is calculated based on monthly income at the time of application, eligibility shall be required to be re-determined after each 3-month period in which the household receives assistance.

EXHIBIT "C"

**ERA GRANT REQUIRED CONTRACT CLAUSES**

**1. Equal Employment Opportunity**

- a. The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of Chapter 760, Florida Statutes, and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, Section 104(b) and Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order 11063, and Executive Order 11246 as amended.
- b. If this contract is in excess of \$10,000 and meets the definition of a "federally assisted construction contract" as provided in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3, the following shall apply to the contractor's performance under this contract:
  - i. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
  - ii. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
  - iii. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
  - iv. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
  - v. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

- vi. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- vii. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- viii. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (a) and the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

For the purposes of this section, "federally assisted construction contract" means any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.

For the purposes of this section, "construction work" means the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.

## 2. Davis Bacon Act.

- a. This section applies to all construction contracts in excess of \$2,000.
- b. In accordance with the requirements of the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144 and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 5 (Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction), the contractor shall pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, the contractor shall pay wages not less than once a week.
- c. Award of this contract to the contractor is conditioned upon the contractor's acceptance of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor as provided in the solicitation for this contract.



### **3. Copeland Anti-Kickback Act.**

- a. This section applies to all contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction or repair.
- b. Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this contract. Specifically, the contractor is prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.
- c. Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.
- d. Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

### **4. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.**

- a. This section applies to all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers as provided in 40 U.S.C. § 3701.
- b. As provided in 40 U.S.C. § 3702, and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5), the contractor shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.
- c. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704, as supplemented by 29 C.F.R. Part 5, shall apply to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- d. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- e. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (d) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (d) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (d) of this section.
- f. The County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined

to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (e) of this section.

- g. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (c) through (f) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (c) through (f) of this section.

**5. Compliance With Clean Air Act.**

- a. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the state of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided through Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds.

**6. Compliance with Federal Water Pollution Control Act.**

- a. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- b. The contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the state of Florida, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided through Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds.

**7. Debarment and Suspension.**

- a. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- b. The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- c. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the state of Florida and the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- d. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

**8. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment**

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18: CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements (To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned [Contractor] certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form- LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

**9. Procurement of Recovered Materials.**

- a. In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Recovery Act. The contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items, as set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 247, Subpart B, unless the product cannot be acquired—

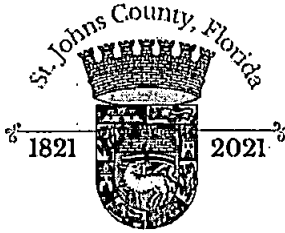
- i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - ii. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
  - iii. At a reasonable price.
- b. The requirements of this section apply to the purchase or acquisition of any procurement item where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or where the quantity of such item or of any functionally equivalent item purchased or acquired in the course of the previous fiscal year is \$10,000 or more.

**10. No Obligation by Federal Government.**

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

**11. Fraud and False or Fraudulent or Related Acts.**

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.



## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Purchasing Division

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

March 12, 2021

**RE: RFP No. 21-68; Emergency Rental Assistance Grant – Program Administration Services**

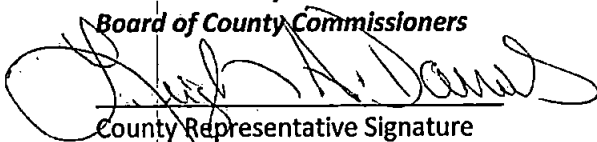
Please be advised that the Purchasing Department of St. Johns County is issuing this notice of its Intent to Award a contract upon successful negotiations to Witt O'Brien's LLC as the highest ranked firm(s) under **RFP No. 21-68; Emergency Rental Assistance Grant – Program Administration Services**. This notice will remain posted to the St. Johns County Purchasing Department bulletin board until 12:00 PM, Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

Any person (including any bidder or proposer) who is, or claims to be, adversely affected by the County's decision or proposed decision shall file a written Notice of Protest with the Purchasing Department of St. Johns County within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or proposed decision. Failure to file a Notice of Protest within the time prescribed in Section 304.10 of the St. Johns County Purchasing Manual (the Bid Protest Procedure), or failure to post the bond or other security required by the County within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings and a waiver of the right to protest. The protest procedures may be obtained from the Purchasing Department and are included in the County's Purchasing Manual. All of the terms and conditions of the County Purchasing Manual are incorporated herein by reference and are fully binding.

Should the Purchasing Department receive no protests in response to this notice, an agenda item will be submitted to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners for their consideration and subsequent approval to negotiate, and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract.

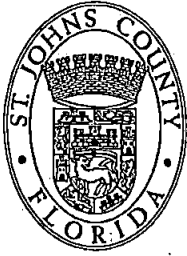
Please forward all correspondence, requests or inquiries directly to my attention at the information provided below.

Sincerely,  
**St. Johns County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**

  
County Representative Signature

Date: 3/12/21

Leigh Daniels, CPPB  
Purchasing Manager  
(904) 209-0154 – Direct  
(904) 209-0150 – Main  
[ldaniels@sjcfl.us](mailto:ldaniels@sjcfl.us)



**ST. JOHNS COUNTY  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

**I N T E R O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Joseph Cone, Assistant Health and Human Services Director, SJC HHS  
**FROM:** April Bacon, Purchasing Buyer  
**SUBJECT:** RFP No. 21-68; Emergency Rental Assistance Grant – Program Administration Services  
**DATE:** March 11, 2021

Please review, evaluate and make a written recommendation for this project. Also, indicate the budgeted amount for this item along with the appropriate charge code and return to my attention as soon as possible.

Please let me know if I can assist your department in any other way.

Dept. Approval *[Signature]*  
Date 3/11/21  
Budget Amount \$ 7,991,953  
Account Funding Title CARES Emerg Rental assist  
Funding Charge Code 1337-55304-4439-53120  
Award to Witt O'Briens, LLC  
Award Amount \$7,991,953

EVALUATION SUMMARY SHEET

Date: March 11, 2021

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ No: RFP No. 21-68; Emergency Rental Assistance Grant - Program Administration Services

FIRM	RATER Jessica Getchius	RATER Shawna Novak	RATER Michelle Lawlor	RATER Column1	RATER Column2	TOTAL	RANK	COMMENTS
Witt O'Brien's, LLC	86.87	70.87	76.87			234.61	1	
Tidal Basin Government Consulting, LLC	84.00	67.00	72.00			223.00	2	
Metric Consulting, LLC	82.31	50.31	81.31			213.93	3	
Capital Access, Inc.	83.11	58.11	69.11			210.33	4	
Yardi Systems, Inc.	83.00	35.00	81.00			199.00	5	

APPROVED: By signing below, both parties have reviewed and approve this evaluation summary of the responses submitted for this RFP.

Purchasing Manager:

Date:

3/11/21

Disaster Recovery Grant Director:

Date:

3/11/21

*Assistant Health and Human Services Director*

NOTE:

THE RANKING SHOWN ABOVE SHALL BE FOLLOWED UNLESS SPECIAL CONDITIONS MERIT A CHANGE IN THE NEGOTIATING ORDER, IN THIS CASE, THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS MUST BE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL IN THE COMMENTS SECTION OR ATTACHED TO THIS EVALUATION SUMMARY SHEET.

POSTING TIME/DATE FROM 12:00 p.m. March 12, 2021 UNTIL 12:00 p.m. March 17, 2021.

ANY RESPONDENT ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY AN INTENDED DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE AWARD OF ANY SOLICITATION, SHALL FILE WITH THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT A WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A PROTEST NOT LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS (EXCLUDING SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS) AFTER THE POSTING OF THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD, PROTEST PROCEDURES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.