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<b>PURCHASING REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<i>Chandra Nix, Procurement Manager</i>
<b>VENDOR’S LEGAL NAME</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S MAILING ADDRESS</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S CITY, STATE, ZIP</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S WEB ADDRESS</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S FACSIMILE</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	
<b>VENDOR’S TOLL FREE NUMBER</b>	

*By signing this document, I certify that this solicitation response (“response”) is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation firm, or person submitting a response for the same materials, supplies or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this competitive solicitation and certify that I am authorized to sign this solicitation response for the Vendor and that the Vendor is in compliance with all requirements of the competitive solicitation, including but not limited to, certification requirements. In submitting a solicitation response to the University, the Vendor offers and agrees that if the solicitation response is accepted, the Vendor will convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the State of Florida all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the State of Florida for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the State of Florida. At the State’s discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the University tenders final payment to the Vendor.*

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (MANUAL)**

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**PRINT NAME AND TITLE**

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**DATE SIGNED**



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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Statement of Objective

This is a competitive solicitation for consulting services to enable the Florida International University Board of Trustees (FIU) to enter into a contract with multiple vendors to assist with providing candidates for open positions in a Higher-Education environment. The purpose of establishing multiple agreements is so that University departments will have the opportunity to evaluate resulting Agreements for each qualified firm and select the firm that best suits its needs. The initial term of the contract will be for three (3) years, and the University will have the option to renew for two (2) additional, two (2) year terms. Renewals are not automatic. Successful Vendor(s) performance is expected to begin on the effective date the agreement which is the last date signed by either party.

This contract will enable the State of Florida's State University System (SUS), to obtain the services of qualified and experienced Vendors. **All references to FIU or the Florida International University shall be considered to mean any or all of the SUS Universities in the Florida SUS system.** The Successful Vendor(s) will be able to provide the services as required by any of the Universities. The SUS spend for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 has been approximately **\$4.4M**, for search firm services. The utilization of the contract will not be required exclusively. Firms selected for award will be placed in a pool for search services on an as-needed basis. This contract is not a guarantee of work.

### 1.2 Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise revised by an Addendum to this competitive solicitation, the dates and times by which stated actions will be taken or completed are listed below. If FIU determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to change any of these dates and times, it will issue an Addendum to this competitive solicitation which will be posted on the Website. All times listed are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
11/23/2015	Competitive solicitation advertised and released.
12/02/2015	Last Day for FIU to receive communications and/or inquiries from Vendors regarding the competitive solicitation via email to Authorized FIU Representative at <a href="mailto:nixc@fiu.edu">nixc@fiu.edu</a> before 2:00 pm (" <b>Inquiry Deadline Date</b> ").
12/9/2015	FIU will respond to inquiries and requests for clarifications by posting an Addendum on the Website.
12/17/2015	Deadline for FIU to receive solicitation responses from Vendors at 2:00 p.m. (" <b>Solicitation Response Due Date</b> ") and solicitation response opening at 2:00 p.m. ( <i>Note: Any solicitation responses received after the Solicitation Response Due Date and time shall be deemed non-responsive.</i> )

The Purchasing Department will post notice of changes to any of the above dates, and will provide advance notice of any pre-proposal meetings and evaluation committee meetings related to this competitive solicitation by posting the information on the FIU Purchasing Services Department’s Website at <http://finance.fiu.edu/purchasing> (“the Website”). Vendor is solely responsible for checking the Website periodically in order to verify whether any changes have been made to the Calendar or whether any meetings are scheduled to take place. FIU reserves the sole discretion over the conduct of any meetings and the extent, if any, that those attending may participate in such meetings.

### 1.3 Scope of Work and Deliverables

The Successful Vendor’s performance of the Services shall be in accordance with the following items listed below:

1. Provide assistance to Florida International University in the recruitment, selection and placement of individuals of superior qualifications in categories that may include the following in Table 1 below:

Table 1

<b><u>Search Categories</u></b>
Intercollegiate Athletics
Higher Education Senior Level
Academic Senior Level
Museum
Development/Fundraising/Foundation
Information Technology
Physician/Medical/Healthcare/Nursing
Financial/Business Finance/Accounting
Human Resources
Legal
Facilities/Construction/Engineering
Public Relations/Marketing/Governmental Affairs
Sciences
Arts

2. The Services to be provided by Contractor for these Engagements may include, but are not limited to the following: meeting with FIU to gather information; collaborating with FIU to develop an overall search plan of action, timeline and recruitment materials; and designing an interview and selection process; assisting in creation or updates to the Position profiles; assisting in determining how to advertise the Position and assisting with placement of the advertisements; actively recruiting applicants, screening applicants; tracking and managing prospect and candidate information throughout the search process, comparing potential candidates; assisting FIU in conducting background checks and

coordinating reference checks on selected candidates; providing technical, administrative, and logistical support for the search and interview process, site visits, final selection, contract negotiations, transition considerations, and follow-up; and collaborating with FIU throughout the search; and any other services as described in the Agreement. The University is requesting assistance from search firms to augment search efforts for direct hires.

3. Provide documented expertise and significant value in recruiting senior-level executive management positions in or for higher education, medical center leadership, and physician specialties.
4. Provide searches with utmost sensitivity in these highly visible and closely monitored positions.
5. Ability to establish partnerships and clarify expectations with University search committees and Human Resources. Collaborate with the University in developing an overall search plan of action, timeline, recruitment materials and design interviews and selection process. The selected search firm(s) will use its network to establish direct contact with a highly selective and diverse list of college and university officials in appropriate positions and other similarly situated individuals in private industry and the not-for-profit sector. The consulting firm will also establish contact with individuals in its data bank and will communicate with other professionals, committees and organizations in the professional area at issue.
6. Provide assistance in preparation and submission of advertisements for higher education and healthcare publications.
7. Provide highly qualified candidates regardless of gender, ethnicity, and age.
8. Ability to ensure that during the interview process, candidates feel the University's process remains confidential and sensitive.
9. Coordinate candidate flights and any other travel arrangements.
10. Conduct Employment Searches in Compliance with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Regulations. The Selected Firms agree to conduct all employment searches pursuant to this ITN in accordance with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance regulations. For each position for which an employment search is conducted, the Selected Firms will compile applicant demographic and disposition information ("information") for each applicant who meets the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Definition of an Internet Applicant and will maintain this information in a Microsoft Excel file ("record"). The record will include, at a minimum, Applicant Number or Name, Gender, Race and Ethnic Identification (Based on EEO reporting category definitions), Applicant Status, and Working Title of the position for each applicant. Applicants must be requested to self-identify their gender and race and ethnic identification.

11. When services are needed, the University will contact one or more of the firms from the pool under the contract for the applicable area of expertise before assigning a particular search. Final assignment will be via Contract Addendum (**See Appendix V – Sample Addendum**), outlining the scope of services, agreed upon fees, and timetable for the particular search. Being part of the pool is not a Guarantee of Work.
12. Once the potential candidates have been identified, the consultant shall conduct candidate evaluations based upon the candidate’s resume and a screening telephone call to ascertain interest, salary requirement and potential match with requirements.
13. The Selected Firms further agree to provide the University with an electronic copy of the record for each employment search within ten business days of the termination of the employment search. The Selected Firms will maintain all records for any employment search resulting in a hire for a period of three years.

All goods and services proposed must meet or exceed the specifications as of the date the Competitive Solicitation Responses are due, unless specifically stated as otherwise in the Competitive Solicitation documents.

#### **1.4 Solicitation Response**

Each Vendor shall organize its solicitation response to provide the following information in order to assist FIU in the selection, evaluation and award process.

- Tab 1 - **Appendix I** Conditions and Requirements, completed and signed, along with Vendor’s and any specific requests for changes to terms and conditions, if any.

The Vendor must initial the designated items, in **APPENDIX I**, indicating that the Vendor understands and agrees to the terms and conditions as provided in this competitive solicitation. **If the Vendor wants to request additional language or specific changes to the terms and conditions, Vendor must specifically do so in Vendor’s solicitation response and include such requests with APPENDIX I. Requests for additional language or requests for revisions to language in this ITN document must be included in their entirety as part of Vendor’s solicitation response under Tab 1 for consideration by FIU. In addition, any documents incorporated by reference in the requests for additional language or request for revisions and any and all forms FIU will need to fill out, prepare or submit to Vendor if awarded the contract must be included in Vendors’ solicitation response.**

Please be advised that FIU, as a State university, must adhere to applicable laws and regulations and therefore certain terms and conditions may not be altered.

- Tab 2 - Contact information, including name(s), title(s), email address(es), mailing address(es) and phone number(s) for the individual(s) responsible for Vendor’s proposal and negotiation during this process. As well as contact information for the

individual(s) who should receive any notices related to this contract if awarded to Vendor.

Tab 3 - Corporate Governance Documents, including Vendor's W9 form and Vendor application, available on the FIU Purchasing website at [http://finance.fiu.edu/purchasing/2vendor\\_forms.html](http://finance.fiu.edu/purchasing/2vendor_forms.html), and a Certificate of Good Standing from Vendor's State of Incorporation, if other than Florida.

Tab 4 - **Vendor Experience and Qualifications**

- a. Company Established
- b. The history of the firm, including a listing of principals and firm locations. Include the names of companies that have been incorporated into your firm. Relevant dates should be included as well.
- c. President/Company Executive Officer
- d. Describe your firm's experience conducting searches in higher education or healthcare. Describe experience in any specialty areas where you believe your firm has unique expertise, including but not limited to Intercollegiate Athletics, Museums, Development/Fundraising/Foundation, Information Technology, Financial/Business Finance/Accounting, Human Resources, Legal, Facilities/Construction/Engineering, Public Relations/Marketing/Governmental Affairs, Sciences, and/or the Arts.
- e. Provide the qualifications of senior professionals in your firm that are likely to be assigned to University searches. Define who will be primarily responsible and have final authority over decisions made in the search of candidates.
- f. Provide an organizational chart with lines of authority for those individuals that will be directly involved in this contract.
- g. Provide at least four references where similar Services to institutions of higher education or healthcare have been provided within the past four years. Include the name of the firm/organization, date of last search closure, the complete mailing address, and the name, telephone number and email address of the contact person.
- h. Provide a list of successful filled positions in the past four years, including the client name, contact information and position(s) filled.

Tab 5 - **Search Process.**

- a. Describe the firm's search process, including the level and type of participation by the principals/partners. Indicate how you would propose to conduct an effective, timely national search for senior and mid-level administrators and academics at the University. Indicate how your firm would propose to conduct an effective, timely national search for the specialty positions noted. Include a model timeline. Lastly, discuss your methodology in searching for 'hard-to-fill' senior and mid-level positions.
- b. State firm's capabilities in providing assistance during the interview process. Examples of assistance to include but not be limited to: assistance with correspondence between applicants, nominators and nominees, and coordinate interviews of internal and external prospects and the University. Provide a

- University dedicated website with password protection so that resumes are available to search committees at all times.
- c. Describe in detail the process by which your company verifies all education degrees of candidates. Provide detail on coordination of obtaining credit/financial background check and litigation background check.
  - d. Describe how firm handles candidate reference checks.
  - e. State the firm's internal screening methodology that produces the most viable candidates (video conference/in person/telephone, etc.). Provide examples of external screening tools in providing possible past controversies with which a candidate has been associated.
  - f. Provide to the University a salary comparison of the position among peer institutions early in the process.
  - g. Develop and provide the University a timeline for each candidate from search initiation and establishment of expectations through candidate selection, negotiation, and search completion. The timeline should include milestones, activities and deliverables along the interviewing process.
  - h. Provide a full list of successful recruiting conclusions and resulting positions by title and institution of higher education or healthcare including any successful positions among the specialty fields noted.
  - i. Describe how the firm complies with the Final Rule for Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act

**Tab 6 - Financial Proposal**

- a. What is your firm's proposed fee for providing the Services? Innovation in fee proposals may set your firm apart from the competition.
  - Would firm consider a fixed fee regardless of the final compensation provided to the successful candidate?
  - Another possible option among others would be to propose a sliding scale, fixed price fee schedule based on final salary package.
  - What expenses are billed to the client?
  - Will there be any mark-up on expenses?
  - Describe in detail the expenses for which it would seek reimbursement.
- b. Vendor should include a fee structure and terms, including provisions for the following:
  - State the fee structure for a successful candidate's voluntary or involuntary termination within the first year of employment.
  - The University's early termination of a search prior to position being filled.
  - Vendor's procedures for a failed search where the firm is unable to provide an adequate pool of candidates.
  - Vendors should provide any price incentive packages for example multiple searches, etc.
  - Vendors should provide fee schedule for all services requested.
- c. Describe how the University will be charged. Include any additional discounts available for early payment of invoices.

- d. Describe how the University will benefit from cost savings by accepting the firm's proposal.
- e. What are the firm's payment terms? The Successful Vendor may indicate payment terms of less than 40 days so long as those terms also contain a cash discount for early payment. For example: "5% 15/Net 40" would correspond to a 5% discount if paid in 15 days, otherwise net 30. The University will compute discounts from the date of completion of services, or from the date the correct invoice is received in Accounts Payable, whichever is later. The University will take the cash discount if payment is made within the specified time frame. Unless alternate payment terms, with cash discounts, are proposed by the Successful Vendor(s), invoices submitted to the University by the Successful Vendor(s) will be paid on a Net 40 days after receipt and approval of the corresponding invoice.
- f. State the firm's capability for accepting electronic payments through Automated Clearing House (ACH) and/or purchasing card, SUA and provide any additional discounts that may result from paying electronically.
- g. Disclose any other fees that may be incurred by the university.

Tab 8 - The completed and signed competitive solicitation cover document, along with completed and signed Addendum Acknowledgement Forms, if any. The Vendor shall complete, sign and date the cover document, but shall not alter the language provided in this competitive solicitation document or the Addendum(a) in any way; any such alterations are void.

Tab 9 - Information regarding alternate brands or equivalent products being offered by Vendor, if any.

Tab 10- Information regarding subcontractors (list of subcontractors with services to be provided by each and amount Vendor will pay to each; Vendor's certification that subcontractors are appropriately licensed and registered with the State of Florida).

Tab 11 - **Appendix II**, completed, signed and dated.

Tab 12 - If applicable, **Appendix IV** - Affidavit of Trade Secret Certification completed and signed by a high level officer of the Vendor as to applicable trade secrets contained in the Vendor's documents; Vendor must segregate and clearly mark all documents certified in Appendix IV and include such documents in this section (tab) of Vendor's proposal.

Tab 13 - **Insurance** - letter or certificate from Vendor's insurer.

Tab 14 - Vendor's Services and Warranties, if applicable.

Tab 15- Disclosures regarding: (a) Vendor employees having employment relationship with FIU, State of Florida or any Florida State Agencies AND/OR (b) any FIU

or State employee(s) owning an interest of 5% or more of Vendor's company or its affiliates or branches.

Tab 16- Additional information requested in the competitive solicitation and/or addenda, if applicable.

Tab 17- Additional pertinent information Vendor would like to provide.

## 1.5 Evaluation Points

The evaluation criteria and points are provided below.

Table A –

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Max Points</b>
Vendor Experience and Qualifications	45
Search Process	35
Financial Proposal	20
<b>Evaluation of Solicitation Responses Point Total</b>	100

### 1.5.1 Evaluation Criteria

#### 1.5.1.2 Vendor Experience and Qualifications

Vendor's proposal should show evidence that they have the qualifications and experience to perform the scope of services and deliverables outlined in this ITN. The area(s) of expertise for which your firm is proposing to provide services in **Section 1.3 item#1, Table 1. Search Categories** of this ITN document. Proposals will be evaluated base on the information provided in **Section 1.4, Tab 4 Vendor Experience** as it relates the **Scope of Services and Deliverables** outlined in **Section 1.2 of the ITN document**.

#### 1.5.1.3 Search Process

A detailed description of your firm's philosophy and approach in conducting searches outlined in **Section 1.4, Tab 5 Search Process**.

#### 1.5.1.4 Financial Proposal

Vendor should provide clear answers to the questions provided in **Section 1.4, Tab 6 Financial Proposal**. Vendor should provide a fee schedule that outlines all services requested.

## 1.6 Definitions

“**Authorized FIU Representative**” means the FIU Purchasing representative assigned to handle all Vendor communications related to this competitive solicitation. (See Section 2.1)

“**Contract**” means the formal bilateral agreement signed by the representatives of FIU and the Successful Vendor which will incorporate this competitive solicitation, including those terms and conditions in **Appendix III**, and the Vendor’s solicitation response.

“**Successful Vendor**” or “**Contractor**” means a firm or individual who is awarded a contract under this competitive solicitation.

“**Vendor**” means a proposer who submits a timely solicitation response to this competitive solicitation.

“**Direct Costs**” includes fees associated with travel, report reproduction, copying and supplies, research, phone/video/telecommunications, out-of-pocket expenses, and express mail.

“**Indirect Costs**” includes fees associated with candidate’s travel expenses (with evidence of receipts), advertising, background checks, and subscription fees for advertising.

“**Employment Date**” means the date upon which the hired employee begins work with FIU.

“**Website**” means the FIU Purchasing Services Department’s website at <http://finance.fiu.edu/purchasing>.

The words “**shall**”, “**must**”, or “**will**” are equivalent and indicate mandatory requirements or conditions, FIU will not waive Vendor’s material deviation from any of the mandatory requirements.

The words “**should**” or “**may**” are equivalent and indicate very desirable conditions or requirements. Vendor’s deviation from any such desirable conditions or requirements may result in Vendor’s solicitation response being considered as not being in FIU’s best interest.

## 1.7 FIU Environment

Florida International University is a public, research institution with a student body of nearly 55,000. The university operates two main campuses in Miami-Dade County—namely the Modesto Maidique Campus (MMC) and the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC). Additionally, FIU also has various other locations which include the Engineering Center, near MMC; the FIU at I-75 in Miramar; the business center in Downtown Brickell; and the Miami Beach Urban Studios (MBUS) on South Beach. For students seeking to learn abroad, the Marriot Tianjin China Program teaches hospitality and tourism management from a center in one of China’s largest cities. In addition to our campuses, FIU operates vital research and cultural centers in South Florida such as the Aquarius undersea research program, The Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU and the Wolfsonian FIU art and history museum in Miami Beach.

The main campus, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, is located in West Dade and occupies 342 acres of land which contributes to the pleasant collegiate atmosphere encompassing an environmental preserve, library, residence halls, sports arena and other wonderful attributes. Biscayne Bay Campus, located on 200 acres on Biscayne Bay, is the hub for FIU's community outreach effort. The Wolfsonian museum uses objects to illustrate the persuasive power of art and design, to explore what it means to be modern, and to tell the story of social, historical, and technological changes that have transformed our world. The Brickell Center houses the College of Business Administration which offers accelerated graduate programs designed specifically to meet the needs and schedules of today's working professionals. The School of International & Public Affairs in the Metropolitan Center focuses on economic development, planning, performance improvement and policy solutions to public, private and non-profit organizations in South Florida. The Lincoln Road Center houses a design studio for 70 graduate students in architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture, a gallery with exhibition and performance space as well as studio space for graduate visual arts students, music practice rooms and an ensemble room that will enhance the College's collaboration with the nearby New World Symphony, and the College of Architecture + The Arts' new Office of Engaged Scholarship and Creative Activities, whose mission will be to use design, visual, performing, and communication arts to engage with the community in collaborative problem-solving. The FIU Center for Engineering and Applied Sciences is a 38-acre urban research and training complex, located on the corner of N.W. 107th Avenue and Flagler Street in West Dade. The building consists of 180,000 usable square feet, housing approximately 500 employees and numerous classes and research labs. The FIU Broward Pines Center is part of an innovative educational complex that offers non-traditional undergraduate and graduate students a distinctive higher educational experience. The structure of the programs offered at the Center has successfully made the lives of working adults easier by scheduling class-time around working hours. Evening and weekend courses, as well as fast-track programs are available to accommodate non-traditional adult students who lead busy lifestyles. We currently have an alumni base of over 180,000 represented in every state and in more than 30 countries around the world.

## **2.0 PROCESS**

### **2.1 Authorized FIU Representative/ Vendor's Submission of Solicitation Response**

The Authorized FIU Representative for this competitive solicitation is:

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**EMAIL: [NIXC@FIU.EDU](mailto:NIXC@FIU.EDU)**

Vendor must submit its sealed solicitation response to the Authorized FIU Representative at the address stated immediately above.

Only those communications that are in writing from the Authorized FIU Representative shall be considered as duly authorized expressions on behalf of FIU.

## **2.2 Vendor Communications and/or Inquiries**

The Vendor shall review this competitive solicitation in its entirety to determine whether FIU's objective, scope of services, conditions and requirements are clearly stated. If Vendor has any questions regarding this competitive solicitation, Vendor must submit such inquiries and requests for clarification via email only to the Authorized FIU Representative at [NIXC@FIU.EDU](mailto:NIXC@FIU.EDU). The Vendor's inquiries or requests for clarification must provide the questions along with the relevant Section(s), Subsection(s), Paragraph(s), and page number(s) of the competitive solicitation being questioned by the Vendor.

FIU will consider only those communications and/or inquiries submitted via email and received by the Authorized FIU Representative on or before the Inquiry Deadline Date specified in **Section 1.2, "Calendar of Events"**. Unless the Authorized FIU Representative specifically requests Vendor to provide additional communications, FIU will not accept or consider any of Vendor's written or other communications and/or inquiries (except solicitation response) received between the Inquiry Deadline Date and the posting of an award, if any, under this competitive solicitation.

To the extent FIU determines, in its sole discretion, to respond to any communications, inquiries or requests for clarification, FIU's response will be made in an addendum to this competitive solicitation and posted on the Website.

FIU will consider the Vendor's failure to communicate inquiries, or request clarifications by the Inquiry Deadline Date to constitute the Vendor's acceptance of all of the conditions and requirements as stated in the competitive solicitation documents.

## **2.3 Restricted Vendor Communications**

From the date of issuance of this competitive solicitation until FIU takes final agency action, the Vendor must not communicate with any FIU employees, Evaluation Committee members or FIU representatives regarding this competitive solicitation or Vendor's solicitation response except as provided herein or as expressly requested by the Authorized FIU Representative. Violation of this restriction may result in rejection of the Vendor's solicitation response.

## **2.4 Addenda**

Purchasing Services will post any Addenda to this competitive solicitation along with Addenda Acknowledgment Forms on the Website. The Vendor's authorized representative must sign and date the Addenda Acknowledgment Form(s), if any, and include the form(s) in the Vendor's solicitation response. All vendors, including known interested vendors, are solely responsible for checking the Website periodically to verify whether any such Addenda and forms were issued.

## **2.5 Protests**

Any Vendor/interested person who is disputing the specifications or is adversely affected by a decision or intended decision concerning this competitive solicitation or contract award and who

wants to protest such specifications, decision, or intended decision shall file a protest in compliance the Florida Board of Governors' regulations. Failure to file a protest in accordance with Florida Board of Governors' regulation 18.002, or failure to post the bond or other security as required in BOG regulations 18.002 and 18.003 shall constitute a waiver of protest proceedings.

## **2.6 Delivery and Labeling of Sealed Solicitation Response**

Vendor's solicitation response to this competitive solicitation shall be prepared in accordance with **Section 1.4, "Solicitation Response"**. Vendor's sealed solicitation response must be received by the Authorized FIU Representative on or before the Solicitation Response Due Date and time specified in **Section 1.2, "Calendar of Events"** at Florida International University, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Purchasing Services Department, Campus Support Complex, CSC 411, 11200 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33199 according to the time clock in FIU's Purchasing Services Department. Vendor may not submit its solicitation response, or amendments to its solicitation response via telephone, facsimile, electronic mail, or telegraph.

If the Vendor elects to mail in its solicitation response package, the Vendor must allow sufficient time to ensure the Authorized FIU Representative's receipt of the solicitation response package by the Solicitation Response Due Date and time. Regardless of the form of delivery, it is the Vendor's responsibility to ensure that the solicitation response package arrives at the Authorized FIU Representative's mailing address (**See Section 2.1**) no later than 2:00 p.m. on the Solicitation Response Due Date. Vendor may not include more than one solicitation response (along with the copies) per sealed envelope.

FIU will accept solicitation responses up to, and no solicitation responses may be withdrawn after, the Solicitation Response Due Date and time. Solicitation responses must be delivered in sealed envelopes with the following information clearly provided on the front of the envelope: The Authorized FIU Representative's name and address as provided in **Section 2.1** and **ITN56-001 Search Firms** and the date and time of the Solicitation Response Due Date. The solicitation response must be submitted in **one (1) original and eight (8) copies**. The document containing the original signature must be marked "**ORIGINAL.**" In addition, Vendor is asked to submit **one (1) courtesy copy** of the solicitation response on CD or PC compatible disk, preferably in .pdf format.

## **2.7 Required Solicitation Response Format**

To facilitate FIU's analysis of Vendor's solicitation response, the Vendor must prepare its solicitation response in accordance with the instructions provided in this competitive solicitation. If Vendor's solicitation response deviates from these instructions, such solicitation response may, in FIU's sole discretion, be rejected.

## **2.8 Economy of Presentation**

The Vendor must use sections and tabs that are clearly identified and also must number and label all parts, pages, figures, and tables in its solicitation response. Vendor should prepare its solicitation response simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Vendor's capability to satisfy the conditions and requirements of this competitive solicitation.

(Fancy bindings, colored displays, and promotional material are not desired). Vendor's emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. To expedite FIU's evaluation of the solicitation response, it is mandatory that Vendor follow the instructions contained herein. FIU is not liable for any costs incurred by Vendors in responding to this competitive solicitation including, without limitation, costs for any oral presentations requested by FIU.

## **2.9 Solicitation Responses Must be in Ink or Typed**

Vendor's solicitation response must be typed or printed in permanent ink.

## **2.10 Vendor's Signature**

Where Vendor's signature is required, Vendor's solicitation response must contain Vendor's authorized representative's manual signature, in permanent ink, in the space provided. In addition, Vendor's authorized representative must initial all of Vendor's handwritten corrections (additions or deletions) in its solicitation response.

## **2.11 Complete Responses Required**

Vendor must complete and execute this competitive solicitation document, including any addenda, appendices, exhibits, attachments, requested information and response forms and submit them with and as a part of Vendor's sealed solicitation response.

## **2.12 Use of Forms**

If this competitive solicitation includes forms for the submission of information, the Vendor must submit the requested information on the forms, attaching additional pages if necessary, or FIU may reject the Vendor's solicitation response.

## **2.13 Errors or Omissions**

Vendor should examine its solicitation response carefully for any errors prior to submission. The Vendor is solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its solicitation response. The Vendor's errors or omissions, if any, are solely at the risk of the Vendor and may be grounds for FIU's finding that the Vendor's solicitation response is non-responsive. In case of Vendor's errors in extensions, the unit price will prevail.

## **2.14 Solicitation Response Validity Period**

Vendor's solicitation response, shall in its entirety, remain valid for 180 calendar days after the Solicitation Response Due Date.

## **2.15 Solicitation Response Opening**

At 2:00 p.m. on the Solicitation Response Due Date, FIU will open all timely submitted solicitation responses for the sole purpose of recording the names of the Vendors submitting solicitation responses.

### **3.0 SELECTION PROCESS, EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

#### **3.1 Selection process**

FIU will conduct the following selection process:

- FIU establishes an Evaluation Committee.
- The Evaluation Committee reviews and evaluates the solicitation responses and the Vendor presentations (if any) according to the evaluation criteria and points contained in Table A (See Section 1.5) and develops a ranked order of Vendors.
- The Committee determines a short list of Vendors. Those Vendors selected for the short list will continue in the evaluation process, which may involve vendor presentations, site visits, oral interviews, inspection of the Vendor's facilities, additional written information, internal staff analysis and presentations, feedback from outside consultants, discussions with the Vendors about their capabilities and plans for servicing FIU, and/or any other information deemed helpful to more fully evaluate the Vendor.
- A Negotiation Team may negotiate with the short-listed Vendors. After negotiations have been completed to the satisfaction of the Negotiation Team, or if no negotiations are held, following the initial evaluation, the short listed companies will be given a deadline for submission of a "best and final offer" (BAFO). The negotiation process will stop upon submission of the BAFO. Vendors will not be allowed to make further adjustments to their offer or communicate further with the University, except to respond to requests for clarification from the Evaluation Committee.
- The Evaluation Committee reviews and evaluates the BAFO, solicitation response, taking into account all information gained from any site visits, Vendor presentations, Vendor management team interviews, inspection of the Vendor's facilities, and discussions with the Vendors about their capabilities and plans for servicing FIU (as applicable) according to the evaluation criteria and points contained in Table A (See Section 1.5) and develops a ranked order of Vendors.
- The recommendation of the Evaluation Committee will be submitted to the Director of Purchasing for review and approval and to the **Vice President of Human Resources** or his/her designee with final decision making authority ("University Official") regarding the competitive solicitation for a final decision regarding award.
- The University Official considers the Evaluation Committee's recommendation and determines which Vendor(s) to enter into a Contract with.

#### **3.2 Cash Discounts**

The Evaluation Committee will not consider cash discounts for prompt payment when determining the lowest net cost for solicitation response evaluation purposes.

### **3.3 Tie Responses**

When multiple solicitation responses are equal in all respects, FIU will give preference to solicitation responses in the following order: solicitation responses from Vendors that include commodities manufactured in Florida, then from Vendors that are Florida businesses, then Vendors who have a drug-free workplace program, and then Vendors who are foreign manufacturers located in Florida, in determining the contract award, or if those conditions do not exist or are equivalent between two or more solicitation responses, the contract award will be determined by the toss of a coin.

### **3.4 Contract Award**

FIU intends to award a Contract or Contracts resulting from this competitive solicitation to the Successful Vendor(s) whose solicitation response(s) represent the best value to FIU. The Contract will include this competitive solicitation document, and the Successful Vendor's solicitation response, and all the terms and conditions found on the Sample Contract. (The Sample Contract is attached as **APPENDIX III**.) The Contract will also incorporate any clarifications, and if negotiations are conducted, any additional terms and conditions that are negotiated.

- 3.4.1** FIU reserves the right to award a Contract without negotiations with the Vendor; therefore, the Vendor's solicitation response should contain the Vendor's best terms from a cost or price and technical standpoint.
- 3.4.2** FIU reserves the right to make an award on any item or service for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit cost or unit prices offered, unless the Vendor specifies otherwise in the Vendor's solicitation response.
- 3.4.3** Unless otherwise provided in this competitive solicitation, FIU reserves the right to make multiple awards if, after considering the additional administrative costs, it is in FIU's best interest to do so.
- 3.4.4** FIU reserves the right to award the commodity specified and/or the services detailed in this competitive solicitation either in their entirety or in any part thereof, all to the advantage of FIU.
- 3.4.5** FIU may reject all solicitation responses if such action is in FIU's best interest.
- 3.4.6** FIU reserves the right and sole discretion to reject any solicitation response at any time on grounds that include, but are not limited to, Vendor's solicitation response being found to be nonresponsive, incomplete, or irregular in any way; or when Vendor's solicitation response is not in FIU's best interest. FIU may waive informalities and minor irregularities in solicitation responses.

FIU is not obligated to make an award under or as a result of this competitive solicitation. FIU reserves the right to award a contract, to the Vendor(s) submitting a solicitation response that FIU, in its sole discretion, determines is in FIU's best interest.

### **3.5 Posting of Intent to Award/Protest**

The Intent to Award to a Vendor, if any, will be posted on the Website for review by interested parties, and will remain posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours; excluding weekends, federal holidays, and FIU holidays.

Failure to file a notice of protest or the written petition in accordance with the Florida Board of Governors' Regulation 18.002, or Vendor's failure to post the Solicitation Protest Bond or other security as required in the Board of Governor's Regulations 18.002 and 18.003, shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest proceedings.

### **3.6 Commencement of Work**

Vendor/Successful Vendor will not provide any commodities or services or take any action, even if such is as a result of any discussions with any FIU employee, prior to the Contract being signed by both parties. If Vendor/Successful Vendor provides services or commodities or takes any action prior to the Contract being signed by both parties, the Vendor/Successful Vendor does so at Vendor/Successful Vendor's sole risk and expense.

### **3.7 Alternate Brands or Equivalent Products**

Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in the competitive solicitation are for information and not intended to limit competition. The Vendor may offer any brand for which Vendor is an authorized representative, where such brand meets or exceeds the specifications for any item. Likewise, customary measurements appearing in the competitive solicitation are not intended to preclude solicitation responses for commodities with equivalent metric measurements. All items provided by Vendor will be new items.

If Vendor's solicitation response is based on an alternate brand or equivalent product, Vendor must indicate the manufacturer's name and product number on the Vendor's solicitation response for such alternate brand or equivalent product. Vendor shall submit cuts sketches and descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications of the alternate brand or equivalent product with the solicitation response. Vendor may not reference information or literature submitted with a previous solicitation response. The Vendor shall also explain in detail the reasons why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and why it should not be considered an exception thereto. The University reserves the right to approve or reject an item as an approved alternate brand or equivalent product.

If Vendor's solicitation response lacks any written indication of intent to propose an alternate brand or equivalent product, Vendor's solicitation response will be received and considered by FIU to be for items that are in absolute compliance (including as to brand and measurement) with the specifications as written in the competitive solicitation.

## **4.0 SPECIFIC TERMS**

### **4.1 Retention Guarantee**

In the event FIU terminates an employee recommended by Successful Vendor for just cause or if the employee leaves of their own accord within the first (eighteen) months after hire date, Contractor agrees to find a suitable replacement for that employee without charge, except for expenses allowed by this agreement.

#### **4.2 Non-Solicitation Clause**

The Successful Vendor will not recruit selected candidate for other positions so long as the selected person remains in the position for which he/she was originally recruited, unless the University provides written prior approval to do so or the University terminates the candidate. FIU further recognizes that other search committees are not precluded from recruiting the placement and the placement is not precluded from applying from other positions. Those actions are out of the Successful Vendor's control and would not be in violation of this agreement.

#### **4.3 Non-Compete**

Successful Vendor shall not undertake a executive-level search with another major public research university or land grant institution for a period of three (3) months after signing an addendum to begin a search for similar executive-level position at FIU.

#### **4.4 Affirmative Action and the Recruitment Process**

Successful Vendor shall make a good faith effort to recruit qualified females, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities. Contractor shall:

- (1) Provide a written statement regarding their procedures for collecting EEO data from applicants, and
- (2) Collect applicant and selection data that includes:
  - 1) A unique identifier for each applicant (Full name and Applicant ID #)
  - 2) EEO data for each applicant to include:
    - Ethnicity/race
    - Sex
    - Protected veteran status
    - Disability status (Office of Management and Budget Form CC-305 is required)
  - 3) The reason the applicant was removed from consideration (Examples: lack of knowledge, lack of experience; candidate withdrew, etc.)

Contractor shall submit the aforementioned data to the Division of Human Resources upon successful completion of the selection search.

#### **4.5 OFCCP Compliance**

Successful Vendor shall conduct Employment Searches in Compliance with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Regulations. The Selected Firms agree to conduct all employment searches pursuant to this ITN in accordance with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance regulations. For each position for which an employment search is conducted, the Selected Firms will compile applicant demographic and disposition information ("information") for each applicant who meets

the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Definition of an Internet Applicant and will maintain this information in a Microsoft Excel file (“record”). The record will include, at a minimum, Applicant Number or Name, Gender, Race and Ethnic Identification (Based on EEO reporting category definitions), Applicant Status, and Working Title of the position for each applicant. Applicants must be requested to self-identify their gender and race and ethnic identification. Pursuant to the OFCCP regulations, any applicant presented to FIU by the Selected Firm must become a FIU applicant.

#### **4.6 Records**

The Selected Firms further agrees to provide the University with an electronic copy of the record for each employment search within ten business days of the termination of the employment search. The Selected Firms will maintain all records for any employment search resulting in a hire for a period of five years.

### **5.0 GENERAL TERMS**

#### **5.1 Insurance**

The Successful Vendor shall provide and keep in full force and effect during the term of Contract, at the Successful Vendor’s own cost and expense, the following insurance policies for the joint benefit of the Successful Vendor and FIU, with an insurer reasonably acceptable to FIU:

Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions	\$ 2,000,000 (minimum)
Workers’ Compensation	Statutory Limits

In order for Successful Vendor to show that it can satisfy this requirement, the Successful Vendor must include in its solicitation response one of the following:

- a. A letter from Successful Vendor’s insurer stating that the Successful Vendor meets the currently specified insurance requirements, or**
- b. A commitment letter from an insurer that if awarded a contract, Successful Vendor will have access to such coverage, or**
- c. A Certificate of Insurance from Successful Vendor’s insurer stating that the Successful Vendor meets the currently specified insurance requirements.**

The Successful Vendor shall deliver to: FIU Purchasing Services Department, Campus Support Complex, CSC 411, 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida 33199, true and correct copies of certificates of such insurance within ten (10) business days of notice of formal award.

The Successful Vendor's policy shall be primary and any insurance carried by FIU shall be noncontributing with respect thereto.

The policies shall carry an endorsement to provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to FIU in the event of cancellation or reduction in coverage or amount. In the event the Successful Vendor's insurance carrier refuses to provide an endorsement to provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to FIU, then the Successful Vendor will be required to provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to FIU in the event of cancellation or reduction in the coverage or amount and secure any new insurance as required to comply with this Contract to ensure continuous coverage. If the Successful Vendor fails to secure and maintain insurance policies complying with the provisions of this Contract, FIU may terminate the Contract. Successful Vendor shall do nothing that will adversely affect FIU, in any way, including increasing risks, insurance premiums or liability

If the professional liability coverage is provided on a claims-made basis, then such insurance shall continue for three (3) years following the completion of the performance or the attempted performance of the provisions of this agreement. The insurance shall have a retroactive date of placement prior to or coinciding with the effective date of this agreement. If the coverage is canceled or non-renewed and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the effective date or coinciding with the effective date of this agreement the vendor must purchase Extended Reporting ("Tail") coverage for a minimum of three (3) years following the completion of the performance or the attempted performance of the provisions of this agreement.

In addition to the insurance required to be obtained and maintained by the Successful Vendor, if the Successful Vendor assigns any portion of the duties under the Contract in accordance with the terms thereof, each subcontractor or assignee is required to purchase and maintain insurance coverage that adequately covers each subcontractor's or assignee's exposure based on the type of services they are providing in connection with this Contract.

FIU reserves the right to cancel any award made or cancel the Contract if Successful Vendor fails to supply and/or maintain the required coverage.

Should Vendor take exception to the stated insurance requirements in its solicitation response, such will be grounds for disqualifying Vendor's solicitation response.

Successful Vendor's procuring of the required insurance shall not relieve the Vendor of any obligation or liability assumed under the Contract, including specifically the indemnity obligations. The Successful Vendor may carry, at his own expense, such additional insurance, as Vendor deems necessary. The Successful Vendor shall assist and cooperate in every manner possible in connection with the adjustment of all claims arising out of Vendor's operations within the scope provided for under the Contract, and shall cooperate in all litigated claims and demands, arising from said operations, which its insurance carrier or carriers are requested to respond.

## **5.2 Workers' Compensation**

The Successful Vendor shall have and maintain during the life of the Contract, Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of its employees connected with the work related to the

competitive solicitation. In the event any work related to the competitive solicitation is sublet or subcontracted, the Vendor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Vendor. Such insurance shall comply fully with the Florida Workers' Compensation law. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under the Contract at the site of the project is not protected under Workers' Compensation, the Vendor shall provide, and cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate insurance for the protection of such employees.

### **5.3 Software Warranty and Back up**

If Successful Vendor is providing software to FIU, Vendor warrants that: (1) the media on which the product software is distributed is free from defects in materials and workmanship, and (2) the product performs the functions described in the documentation for the product. In addition, FIU may create and retain a copy of the software and related documentation for back up and disaster recovery purposes and for archival purposes. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

### **5.4 Services and Warranty**

If Vendor will be providing services and warranties on the commodities and services that will be in addition to the services and warranties that are required in this competitive solicitation, then Vendor shall define and describe in its solicitation response such additional services and warranties, including replacement of items, that Vendor will provide.

The Successful Vendor will supply FIU with a complete and accurate W-9 and Vendor Application, available on the Website; if Vendor fails to supply the University with a complete and accurate W-9 and Vendor Application, the invoice will be deemed insufficient for payment until such information has been provided.

### **5.5 Safety**

FIU seeks to furnish its students and employees with a place of work and study that is free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm, and one that complies with occupational health and safety standards promulgated under Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH ACT). Therefore, the Successful Vendor is required to comply with the occupational safety and health standards and all rules, regulations, and orders issued pursuant to the OSH ACT while on the University's premises.

### **5.6 Compliance With Laws and Regulations**

The Successful Vendor shall comply and use its best efforts to assure that its employees, agents and subcontractors comply with all applicable federal and state laws and FIU's regulations policies, and procedures while performing the Contract and/or while on the University's premises. FIU's regulations, policies and procedures, as it may be updated, is available at: <http://policies.fiu.edu/>.

We are proud to be a Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus which means that smoking and/or the use of any tobacco product is not permitted in any area of the university campus including buildings, green spaces, vehicles, and parking areas. Visit <http://tobacco-free.fiu.edu> for more information.

## **5.7 Public Records Laws; Trade Secrets Certification.**

As a public body corporate of the State of the Florida, FIU is subject to Chapter 119 of Florida Statutes, commonly known as the Florida Public Records Law. This competitive solicitation is a public record. Any documents Vendors submit to FIU in response to this competitive solicitation shall also become a public record, which will similarly be subject to the Florida Public Records Law. As required by law, FIU will respond to public records requests without providing Vendors whose documents have been requested any notice.

Should Vendors seek to assert trade secret protection for any document the Vendor submits in response to this competitive solicitation under Florida Statutes Section 688.002(4), Section 812.081(1)(c), Section 815.04(3), and/or Section 815.045, for each document that trade secret protection is claimed, Vendor must comply with the both of the following:

1. Segregate and separately label the document(s) claimed as trade secrets: documents produced electronically should be produced on separate CD or electronic media clearly-labeled "Trade Secret" on the physical media as well in the title of the electronic folder or file; documents produced in hard copy should be separated and each clearly labeled "Trade Secret." *Inserting the words "Confidential" and/or "Proprietary" to the front of or the footer of a document does not automatically entitle the document to be a trade secret under Florida law and thus is insufficient to comply with this requirement; and*
2. Provide a sworn affidavit (form is Appendix IV) signed by a high level officer of the Vendor to **FIU's Purchasing Services Department**, certifying the following for **each** separate claimed trade secret document:
  - a. Identify with specificity the document(s) for which trade secrets protection is claimed;
  - b. Provide a description of the document sufficient to determine the application of the trade secret exemption; and
  - c. Explain in detail the specific element(s) or provision(s) of Florida Statutes Section 688.002(4) or Section 812.081(c) that render the document at issue a trade secret exempted from public records under applicable Florida law.

A Vendor's failure to fully comply with the above and/or submit a sworn affidavit with its Solicitation Response is an affirmation acknowledgement by such Vendor that none of its documents are trade secrets.

If a Vendor properly complies and submits a sworn affidavit with its Solicitation Response and FIU later receives a public records request for a document or information that is marked and certified with an affidavit to be a trade secret, we will provide the requestor a copy of the Vendor's sworn affidavit. Any challenge to the affidavit and the application of the trade secret exemption shall be rebutted, if at all, only by the

Vendor; FIU's only obligation will be to provide Vendor notice that such a challenge has been received. The notice shall serve as formal notice to the Vendor that such Vendor has thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of such notice from FIU to file an action with a court of competent jurisdiction seeking an order barring public disclosure of the document(s). If Vendor files an action within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice of a challenge to its trade secret certification, FIU will not release the documents at issue pending the outcome of the legal action. The failure to file an action within thirty (30) calendar days constitutes a waiver of any claim of confidentiality, and the FIU will release the document as requested.

## **5.8 Parking**

The Successful Vendor shall ensure that all of the Vendor's and Vendor's employees', agents' and subcontractors' vehicles parked on the University premises have proper parking permits. All vehicles must be registered with, and have parking permits purchased from FIU's Parking Services Department properly displayed. Vendor and Vendor's employees, agents and subcontractors shall observe all parking regulations. The failure to purchase parking permits, properly display them, and otherwise comply with all FIU's parking regulations could result in the ticketing and/or the towing of Vendor's or Vendor's employees', agents', and subcontractors' vehicles. For additional parking information, contact FIU's Department of Parking and Transportation at (305) 348-3615.

## **5.9 Public Entity Crimes**

In accordance with Florida Statutes §287.133(2)(a), a vendor who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal; may not perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, including FIU; and may not transact business with FIU in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date being placed on the convicted vendor list. By submitting a solicitation response, Vendor is certifying that Vendor is not on the convicted vendor list maintained by the Florida Department of Management Services, and Vendor is also certifying that any subcontractor listed in Vendor's solicitation response is not on the convicted vendor list.

## **5.10 Waiver of Rights and Breaches**

No right conferred on FIU by this competitive solicitation or resulting Contract, if any, shall be deemed waived and no breach of any such Contract excused, unless such waiver of right or excuse of breach is in writing and signed by FIU. FIU's waiver of a right or breach shall not constitute a waiver or excuse of any other right or breach.

## **5.11 Conflict of Interest**

The award of this competitive solicitation is subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 112. Vendor must disclose in its solicitation response the name of any officer, director, or agent of the Vendor who is also an employee of FIU, or of the State of Florida or of any of its agencies.

Further, Vendor must disclose in its solicitation response the name of any FIU or State employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five (5%) or more of the Vendor's company or any of its affiliates or branches.

In addition, in accordance with Section 112.3185, Florida Statutes, by submitting a solicitation response, the Vendor certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no individual employed by the Vendor or subcontracted by the Vendor has an immediate relationship to any FIU employee who was or is directly or indirectly involved in any way in the drafting, evaluating, or awarding of this competitive solicitation.

Failure to disclose the required information or violation of Section 112.3185, Florida Statutes, shall be grounds for rejection of Vendor's solicitation response, cancellation of an intent to award, and/or cancellation of any Contract with the Vendor.

### **5.12 Covenant Against Commissions, or Brokerage and Contingent Fees**

By submitting a solicitation response, the Vendor warrants that Vendor has not employed or retained any person or entity, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor, to solicit or secure any award or Contract resulting from this competitive solicitation or to solicit or secure any other advantage related to this competitive solicitation. By signing a Contract with FIU, Successful Vendor warrants that the Successful Vendor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Successful Vendor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract. In the event Successful Vendor's breach or violation of this warranty, FIU has the right to annul any Contract with such Successful Vendor resulting from this competitive solicitation, without liability, and to deduct from any amounts otherwise payable to Vendor under such Contract the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration, and to pursue any other remedy available to FIU under such Contract, at law or in equity.

### **5.13 Use of Contract by Other Governmental Agencies**

At the option of the Vendor, the use of any contract resulting from this competitive solicitation may be extended to other governmental entities, including the State of Florida, its agencies, political subdivisions, counties, and cities, and any university in the State University System. Each such entity using such contract shall do so independently of FIU and shall be solely responsible for its own purchases.

### **5.14 Disposition of Solicitation Responses**

All solicitation responses become the property of FIU, and FIU shall have the right to use all ideas, and/or adaptations of those ideas, contained in any solicitation response received in response to this competitive solicitation. Any parts of the solicitation response, and any other material(s) submitted to FIU with the solicitation response will become a public document pursuant to Section 119.07, F.S. This includes material that the responding proposer might consider to be confidential or a trade secret. FIU's selection or rejection of a solicitation response will not affect this exemption.

### **5.15 Licensing Requirements**

To the extent applicable, Vendor shall have all appropriate licenses to conduct business in the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County at or prior to award of a contract resulting from this competitive solicitation; Vendor must provide proof of such to FIU as a condition of award of a contract.

### **5.16 Subcontractors**

If Vendor contemplates the use of subcontractors, as a further condition of award of a contract, the Vendor must certify in writing that all of its subcontractors are appropriately licensed and are registered with the State of Florida in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapters 607 or 620, and such statement will include any subcontractors' corporate charter numbers. For additional information on registering, Vendors should contact the Florida Secretary of State's Office.

The Successful Vendor is fully responsible for all work performed under the Contract resulting from this competitive solicitation. The Successful Vendor may, with the prior written consent of FIU, enter into written subcontract(s) for performance of certain of its functions under such Contract. The subcontractors and the amount of the subcontracts shall be identified in the Vendor's solicitation response. Vendor's subcontracts shall not be implemented or effective until and unless approved in writing by FIU. No subcontract which the Vendor enters into related to the Contract shall in any way relieve the Vendor of any responsibility for performance of its duties under the Contract. Vendor will fully notify any subcontractors of Vendor's responsibilities pursuant to the FIU Contract in Vendor's subcontract(s) with a subcontractor(s) for work related to this competitive solicitation. Vendor is solely responsible for all payments to its subcontractors.

### **5.17 Small Business Minority Enterprise (SMBE) Reporting**

It is the FIU's policy (consistent with state and federal law), to optimize opportunities for business contracting with small, minority and disadvantaged business enterprises in the areas of commodities, construction, contractual services, and architectural and engineering services.

Vendors are likewise encouraged to use the small, minority and disadvantaged business enterprises and to have a business diversity program in place. The Successful Vendor shall report all minority subcontractors, identifying the Name, Address, Type of Certification and Dollar Amount to FIU with each invoice submitted for payment.

For more information on becoming a State of Florida Certified Minority Business (CMBE), to request certification or to locate CMBEs, please contact the Office of Supplier Diversity, Department of Management Services at (850) 487-0915.

### **5.18 Equal Opportunity Statement**

FIU believes in equal opportunity practices which conform to both the spirit and the letter of all laws against discrimination, and FIU is committed to non-discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, Veteran status, marital status, age or disability. The Successful Vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, Veteran status, marital status, age or disability. Successful

The Successful Vendor will comply with the provisions of Executive Order 11246, September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor that are applicable to each order placed against the Contract regardless of value.

The Successful Vendor will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as revised.

If the Vendor anticipates receiving \$10,000 in orders during the first 12 months of the Contract, Vendor's authorized representative must complete, sign and date a Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities form and include the form in its solicitation response. The certificate is attached as **APPENDIX II**.

If the Successful Vendor anticipates receiving \$50,000 in orders during the first 12 months of the Contract, and employs more than 50 people, the Successful Vendor will complete and file prior to March 1 of each year a standard form 100 (EEO-1), and will maintain a written program for affirmative action compliance that is available for review upon FIU's request.

#### **5.19 Vendor's Employment of Unauthorized Aliens**

Employment of unauthorized aliens is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Successful Vendor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for FIU's unilateral cancellation of the Contract.

**APPENDIX I**

**CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SOLICITATION RESPONSE SHEET**

Those items in the following Sections of this competitive solicitation and the Sections of the Appendix III (Sample Contract) must each be initialed under either YES to indicate that the Vendor understands and agrees to the entire Section or NO to indicate that the Vendor does not agree to the entire Section. Failure to complete and return this document with your solicitation response could result in rejection of your solicitation response. Vendors shall not check items as YES (understood and agreed to) for purposes of submitting a solicitation response with the hopes of later negotiating a change of those conditions and requirements. If a Vendor does not understand or agree with any of the conditions or requirements, the Vendor should check NO by the specific provision the Vendor is not in agreement with and provide proposed alternative language or an explanation as to why Vendor is not in agreement with the given provision. Vendor's failure to accept said conditions and requirements is grounds for FIU's rejection of Vendor's solicitation response.

<b><u>SECTION</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>VENDOR INITIAL</u></b>
1.0	_____	_____	_____
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<u>SECTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>VENDOR INITIAL</u>
2.6	_____	_____	_____
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<u>SECTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>VENDOR INITIAL</u>
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(ENUMERATE T'S AND C'S FROM APPENDIX III- Sample Contract)

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<u>SECTION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>VENDOR INITIAL</u>
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**VENDOR COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX II

### CERTIFICATE OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

We, \_\_\_\_\_  
certify to the Florida International University that we do not and will not maintain or provide for our employees any segregated facilities at any of our establishments, and that we do not and will not permit our employees to perform their services, under our control, where segregated facilities are maintained. We understand and agree that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause required by Executive order 11246 of 24 September 1965.

As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash room, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin, because of habit, local custom or otherwise.

We, further, agree that (except where we have obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) we will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause; that we will retain such certification in our files; and that we will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted certifications for specific time periods):

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OR REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATIONS OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES. A Certificate of Non-segregated Facilities, as required by the 9 May 1967 order on Elimination of Segregated Facilities, by the Secretary of Labor (32 Fed. Reg. 7439, 19 May 1967), must be submitted prior to the award of a sub-contract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause. The certification may be submitted either for each sub-contract or for all subcontracts during a period (i.e. quarterly, semiannually, or annually).

**NOTE: Whoever knowingly and willfully makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent representation may be liable to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.**

## APPENDIX II

### CERTIFICATE OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

#### SUBPART - VENDOR'S AGREEMENTS

During the performance of this Contract, the Vendor agrees as follows:

- (1) The Vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of face, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Vendor 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 Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The Vendor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- (3) The Vendor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the Vendor has a collective bargaining agreement or other Contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Vendor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The Vendor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965 and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The Vendor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations and orders.
- (6) In the event of the Vendor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Vendor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoiced as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

- (7) The Vendor will include the provision of Paragraphs (1) through (7) 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 No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subVendor or Vendor. The Vendor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase orders the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event the Vendor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subVendor or Vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Vendor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

**SEC. 402 Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era:**

- (1) The Vendor agrees to comply with the affirmative action clause and regulation published by the US Department of Labor implementing Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, and Executive Order 11701, which are incorporated in this certificate by reference.

**VENDOR COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX III**

**SAMPLE CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT (the "Contract") is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Effective Date"), by and between **The Florida International University Board of Trustees ("FIU")** and \_\_\_\_\_, a (state of incorporation and type of entity), whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, who is authorized to do business in the State of Florida (the "Contractor").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, FIU requested solicitation responses for Competitive Solicitation ITN No. \_\_\_\_\_ ("ITN # \_\_\_\_\_") to provide the following goods and/or services: \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Services");

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor submitted a solicitation response for ITN # \_\_\_\_\_ to perform the Services ("Contractor's Solicitation Response"), which was accepted by FIU.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements made herein and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Term.** This Contract commences on the Effective Date and will continue for an initial term of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_) year (the "Initial Term") and may be renewed in writing by the parties for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_) additional \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_) year term(s) (each one year term referred to as the "Renewal Term").

2. **Contract.** The Contractor will provide to FIU the Services pursuant to the terms and conditions described in the following: the Competitive Solicitation for ITN # \_\_\_\_\_ (including Addendum 1), attached hereto as Exhibit I and incorporated herein by reference; the Contractor's Solicitation Response, attached hereto as Exhibit II and incorporated herein by reference; and the Contractor's Best and Final Offer, attached hereto as Exhibit III and incorporated herein by reference. In the event of conflict between or among terms and conditions contained in the foregoing documents with regards to the Services, such documents shall govern in the following order of precedence: first, this Contract; second, Exhibit I (the Competitive Solicitation for ITN # \_\_\_\_\_, including Addendum 1); third, Exhibit III (the Contractor's Best and Final Offer); and fourth, Exhibit II (the Contractor's Solicitation Response).

3. **Payment.** The Contractor shall provide the Services to FIU pursuant to the pricing set forth in Exhibit III, Tab \_\_\_\_\_ (page \_\_\_\_\_). The Contractor shall submit invoices for fees or other compensation for services or expenses in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit. FIU will make payment in accordance with FIU Regulation FIU-2202, which states the Contractor's rights as a vendor and FIU's responsibilities concerning interest penalties and time limits for payment of invoices. Upon receipt, FIU has five (5) business days to inspect and approve the goods or services. If a payment is not issued within **forty (40) days of receipt** of a proper invoice and receipt and inspection and approval of the goods and services, FIU will pay to the

Contractor, in addition to the amount of the invoice, an interest penalty at the rate established pursuant to Florida Statutes §55.03(1), provided the interest penalty is in excess of one dollar (\$1.00). A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Office of Business and Finance. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for vendors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment from FIU. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (305) 348-2101.

The Contractor shall cooperate with FIU and provide specific records and/or access to all of the Contractor's records related to the Contract for purposes of conducting an audit or investigation. FIU will provide Contractor with reasonable notice of the need for such records or access.

4. **Assignment/Modification of Contract.** This Contract may not be assigned or modified by either party except as agreed to in writing and signed by both parties. The Contract shall be binding upon the parties' successors and assigns.

5. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as an indemnification of the Contractor by FIU or as a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond that provided in Florida Statutes §768.28.

6. **Governing Law; Venue.** This Contract is governed by the laws of the State of Florida and exclusive venue of any actions arising out of this Contract shall be in the courts in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

7. **Relationship of the Parties.** The Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither the Contractor nor the Contractor's employees, agents, or other representatives shall be considered FIU's employees or agents. The Contractor shall not use FIU's name, trademarks, logos, or marks without FIU's prior written approval. The Contractor represents and warrants that it is not on the Convicted Vendor List (see Fla. Stat. § 287.133(2)(a)). Each party hereby assumes any and all risk of personal injury and property damage attributable to the willful or negligent acts or omissions of that party and the officers, employees, and agents thereof. The Contractor also assumes such risk with respect to the willful or negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor's subcontractors or persons otherwise acting or engaged to act at the instance of the Contractor in furtherance of the Contractor fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

8. **Compliance with Public Records Law.** FIU is subject to applicable public records laws as provided by provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 119, and FIU will respond to such public records request without any duty to give the Contractor prior notice. FIU may unilaterally cancel this Contract for Contractor's refusal to allow public access to all public records that were made or received in conjunction with this Contract. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

9. **Annual Appropriations.** FIU's performance and obligation to pay under the Contract is subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by the Florida Legislature or otherwise lawfully expendable for the purposes of such Contract for the current and

future periods. FIU will give notice to the Contractor of the non-availability of funds when FIU has knowledge thereof. Upon receipt of such notice by Contractor, Contractor is entitled to payment only for those services performed and accepted by FIU prior to the date such notice is received.

10. **Taxes.** FIU is a tax immune sovereign and exempt from the payment of sales, use or excise taxes. The Contractor shall pay all personal property taxes on leased equipment and all taxes based upon net income.

11. **Travel Expenses.** Contractor shall not charge FIU for any travel expenses, meals, and lodging unless otherwise provided in this Contract and FIU's prior written approval of the expenses has been obtained. Under such circumstances, Contractor is authorized to incur the agreed to travel expenses which will be payable by FIU, but only to the extent permitted in Florida Statutes § 112.061 and the FIU Policy 1110.060 Travel: University Travel Expense Policy, which is available at [http://policies.fiu.edu/record\\_profile.php?id=548&s=travel](http://policies.fiu.edu/record_profile.php?id=548&s=travel). Contractor is responsible for any expenses in excess of these prescribed amounts.

12. **Force Majeure.** No default, delay or failure to perform on the part of the either party shall be considered a default, delay or failure to perform otherwise chargeable, hereunder, if such default, delay or failure to perform is due to causes beyond either party's reasonable control including, but not limited to, strikes, lockouts or inactions of governmental authorities; epidemics; acts of terrorism; war; embargoes; fire; earthquakes; hurricanes; acts of God; or default of common carrier. In the event of such default, delay or failure to perform, any date or times by which either party is otherwise scheduled to perform shall be extended automatically for a period of time equal in duration to the time lost by reason of the excused default, delay or failure to perform.

13. **Indemnification.** The Contractor is responsible for its performance under the Contract. The Contractor will indemnify and hold harmless, assume liability for and defend, the State of Florida, the Florida Board of Governors, FIU and their officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all actions, claims, liabilities, assertions of liability, losses, costs and expenses, which may arise in any manner or are alleged to have arisen, from the acts, omissions or wrongful conduct of Contractor or Contractor's officers, employees, agents, guests, patrons, licenses, invitees or subcontractors in connection with or related to their operations, activities, and/or occupancy or use of the FIU premises in performance of the Contract. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

14. **Trademark or Copyright Infringement.** Contractor will, at its expense, defend any suit brought against FIU and will indemnify FIU against an award of damages and costs made against FIU by settlement or final judgment of a court that is based on a claim that the use of the Contractor's product infringes a trademark or copyright of a third party; provided that FIU notifies Contractor in writing of the suit or any claim of infringement within thirty (30) days after receiving notice thereof, and further provided that Contractor is permitted to control the defense in any litigation or settlement of the suit. FIU will provide reasonable cooperation in the defense of the suit at Contractor's expense. Such defense and indemnity shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

15. **Confidentiality of Information.** The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that (a) all documents, studies, materials and information furnished to the Contractor by FIU or FIU's affiliates in connection with this Contract and (b) all reports, studies, plans, deliverables, strategies, materials and other documents and information developed or prepared for FIU in connection with this Contract or which reflect any of the documents, studies, materials or information furnished to the Contractor by FIU (the materials described in (a) and (b) are collectively referred to as the "Information") are and shall remain at all times confidential, proprietary, and the sole property of FIU. The Contractor agrees that it shall not use the Information and will not share the Information with its employees, except as necessary to the Contractor's performance under this Contract, and the Contractor shall at all times comply with all state and federal laws governing the use and/or safe-keeping of confidential and/or personally identifiable information. The Contractor shall not disclose Information to third parties unless it obtains FIU's written consent to such disclosure.

In the event the Contractor required by subpoena or other judicial or administrative process or by law to disclose such records, the Contractor shall (i) provide FIU with prompt notice thereof; (ii) consult with FIU on the advisability of taking steps to resist or narrow such disclosure; (iii) furnish only that portion of the information that is responsive to the request; (iv) comply with the requirements of all state and federal privacy laws applicable to the Information, which may include but is not be limited, to Florida Public Records laws, FERPA, the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flags Rule (which implements Section 114 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003); and (v) reasonably cooperate with FIU in any attempt that FIU may make to obtain an order or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded the records. Upon termination of this Contract or upon request by FIU, the Contractor shall promptly return the Information to FIU. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if FIU will share or provide access to protected health information or "PHI" to FIU for the Contractor to perform this Contract, FIU and the Contractor will enter into a separate business associate agreement which will govern the confidentiality and non-use obligations of the Contract regarding the PHI (in lieu of this provision). This provision shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.

16. **Lobbying.** Contractor is prohibited from using funds provided under this Contract for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch or the judicial branch of state government.

17. **Termination for Cause.** Either party may terminate this Contract for cause by giving the other party thirty (30) calendar-days written notice setting forth with specificity the basis for the termination of the Contract for cause. For purposes of this Contract, "cause" shall mean the failure by either party to: (i) provide the goods or perform the services within the time specified in this Contract; or (ii) adhere to any terms of this Contract.

18. **Notice.** Any notices required under this Contract shall be sent via U.S. Mail, return receipt requested, to the parties at the following addresses:

**Notices to Contractor:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Notices to FIU:**

Purchasing Director  
FIU- Purchasing Services Department  
Campus Support Complex, CSC 411  
11200 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33199

With copy to:

Florida International University  
Office of the General Counsel  
Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
11200 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, PC 511  
Miami, Florida 33199

19. **Termination without Cause.** FIU may terminate this Agreement by giving Contractor at least ninety (90) days prior written notice of termination. FIU shall only be liable for payment of goods received and/or services rendered and accepted by FIU prior to the effective date of termination.

20. **No counterparts; facsimile signatures allowed.** This Contract may not be executed in counterparts. The Contract, along with any and all Exhibits, may be executed and delivered by facsimile signature by any of the parties to the other parties; to the extent permissible under Florida law, a facsimiles signature shall have the same legal force and effect as an original signature and the receiving party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered by facsimile signature as if the original had been received.

21. **Clarifications/negotiated points (if any) are:** None.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures, effective on the date first written above.

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

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\_\_\_\_\_

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME & TITLE:

DATE:  
\_\_\_\_\_

FOR FIU:

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**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME & TITLE:

DATE:  
\_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

FIU Attorney

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX IV****AFFIDAVIT OF TRADE SECRET CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, do hereby state under oath and under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true:

1. I am over the age of eighteen and am a resident of the State of \_\_\_\_\_. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein, and, if called as a witness, could testify competently thereto.
2. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ (position) of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of corporate entity), a \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (type of corporate entity), whose principal address is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. [I consider/My company considers] the information contained in the document(s) entitled \_\_\_\_\_ (provide description of the information) marked as Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (comprised of a total of \_\_\_\_ pages) a trade secret under applicable law for the following reasons: *(Explain in detail the specific element(s) or provision(s) of Florida Statutes that render the document(s) at issue a trade secret.*
4. [I have/My company has] taken measures to prevent the disclosure of the information contained in Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone other than those who have been selected to have access for limited purposes, and [I intend/my company intends] to continue to take such measures.
5. [I consider/My company considers] the information contained in Exhibit \_\_\_\_ to have value and provides an advantage or an opportunity to obtain an advantage over those who do not know or use it.
6. All of information in Exhibit \_\_\_\_ contained is not, and has not been, reasonably obtainable without [my/our] consent by other persons by use of legitimate means.
7. All of information in Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ is not publicly available elsewhere.
8. I am the person for Florida International University to contact in the event a challenge to any information contained in this Affidavit is received.

Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
\_\_\_\_\_ (State).

Affiant- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
by

\_\_\_\_\_ (Affiant).

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Personally Known

Produced identification (Type of ID)

**SAMPLE ADDENDUM**

**THIS ADDENDUM** to the Agreement (“Addendum”) is entered into as of the last date written below (the “Effective Date”) by and between **THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** (“**FIU**”), on behalf of *(the department)* \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (*CONTRACTOR NAME*), a *(state & type of corporation)* \_\_\_\_\_, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, and who is authorized to do business in the State of Florida (“Contractor”).

**WHEREAS**, FIU and Contractor entered into that certain Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to ITN # \_\_\_\_\_ (collectively the “Agreement”), for Contractor to provide executive search firm services (the “Services”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, FIU has requested Contractor to provide the Services for the search for the Position defined below (this “Engagement”); and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor and FIU have agreed to the following specific terms for this Engagement;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Recitals/Ratification.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein. The Agreement remains in effect and unchanged, and the terms of this Addendum are in addition to the terms and conditions as set forth in the Agreement.
2. **Position.** This Engagement is for Contractor to provide the Services and search for the following position: \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Position”).
3. **Engagement Services.** The Services to be provided by Contractor for this Engagement shall include: meeting with FIU to gather information; collaborating with FIU to develop an overall search plan of action, timeline and recruitment materials; and designing an interview and selection process; assisting in creation or updates to the Position profiles; assisting in determining how to advertise the Position and assisting with placement of the advertisements; actively recruiting applicants, screening applicants; tracking and managing prospect and candidate information throughout the search process, comparing potential candidates; assisting FIU in conducting background checks and coordinating reference checks on selected candidates; providing technical, administrative, and logistical support for the search and interview process, site visits, final selection, contract negotiations, transition considerations, and follow-up; and collaborating with FIU throughout the search; and any other services as described in the Agreement.
4. **Engagement Term.** Commencement of the Contractor’s performance of this Engagement shall begin on the Effective Date hereof and shall end upon the Employment Date of the candidate selected for the Position. Contractor will deliver the Services related to this Engagement in accordance with the following schedule of delivery dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. **Consultant.** The Contractor’s consultant(s) assigned to this Engagement is/are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

6. **Notices/Invoices.** In addition to the address provided in the Agreement, notices and invoices related to this Engagement will be sent to:

Florida International University  
Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, \_\_\_\_\_  
Miami, Florida 33199  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Retainer Fee.** FIU will pay Contractor for this Engagement a “Retainer Fee” of: *(choose one)*  
**TBD**
8. **Billing.** Contractor will bill FIU for the Retainer Fee in three (3) equal installments, to be invoiced as follows:  
**TBD**
9. **Direct Expenses.** FIU will reimburse Contractor for direct expenses related to the search pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. Expenses will be billed as incurred on a **TBD** basis, upon the submission of a correct invoice and receipts to FIU.
10. **Indirect Expenses.** FIU will pay an amount equal to **TBD** of the Retainer Fee to cover indirect expenses for this Engagement and administrative assistance. Such Indirect Expenses will be billed in **TBD** installments, with such installments due from FIU at the end of the **TBD** month of this Engagement.
11. **Replacement Search.** In the event the search for the Position fails, or if the selected candidate is terminated for cause or leaves the Position in less than one (1) year from the Employment Date without good reason (as determined by FIU), Contractor shall conduct a replacement search for no additional fee, charging only for out-of-pocket expenses, This obligation shall survive termination of this Addendum and the Agreement.
12. **Capitalized Terms.** All capitalized terms used herein but not expressly defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Agreement.

**CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT COMMENCE SERVICES UNTIL THIS ADDENDUM IS FULLY EXECUTED.**

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

**APPENDIX V**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures to this Addendum, effective as of the Effective Date.

**FOR THE CONTRACTOR:**

**(CONTRACTOR'S NAME)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR FIU:**

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: FIU Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE



**FLORIDA  
INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY**

Purchasing Services  
(305) 348-2161  
FAX (305) 348-3600

December 10, 2015

**ITN56-001  
Search Firms**

**ADDENDUM #1**

**Re: Answers to Vendor Inquiries and revisions to Sections 1.3 Scope of Work and Deliverables and Section 1.5 Evaluation Points.**

**VENDORS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM BY SIGNING BELOW AND SUBMITTING THIS EXECUTED DOCUMENT WITH YOUR RESPONSE. FAILURE TO EXECUTE AND RETURN THIS ADDENDUM FORM WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR FIRMS' RESPONSE.**

This Addendum shall become part of your firms' competitive solicitation response and the subsequent contract documents if applicable. This addendum document must be attached to your Solicitation Response. Failure to execute this document and return of same with your firms' competitive solicitation response will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Fax/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Form#PS008; CD04/03/07

**ITN56-001  
Search Firms**

**ADDENDUM #1**

**Re: Answers to Vendor Inquiries and revisions to Sections 1.3 Scope of Work and Deliverables and Section 1.5 Evaluation Points.**

- 1. QUESTION: Tab 4.h** – We’ve made in excess of 3,500 placements over the past four years. Are you seeking the details, behind every placement or a sample of placements?

**ANSWER:** FIU is seeking a sample of placements to include the most recent hires for categories the firm is responding to included but not limited to the categories listed in **Section 1.3 Scope of Work and Deliverables, Table 1.**

- 2. QUESTION:** We are unable to provide the names of all of our clients due to various non-publicity and confidentiality agreements. Is the client’s industry an acceptable alternative?

**ANSWER:** FIU would like to see a sample of the salary comparisons during a given search.

- 3. QUESTION: Tab 5.f** – We would like to confirm that this is a guideline for how to proceed during a given search and that you are not looking for salary comparisons for all positions amongst peer institutions in advance of proposal completion. If requested now, it would likely be stale by the time the individual search was being conducted.

**ANSWER:** We would like to see a sample of the salary comparisons during a given search.

- 4. QUESTION:** Is this for direct hire positions only?

**ANSWER:** Yes. We are enlisting the expertise of potential vendors in identifying talent for direct hires.

- 5. QUESTION:** What is driving the RFP?

**ANSWER:** Our existing contract for search firm services is expiring. Therefore, the decision has been made to go back out for a competitive solicitation.

- 6. QUESTION:** Can you provide the “spend” specifically for the scope of this RFP?

**ANSWER:** This is determined on a case-by-case basis as the staffing need dictates. Please see **Section 1.1 Statement of Objective**, paragraph two (2) for an estimate of spend from the State University System in Florida for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

7. **QUESTION:** Can you provide the volume and a breakdown of the volume by search category?

**ANSWER:** There is no volume to provide as it is on a case-by-case basis. At the time an employee leaves their role or position, then the department may request the services from the pool of potential vendors.

8. **QUESTION:** Can you provide a list of job titles and/or job descriptions that are in scope?

**ANSWER:** This is fluid and is determined by the need.

9. **QUESTION:** Do we need to be able to provide talent in all the search categories listed to be chosen as a vendor?

**ANSWER:** No. We will award contracts to multiple vendors and ensure that each category is represented among the awardees outlined in **Section 1.3 Scope of Work and Deliverables, Table 1** of the ITN document.

10. **QUESTION:** How many vendors will be selected?

**ANSWER:** The determination of the amount of vendors selected will be determined based on the amount of proposals submitted and the evaluation committee during the evaluation process. There is no set number that has been determined. The contract is to be awarded to multiple vendors as outlined in the **Section 1.1 Statement of Objective**.

11. **QUESTION:** If we already have a contract with the State of FL, will this be included under that agreement or will we sign a separate agreement?

**ANSWER:** The Successful Vendor(s) will sign a master contract for the services outlined in ITN56-001. Any other contracts that vendors have with other entities will not be included under the agreement that results from this process.

12. **QUESTION:** There is no Tab 7 listed in section 1.4 (Solicitation Response). Should we not include a tab 7 or adjust our numbering accordingly throughout the remainder of the response?

**ANSWER:** Please see the correction below. This section has been revised and the tabs have been renumbered.

***Section 1.4 Solicitation Response is hereby deleted and its entirety and replaced with the following:***

#### **1.4 Solicitation Response**

Each Vendor shall organize its solicitation response to provide the following information in order to assist FIU in the selection, evaluation and award process.

Tab 1 - **Appendix I** Conditions and Requirements, completed and signed, along with Vendor's and any specific requests for changes to terms and conditions, if any.

The Vendor must initial the designated items, in **APPENDIX I**, indicating that the Vendor understands and agrees to the terms and conditions as provided in this competitive solicitation. **If the Vendor wants to request additional language or specific changes to the terms and conditions, Vendor must specifically do so in Vendor's solicitation response and include such requests with APPENDIX I. Requests for additional language or requests for revisions to language in this ITN document must be included in their entirety as part of Vendor's solicitation response under Tab 1 for consideration by FIU. In addition, any documents incorporated by reference in the requests for additional language or request for revisions and any and all forms FIU will need to fill out, prepare or submit to Vendor if awarded the contract must be included in Vendors' solicitation response.**

Please be advised that FIU, as a State university, must adhere to applicable laws and regulations and therefore certain terms and conditions may not be altered.

Tab 2 - Contact information, including name(s), title(s), email address(es), mailing address(es) and phone number(s) for the individual(s) responsible for Vendor's proposal and negotiation during this process. As well as contact information for the individual(s) who should receive any notices related to this contract if awarded to Vendor.

Tab 3 - Corporate Governance Documents, including Vendor's W9 form and Vendor application, available on the FIU Purchasing website at [http://finance.fiu.edu/purchasing/2vendor\\_forms.html](http://finance.fiu.edu/purchasing/2vendor_forms.html), and a Certificate of Good Standing from Vendor's State of Incorporation, if other than Florida.

Tab 4 - **Vendor Experience and Qualifications**

- a. Company Established
- b. The history of the firm, including a listing of principals and firm locations. Include the names of companies that have been incorporated into your firm. Relevant dates should be included as well.
- c. President/Company Executive Officer
- d. Describe your firm's experience conducting searches in higher education or healthcare. Describe experience in any specialty areas where you believe your

firm has unique expertise, including but not limited to Intercollegiate Athletics, Museums, Development/Fundraising/Foundation, Information Technology, Financial/Business Finance/Accounting, Human Resources, Legal, Facilities/Construction/Engineering, Public Relations/Marketing/Governmental Affairs, Sciences, and/or the Arts.

- e. Provide the qualifications of senior professionals in your firm that are likely to be assigned to University searches. Define who will be primarily responsible and have final authority over decisions made in the search of candidates.
- f. Provide an organizational chart with lines of authority for those individuals that will be directly involved in this contract.
- g. Provide at least four references where similar Services to institutions of higher education or healthcare have been provided within the past four years. Include the name of the firm/organization, date of last search closure, the complete mailing address, and the name, telephone number and email address of the contact person.
- h. Provide a list of successful filled positions in the past four years, including the client name, contact information and position(s) filled.

**Tab 5 - Search Process.**

- a. Describe the firm's search process, including the level and type of participation by the principals/partners. Indicate how you would propose to conduct an effective, timely national search for senior and mid-level administrators and academics at the University. Indicate how your firm would propose to conduct an effective, timely national search for the specialty positions noted. Include a model timeline. Lastly, discuss your methodology in searching for 'hard-to-fill' senior and mid-level positions.
- b. State firm's capabilities in providing assistance during the interview process. Examples of assistance to include but not be limited to: assistance with correspondence between applicants, nominators and nominees, and coordinate interviews of internal and external prospects and the University. Provide a University dedicated website with password protection so that resumes are available to search committees at all times.
- c. Describe in detail the process by which your company verifies all education degrees of candidates. Provide detail on coordination of obtaining credit/financial background check and litigation background check.
- d. Describe how firm handles candidate reference checks.
- e. State the firm's internal screening methodology that produces the most viable candidates (video conference/in person/telephone, etc.). Provide examples of external screening tools in providing possible past controversies with which a candidate has been associated.
- f. Provide to the University a salary comparison of the position among peer institutions early in the process.
- g. Develop and provide the University a timeline for each candidate from search initiation and establishment of expectations through candidate selection, negotiation, and search completion. The timeline should include milestones, activities and deliverables along the interviewing process.

- h. Provide a full list of successful recruiting conclusions and resulting positions by title and institution of higher education or healthcare including any successful positions among the specialty fields noted.
- i. Describe how the firm complies with the Final Rule for Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act

Tab 6 - **Financial Proposal**

- a. What is your firm's proposed fee for providing the Services? Innovation in fee proposals may set your firm apart from the competition.
  - Would firm consider a fixed fee regardless of the final compensation provided to the successful candidate?
  - Another possible option among others would be to propose a sliding scale, fixed price fee schedule based on final salary package.
  - What expenses are billed to the client?
  - Will there be any mark-up on expenses?
  - Describe in detail the expenses for which it would seek reimbursement.
- b. Vendor should include a fee structure and terms, including provisions for the following:
  - State the fee structure for a successful candidate's voluntary or involuntary termination within the first year of employment.
  - The University's early termination of a search prior to position being filled.
  - Vendor's procedures for a failed search where the firm is unable to provide an adequate pool of candidates.
  - Vendors should provide any price incentive packages for example multiple searches, etc.
  - Vendors should provide fee schedule for all services requested.
- c. Describe how the University will be charged. Include any additional discounts available for early payment of invoices.
- d. Describe how the University will benefit from cost savings by accepting the firm's proposal.
- e. What are the firm's payment terms? The Successful Vendor may indicate payment terms of less than 40 days so long as those terms also contain a cash discount for early payment. For example: "5% 15/Net 40" would correspond to a 5% discount if paid in 15 days, otherwise net 30. The University will compute discounts from the date of completion of services, or from the date the correct invoice is received in Accounts Payable, whichever is later. The University will take the cash discount if payment is made within the specified time frame. Unless alternate payment terms, with cash discounts, are proposed by the Successful Vendor(s), invoices submitted to the University by the Successful Vendor(s) will be paid on a Net 40 days after receipt and approval of the corresponding invoice.
- f. State the firm's capability for accepting electronic payments through Automated Clearing House (ACH) and/or purchasing card, SUA and provide any additional discounts that may result from paying electronically.
- g. Disclose any other fees that may be incurred by the university.

- Tab 7** - The completed and signed competitive solicitation cover document, along with completed and signed Addendum Acknowledgement Forms, if any. The Vendor shall complete, sign and date the cover document, but shall not alter the language provided in this competitive solicitation document or the Addendum(a) in any way; any such alterations are void.
- Tab 8** - Information regarding alternate brands or equivalent products being offered by Vendor, if any.
- Tab 9** - Information regarding subcontractors (list of subcontractors with services to be provided by each and amount Vendor will pay to each; Vendor's certification that subcontractors are appropriately licensed and registered with the State of Florida).
- Tab 10** - **Appendix II**, completed, signed and dated.
- Tab 11** - If applicable, **Appendix IV** - Affidavit of Trade Secret Certification completed and signed by a high level officer of the Vendor as to applicable trade secrets contained in the Vendor's documents; Vendor must segregate and clearly mark all documents certified in Appendix IV and include such documents in this section (tab) of Vendor's proposal.
- Tab 12** - **Insurance** - letter or certificate from Vendor's insurer.
- Tab 13** - Vendor's Services and Warranties, if applicable.
- Tab 14** - Disclosures regarding: (a) Vendor employees having employment relationship with FIU, State of Florida or any Florida State Agencies AND/OR (b) any FIU or State employee(s) owning an interest of 5% or more of Vendor's company or its affiliates or branches.
- Tab 15**- Additional information requested in the competitive solicitation and/or addenda, if applicable.
- Tab 16**- Additional pertinent information Vendor would like to provide.

**Section 1.5 Evaluation Points is hereby deleted and its entirety and replaced with the following:**

## **1.5 Evaluation Points**

The evaluation criteria and points are provided below.

Table A –

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Max Points</b>
Vendor Experience and Qualifications	45
Search Process	35
Financial Proposal	20
<b>Evaluation of Solicitation Responses Point Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### **1.5.1 Evaluation Criteria**

#### **1.5.1.2 Vendor Experience and Qualifications**

Vendor’s proposal should show evidence that they have the qualifications and experience to perform the scope of services and deliverables outlined in this ITN. The area(s) of expertise for which your firm is proposing to provide services in **Section 1.3 Scope of Services and Deliverables, item#1, Table 1. Search Categories** of this ITN document. Proposals will be evaluated base on the information provided in **Section 1.4, Tab 4 Vendor Experience** as it relates the **Scope of Services and Deliverables** outlined in **Section 1.3 Scope of Services and Deliverables** of the ITN document.

#### **1.5.1.3 Search Process**

A detailed description of your firm’s philosophy and approach in conducting searches outlined in **Section 1.4, Tab 5 Search Process**.

#### **1.5.1.4 Financial Proposal**

Vendor should provide clear answers to the questions provided in **Section 1.4, Tab 6 Financial Proposal**. Vendor should provide a fee schedule that outlines all services requested.