

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The County of Lake has a responsibility to balance fiscal, environmental and social considerations into its operational decision making process. The County's is committed commitment to green and sustainable practices and good environmental stewardship was memorialized by the Lake County Board in the County's 2013 Strategic Plan where sustainability is listed as a value and a goal and further strengthened in September 2020 by adopting a Net Zero Emissions goal through Joint Resolution. Therefore, we shall promote environmentally preferable purchasing, whenever practical, by procuring goods or services that lessen the destructive effects on the environment and the health and well-being of all citizens.

Consequently, we are asking bidders to provide a Statement of Sustainability to ensure our bidders are also incorporating sustainability into their firms' practices.

Consideration of the practices adopted by our contracted firms is key to magnifying the impact of the County's sustainability measures. Proposers are requested to provide a Statement of Sustainability demonstrating the methods they have incorporated into their firms. Sustainability may be one of the scoring criteria included the evaluation rubric for the award of this contract.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide a narrative outlining any policies or practices implemented by your firm to reduce your carbon footprint. Your response should include, but need not be limited to: On the following Sustainability Statement form, provide a clear description of your firm's sustainable practices, policies, or procedures. These practices may include, but may not be limited to, the following categories and examples:

- A copy of your firm's sustainability policy, awards and accolades.
- Practices such as waste minimization, energy/water efficiency, methods instituted to reduce pollution, green products utilized, staff education, community involvement and volunteerism.
 - Specifically include the percentage of your firm's energy that comes from renewable sources and percentage of your fleet that is non-emitting.
- Sustainable approaches your firm may have for this specific project.
- Cost variances to incorporate a more sustainable approach to this project and any calculated life cycle costs.

Waste Minimization within your office or facilities, such as a recycling programs, double-sided copying, electronic internal communications (i.e. memos), use of recycled content materials and reusable cups, limiting printing, electronic document management, instituting green purchasing policies, using green cleaning supplies and practices, or reducing packaging in materials you procure or supply.

Energy Efficiency within your office, facilities, or firm, such as lighting retrofits, photo-sensor switches for lighting, effective use of daytime lighting, using Energy Star rated appliances or equipment, using an alternative fuel or having efficient fleet policies, an anti-idling policy, or indoor temperature management (i.e. turning the thermostat up in the summer and down in the winter).

~~Water Efficiency~~ within the office, facilities, or firm, such as faucet or fixture retrofits, switching from individual bottled water to office water coolers or drinking fountains, and installing drought-tolerant landscaping.

~~Staff~~ encouraged to adopt sustainable practices and supported by your firm through public transit benefits, bicycle accommodations, telecommuting options, support for green seminar attendance, becoming US Green Building Council LEED accredited, or creating an internal "green team."

~~Education~~ of your staff about green practices, education of your business peers about your green accomplishments, education of your community by your sustainability, or notice of any environmental awards your firm has achieved.

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Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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