

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN PINELLAS COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
FOR
THE COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENTS OF POST STORM RECOVERY SERVICES
WITHIN GEOGRAPHIC PINELLAS COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), entered into on the date of execution by PINELLAS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and the local government signing this Agreement (“MUNICIPALITY”), jointly referred to herein as (“Parties”).

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to and do make and enter into this Agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the “Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969”; and

WHEREAS, many areas of Pinellas County were significantly impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton such that MUNICIPALITIES located within Pinellas County did not have adequate resources to support and deliver disaster recovery services specific to floodplain management compliance and Florida Building Code compliance; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY intends to competitively procure or has procured, in compliance with 2 C.F.R. §200.318–200.326 and FEMA guidance, professional services for disaster recovery to support county-wide post-storm recovery operations, including Building Code Administration, Floodplain Management including Substantial Damage Assessment, Code Enforcement, Communications Support, Technical Support, and related recovery services; and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY recognizes that in the event of a major disaster, it may be unable to timely and effectively administer building code, floodplain management, and code enforcement responsibilities using its own staff and resources; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the competitively procured contracts, contractors will be available to provide disaster recovery services within geographic Pinellas County, including MUNICIPALITIES therein, should they enter into this Agreement and subsequent participation agreements with the contractors; and

WHEREAS, the intent is for the MUNICIPALITY to receive the benefits of the competitively procured contracts without exposing the COUNTY to any costs or expenses for the services rendered on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY; and

WHEREAS, to foster greater efficiency and ensure coordinated disaster recovery operations, the Parties are entering into this interlocal agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1 OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY

1.1 The COUNTY will undertake or has undertaken a competitive procurement process for disaster recovery professional services encompassing the Scope of Work attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

1.2 The COUNTY will award multiple contracts with capacity to provide county-wide disaster recovery services, including but not limited to:

- Building Code Administration
- Substantial Damage Inspections, Assessments, and Determinations
- Habitability Inspections and temporary repair permits
- Florida Building Code and Floodplain Plan Review
- Building and Manufactured Home Inspections
- Floodplain Management Administration and Enforcement
- Code Enforcement and Compliance Tracking
- Substantial Damage Compliance & Enforcement
- Technical and Communications Support

1.3 The COUNTY will notify potential proposers that the procurement constitutes a joint/cooperative procurement.

1.4 Within thirty (30) days of execution of the disaster recovery contract(s), the COUNTY will notify the MUNICIPALITIES in writing and provide copies of the executed contract(s) to each MUNICIPALITY.

1.5 Should the MUNICIPALITY enter into a participation agreement with the COUNTY's successful contractors, the COUNTY will provide necessary procurement documentation to support FEMA Public Assistance claims.

1.6 The COUNTY will be responsible for seeking FEMA reimbursement **only** for costs incurred directly by the COUNTY.

SECTION 2 OBLIGATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

2.1 The MUNICIPALITY is solely responsible for determining that the County's procurement of the disaster recovery services meets and satisfies the MUNICIPALITY's requirements for any FEMA reimbursement.

2.2 The MUNICIPALITY acknowledges that the COUNTY's procurement complies with federal and FEMA guidance.

2.3 If the MUNICIPALITY elects to use the COUNTY's contracted contractors, it will do so through participation agreements substantially similar to those attached as **Exhibit B**. Written notice of such participation shall be provided to the COUNTY within five (5) business days.

2.4 The MUNICIPALITY will be responsible for all aspects of its participation agreement(s) including but not limited to contract administration, for services rendered on its behalf.

2.5 The MUNICIPALITY will seek FEMA reimbursement as appropriate for its incurred costs.

2.6 The MUNICIPALITY will be responsible for payment of disaster recovery services performed on behalf of the MUNICIPALITY pursuant to the MUNICIPALITY's participation agreement with the contractor(s).

SECTION 3
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The Parties agree not to enter into additional services agreements with the contractors awarded contracts by the COUNTY except as expressly authorized by the COUNTY's disaster recovery contracts or this Agreement.

SECTION 4
OFFICIAL NOTICE

All notices required by law or by this Agreement to be given by one party to the other shall be in writing and shall be sent to the following respective addresses:

COUNTY:

Pinellas County Building & Development Review Services

Kevin McAndrew, Director

440 Court Street

Clearwater, FL 33756

Kmcandrew@pinellas.gov

MUNICIPALITY:

See contact information on Signature Page

SECTION 5
HOLD HARMLESS

The Parties agree to be responsible for their own actions taken pursuant to this Agreement and/or any agreement entered into pursuant hereto and additionally hold each other harmless should this Agreement or the cooperative procurement of disaster recovery services and the expenses incurred as a result be deemed to be insufficient to receive Public Assistance from FEMA, or any other related reimbursement. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity under Section 768.28, Florida Statutes by the Parties. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by the Parties to be sued by third parties in any manner arising out of this Agreement

SECTION 6 FILING WITH CLERK

This Agreement and any subsequent amendments shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County before becoming effective.

SECTION 7 EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND TERMINATION

7.1 This Agreement becomes effective upon execution by the MUNICIPALITY and filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County.

7.2 This Agreement remains in effect until canceled in accordance with section 7.3 below or until termination of the COUNTY's contracts, whichever occurs first.

7.3 This Agreement may be terminated for cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. For purposes of this section, "cause" shall mean a material breach of any term contained in this Agreement. However, written notice shall include a notice of such breach and an opportunity to cure such breach within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice or within any additional period of time as mutually agreed by the Parties.

SECTION 8 TERMINATION OF POST STORM RECOVERY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Nothing herein shall prevent the Parties, including COUNTY, from terminating any disaster recovery contracts entered into pursuant to COUNTY RFP Proposal Number 25-0763-RFP in accordance with the termination provisions of those contracts.

SECTION 9

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and representations, written or verbal, concerning the cooperative procurement of disaster recovery services.

**SECTION 10
APPLICABLE LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by Florida law, with venue in Pinellas County, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, governed by the laws of Florida, have caused these presents to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their official seals hereto affixed, with an effective date set forth in Section 7.1 above.

PINELLAS COUNTY, by and
through its County Administrator

By: _____
Barry A. Burton County Administrator

MUNICIPALITY

By: _____
Authorized Officer

Exhibit A – Scope of Work/Specifications

Exhibit B – Form of Participation Agreement

(attached, template for municipalities to sign with selected contractors)

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF WORK/SPECIFICATIONS

OVERVIEW

Many areas of Pinellas County were significantly impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton to the extent where municipalities did not have adequate resources to effectively support and deliver recovery services specific to floodplain management compliance and Florida Building Code compliance.

The intent is to have a broad scope of professional services available to all municipalities in Pinellas County (*cities, towns and unincorporated county*) such that the appropriate resources will be committed and in-place to effectively support post-storm recovery operations. The services defined commence after the preliminary damage assessment phase is completed by each respective municipality. The application of this contract is intended to be “scalable” such that each municipality (*city, town and/or unincorporated county*) utilizing this contract will be able use this in a menu approach selecting what scope of services, staff positions and quantity of staff depending upon resources needed.

The intent is a multi-vendor contract award to support county-wide disaster recovery operations. The County will award a specific number of contracts with the projected capacity to support county-wide recovery services.

OBJECTIVE/JUSTIFICATION

The services to be provided align with the County's strategic priorities for:

RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

1.5 Strengthen resilience and adaptation

HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

2.2 Enhance community safety

PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITY

3.5 Foster business growth

SMART SERVICE DELIVERY

4.2 Achieve and maintain a high level of customer satisfaction

4.3 Improve efficiency of service delivery through technology

Many communities across Pinellas County did not have the technical resources available to respond effectively, efficiently and compliant with the administration of the Florida Building Code and their respective floodplain management ordinances following Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. The intent of the scope and services to be provided through this contract are to have technical resources on-call to be provided to participating communities county-wide.

REQUIREMENTS

The consultant shall demonstrate prior similar and comparable experience for disaster recovery services over the past five years. The professional services will include:

A. Building Code Administration

- Substantial Damage Inspections
- Substantial Damage Assessments
- Substantial Damage Determinations in coordination with Floodplain Administrator and Building Official
- Habitability Inspections
- Unfit/unsafe and dangerous building evaluations
- Issuance of permits for minor repairs for temporary residence
- Florida Building Code (FBC) and Floodplain Plan Review including substantial improvement review
- Building and Manufactured Home Inspections
- Monitor impacted areas for unpermitted construction activities - Work without Permit (WWP)

- Monitor active permits and inspections for exceeding the scope of the permitted work

B. Floodplain Management Ordinance Administration and Enforcement

- Substantial Damage Assessment Management
- Compliance and Enforcement Tracking

C. Code Enforcement

- Substantial Damage Compliance & Enforcement
- Manage Code Enforcement Monitoring Cases for properties on the initial damage assessment (DA) inventory
- Monitor Impacted areas for unpermitted construction activity - WWP

D. Communications/Technical Support

- Substantial Improvement/Damage Technical Support
- Supplement staff to assist with the municipality's incoming calls, emails, permitting processing, contractor registration, subcontractor cards, notice of commencement (NOC), community outreach with subject matter experts (SME's)

Note: the consultant shall have the flexibility to furnish specific services and not be required to provide all of the services listed.

SCOPE OF WORK

Subject to the duties of personnel responsibilities, in-person staffing may be required (i.e. – all inspectors, in-person permitting hubs, etc.). In general, staffing provided will need to include both in-person personnel and remote staff when feasible. A table of personnel positions and staffing capacity to be provided follows the scope of services with specific qualifications associated with each position.

A. Building Code Administration

- Substantial Damage Inspections – qualified field inspectors, to receive training from Pinellas County Floodplain & Building team or the local jurisdiction's Floodplain & Building department team, will perform structure inspections with specified instructions on inspection scope and documentation entry (e.g. - high watermark documentation, structure construction type, finished floor elevation, exterior and interior inspection, etc.). *Note – Field collection data technology, GIS integration and alternative(s) to the FEMA Estimator Tool entry are subject to change but will be part of training prior to deployment*
- Substantial Damage Determinations – refer to Floodplain Management
- Habitability Inspections – qualified field inspectors to perform inspections of residential structures, including the issuance of minor repair permits, to achieve a “safe home” environment (e.g.- basic functionality) to facilitate a temporary residency for substantially damaged structures
- Building Permit Technicians – qualified personnel (ICC certified preferred) to support permit intake, processing and issuance, phones, emails and related support services
- FBC Plan Review included substantial improvement review/detailed substantial damage reviews – Florida licensed plan examiners and Florida licensed architects and/or engineers to perform building plan review and permit issuance under the Building Official of each respective municipality. *Note – licensed plan examiners, architects and/or engineers will need to be proficient in the applicable permit platform/ technology (e.g. – Accela, Tyler, etc.) utilized within a municipality.*
- Building Permit Inspections – Florida licensed building inspectors and Florida licensed architects and/or engineers to perform permit inspections under direction of the Building Official of each respective municipality
- Monitor Impacted Areas for Unpermitted Construction Activities for WWP – refer to Code Enforcement
- Unfit/unsafe and Dangerous Building Evaluation - Florida licensed Building Code Administrator, Building Inspector, Florida licensed architect or engineer to evaluate dangerous conditions for partial building collapse,

structural integrity, falling debris hazards, trees and other impact or life safety hazards

B. Floodplain Management Ordinance Administration and Enforcement

Note - Training by Pinellas County Floodplain team or local jurisdiction Floodplain team of all personnel to occur prior to active deployment

- Substantial Damage Assessment Management
 1. Management and supervision of contract staff/team performing services associated with substantial damage assessment inclusive of data management and reporting, communications, inspections, substantial damage (SD) inspection collection data, FEMA estimator tool (or alternative), re-assessment workflow/review, code compliance monitoring of SD structures, SDE data input/remodels and quality control measures implementation
 2. GIS mapping/management – qualified ESRI GIS mapping, updates, formatting, modeling
 3. Daily coordination and reporting with municipality Floodplain Administrator and Building Official
 4. SD Field Inspections and Field Collection Scope/Documentation – refer to description under Building Code Administration
 5. Reassessment Process (Detailed SD Assessment) for Residential & Mobile Homes (MH's) – support entire workflow with intake staff (building admin/technicians), qualified building cost estimators, Florida certified appraisers, and certified floodplain managers from application intake thru coordination with staff review & municipal review workflow steps.
 6. Reassessment Inspections – as needed, qualified inspectors to perform re-inspections of structures to support SDE re-models and reassessments
 7. Reassessment Communication – staff to manage and respond to customer emails and phone calls for both residential and MH customer records
 8. SDE Data – staff to support data entry for structures being re-modeled thru FEMA SDE tool or alternative model

- Building Permit review, quality control, and technical guidance associated with permit reviews for project costs as it relates to substantial damage.
- Compliance and Enforcement Tracking – under the direction of the floodplain administrator or designee, administrative specialists/technicians support compliance (i.e. – building permit issuance & construction in a floodplain permits) and enforcement tracking

C. Code Enforcement

- Substantial Damage Compliance & Enforcement – qualified code enforcement inspectors to perform defined reoccurring inspections/home visits for all substantially damaged structures including initial educational outreach, resource support. Inspections to include logged photo documentation and notes. Non-compliance activity is to initiate enforcement action. Regular summary reports to be furnished to Building Official and Floodplain Administrator.

D. Communications/Technical Support

- Technical Support – qualified personnel (CFM's, civil engineers, planners, etc. with basic floodplain background) to provide "live" guidance via telephonic and/or email communication to the public throughout the recovery period. *Note – Each municipality would be responsible for the technology setup to accommodate a dedicated telephone and email links. Each municipality is responsible for staff training and oversight for all communication and support services.*

Personnel Positions:

POSITION TITLE	QUALIFICATIONS	NOTES/COMMENTS
Certified Building Official	Florida License	
Plan examiner	Florida License	
Building Inspector	Florida License	
Architect Engineer	Florida License	Support for FBC plan review and inspection services*
Permit Technician	ICC certification	
Supervisor/Project Manager	CPM or equivalent experience	
GIS Specialists	ESRI certified	
SD Inspectors		Minimum Experience *
Certified Floodplain Manager	ASFPM	
Certified Appraiser	Florida Certification	
Building Cost Estimator		Minimum Experience *
Code Inspector	FACE certified	
Communications Support		Floodplain/SD background*

*SD Inspectors - prior experience in construction or related field and/or building inspections, substantial damage inspections, or site development inspections

*Building Cost Estimator - prior experience in construction contracting and/or cost estimating with a minimum 2-years experience

*Communications Support - experience in storm recovery services preferred

*Architect or Engineer - prior experience in Florida Building Code plan review and/or Building Inspections

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Equipment/technology – each municipality will be responsible for furnishing necessary technology equipment (e.g. – iPads with SD collector app, laptops, etc.) to their vendor or as negotiated with different terms outside of this agreement
- Technology Licenses – each municipality will be responsible for the costs of furnishing technology licenses to their vendor (e.g. – Accela, Tyler, etc.) or as negotiated with different terms outside of this agreement
- Floodplain Training – Pinellas County Floodplain Management staff will lead substantial damage inspection and assessment training to all participating municipalities and vendors
- Notice to Proceed (NTP) – selected vendors will need to commence mobilization within 24-hours of NTP from a municipality
- All services provided will comply with FEMA reimbursement requirements. This should include the use of FEMA-compliant forms, comprehensive and accurate documentation, and contractor support for local jurisdictions during audits or funding requests.

Not meeting a mandatory requirement may be grounds for the disqualification of a quote, bid or proposal.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

It is anticipated that this solicitation will be either fully or partially Grant funded. Proposers shall comply with the clauses as enumerated within the Agreement, Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C. In addition, if applicable, Exhibit B should be executed and returned with submittal. Bidders may be deemed non-responsive for non-compliance. **See attached; Agreement**

EXHIBIT A - Contract Provisions for Contracts Under Federal Awards.

EXHIBIT B-Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.

EXHIBIT C-FEMA Grant Funding Conditions

EXHIBIT B

PARTICIPANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES
AS PART OF PINELLAS COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT RFP No. _____

This Agreement entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between _____, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, whose address is _____, hereinafter called “CITY/TOWN”, and XYZ COMPANY, an Incorporated Company whose address is _____, hereinafter called “CONTRACTOR”.

WITNESSETH, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Pinellas County Cooperative Contract RFP No.25-0763-RFP _____ for Disaster Recovery Services (“RFP”), the CITY/TOWN desires to enter into a participation agreement for the services described therein; and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR has expressed the willingness and ability to provide the services to the CITY/TOWN as described in the RFP and the contract entered into by Pinellas County pursuant thereto (the “County Contract”).

NOW THEREFORE, the CITY/TOWN and the CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall consist of and include all of the agreement terms and conditions, and component documents comprising the County Contract. With the exception of references to specific County lists, manuals, procedures, policies, departments, when the “County” is mentioned in the County Contract, per this Agreement, “County” shall be replaced with “CITY/TOWN,” unless the context indicates otherwise.
2. For purposes of the RFP and County Contract, the “CITY/TOWN” is a Responsible Municipality for services rendered pursuant to this Participation Agreement.
3. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish all labor, equipment, material and the skill necessary for the entire work effort as set forth in the County Contract, and to the satisfaction of the CITY/TOWN or its duly authorized representative.
4. The CITY/TOWN agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR for services rendered, in accordance with the pricing structure set forth in the County Contract.
5. This Agreement will become effective upon the date of execution above, and will remain in effect as provided in the County Contract.
6. This Agreement may be terminated for cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. For purposes of this paragraph, “cause” shall mean a material breach of any term contained in this Agreement. However, written notice shall include a notice of such breach and an opportunity to cure such breach within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice or within any additional period of time as mutually agreed by the Parties.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

CONTRACTOR

CITY/TOWN

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

(CITY/TOWN SEAL)