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I. INTRODUCTION

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. (GCEC) is a member-owned electric cooperative that provides electric service to areas of the Florida panhandle not served by other utilities. Approximately 120 GCEC Employees serve more than 23,000 meters and 2,500 miles of lines in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton, and Washington Counties in conjunction with the municipalities of Wewahitchka, Ebro, Lynn Haven, White City, Fountain, and Southport. GCEC also serves Tyndall Air Force Base in Bay County through a Utilities Privatization Contract with the Federal Government.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative (GCEC) is a critical infrastructure operator supporting regulated operations and government-related projects. Due to contractual obligations and regulatory requirements, the organization must implement strong cybersecurity controls aligned with federal frameworks including NIST SP 800-171 and CMMC Level 2. The contractor will work under the sole direction of GCEC. Services will be based on the requirements below and the general terms and conditions set forth in a Services Agreement ("Agreement").

GCEC currently operates a mixed environment consisting of on-premise infrastructure, endpoint devices, mobile devices, and cloud services. The goal of this project is to modernize the security architecture using Azure Public GCC while ensuring full alignment with cybersecurity best practices.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

This Request for Proposal (RFP) solicits proposals from qualified vendors capable of delivering a turnkey Azure Public Government Community Cloud (GCC) secure environment with integrated cybersecurity, monitoring, governance, and compliance services aligned with the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Level 2 requirements.

The selected vendor will design, deploy, secure, and operate a fully managed cloud-based environment capable of securely handling Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) and Federal Contract Information (FCI). The vendor will be responsible for architecture design, implementation, monitoring, documentation, compliance support, and continuous improvement of the cybersecurity posture.

Detailed requirements: Vendors should describe methodologies, tools, governance models, and operational procedures used to deliver secure managed environments aligned with federal cybersecurity frameworks. Responses should include technical diagrams, operational workflows, staffing models, and descriptions of technologies used to ensure strong security posture and regulatory compliance.

A detailed scope of work is provided in **Exhibit A**.

III. PROPOSAL DEADLINE/DELIVERY

All proposals in response to this RFP must be received by GCEC, in accordance with the submission instructions provided herein, on the due date indicated below. Proposals will be opened immediately following the deadline. It is the sole responsibility of the Respondent to ensure that the Proposal and other required documents are received on time.

Solicitation release date	July 30, 2026
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All inquiries must be submitted by:	August 10, 2026 at 12:00 pm CST
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Responses to inquiries, if any, issued by:	August 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm CST
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All proposals due on:	August 17, 2026 at 3:00 pm CST
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Anticipated date of award:	August 21, 2026 at 3:00 pm CST
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NOTE: This schedule is subject to change in the sole discretion of GCEC. All times indicated are in the Central time zone.

IV. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Submittal Instructions

Respondents shall submit **one electronic PDF proposal** to Tress Dameron at tdameron@gcec.com. The first page of the PDF proposal shall indicate the RFP number indicated on the cover page of this RFP along with your company name. The subject line of the e-mail transmitting the PDF should also indicate the RFP number along with your company name. Any requirements in the RFP that cannot be met must be so indicated in the proposal. Respondents must respond to the entire RFP. **If a price proposal form is provided in Microsoft Excel format, Respondent shall return its completed price proposal form in Microsoft Excel format, in addition to the remaining portions of its response to this RFP in PDF format.**

Timeliness

Respondent(s) may submit their Proposal to the above e-mail address any time prior to the stated deadline. If more than one e-mail containing a PDF proposal is provided by the same Respondent, the latest received proposal prior to the deadline will be considered the Respondent's final response. Respondent(s) remain responsible for ensuring that their Proposal is received at the time and e-mail address specified. GCEC assumes no responsibility for any Proposal not received, regardless of the reason for the delay. GCEC will endeavor to respond to each e-mail submission with a confirmation of receipt as a courtesy, but Respondents are encouraged to call GCEC's office to confirm receipt if a courtesy confirmation is not received via e-mail. **Late proposals or proposals submitted in any other form than identified above will be rejected.**

Requests/Questions

All inquiries and requests for additional information should also be submitted electronically to GCEC Tress Dameron at tdameron@gcec.com must be submitted no later than inquiry deadline listed above. For all communications regarding this RFP, the message must include the RFP number in the subject line. Responses to inquiries received, if any, will be distributed to all bidders who express interest in this RFP pursuant to these instructions and in accordance with the deadlines stated above.

Respondent(s) who have expressed interest in this RFP shall be notified of any changes in the specifications contained within this RFP. **GCEC is not responsible for responding to any inquiry, substantive or otherwise, received after the inquiry submittal deadline listed above.**

No oral interpretations will be made by GCEC to any bidder as to the requirements of this RFP. Any clarification or interpretation that is not in writing shall not legally bind GCEC. Only information supplied by GCEC in writing or in this RFP should be considered in preparing Proposals. It is the responsibility of the Respondent(s) prior to submission of any proposal to ensure all RFP documentation has been received.

Warranty

Each Respondent shall carefully examine all RFP documents and familiarize themselves with all requirements prior to submitting a Proposal to ensure that the Proposal meets the intent of this RFP. Before submitting a Proposal, each Respondent shall be responsible for making all investigations and examinations that are necessary to ascertain conditions and affecting the requirements of this RFP.

The contract documents contain the provisions required for the project. Information obtained from an officer, agent, or employee of GCEC or any other person shall not affect the risks or obligations assumed by the Respondent/Contractor or relieve the Respondent/Contractor from fulfilling any of the conditions of the contract. All goods and services furnished by Respondent, relating to and pursuant to this RFP, will be warranted to meet or exceed the specifications contained herein. In the event of breach, the Respondent will take all necessary action, at Respondent's expense, to correct such breach in the most expeditious manner possible.

Submission of a Proposal indicates acceptance by the Respondent of the conditions contained in this RFP. Failure to make such investigations and examinations shall not relieve the Respondent from obligation to comply, in every detail, with all provisions and requirements of the RFP.

Basis of Contract Award

The award decision will be based on an evaluation of a Respondent's ability to meet the needs of GCEC. GCEC reserves the right to make one award or multiple awards. Award(s), if made, will be made to the responsible and responsive Respondent(s) whose Proposal(s) represents, in GCEC's

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sole discretion, the most advantageous Proposal to GCEC and best overall value to GCEC, price and other factors being considered. **GCEC reserves the right to reject all offers or to award the contract to someone other than the lowest priced offeror.**

Point of Contact

Tress Dameron, GCEC's Grants & Public Assistance Specialist, will be the primary point of contact for this RFP. Under no circumstances may a Respondent contact any other GCEC employee or agent concerning this RFP until after award unless written consent or instruction is provided to do so. Any such contact may result in disqualification.

Cancellation/Rejection

GCEC may cancel this RFP, or reject it in whole or in part, when it is in the best interests of GCEC, in GCEC's sole discretion. Notice of cancellation shall be sent to each Respondent that has expressed interest in this RFP pursuant to the instructions provided herein. The notice shall identify the solicitation, and, where appropriate, explain that an opportunity will be given to compete on any re-solicitation or any future procurement of comparable items.

When it deems doing so is in its best interest, GCEC reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, select and award any portion of any or all Proposal items, and waive minor informalities and irregularities in any Proposal.

A Proposal may be rejected if it is non-responsive or does not conform to the requirements and instructions in this RFP. A Proposal may be non-responsive by reasons, including, but not limited to, failure to utilize or complete prescribed forms, conditional Proposals, incomplete Proposals, indefinite or ambiguous Proposals, failure to meet deadlines and improper and/or undated signatures. Other conditions which may cause rejection of Proposals include evidence of collusion, obvious lack of experience or expertise to perform the required work, submission of more than one Proposal for the same work from an individual, Respondent, or corporation under the same or a different name, failure to perform or meet financial obligations on previous contracts.

Licenses & Certifications

Respondent(s) shall be properly licensed and/or certified for the appropriate work specified in this RFP. All Respondents are requested to submit any required license(s) and/or certification(s) with their qualifications. License(s) and/or Certification(s) must be effective as of the opening date and must be maintained throughout the Contract Period. Failure to be properly licensed as stated above may result in the rejection of the Proposal as non-responsive.

Insurance Requirements

Applicable insurance requirements are provided in **Exhibit G**, Insurance Requirements.

Confidentiality

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (Public Records Law), and except as many be provided by other applicable State or Federal Law, all Respondents should be aware that this RFP and any communications with respect to it, including but not limited to submitted Proposals, may be considered within the public domain by virtue of GCEC's intent to submit the resulting costs to various grant programs for Federal and/or State reimbursement. Respondents should therefore identify specifically any information contained in their Proposal which they consider confidential and/or proprietary and which they believe to be exempt from disclosure, citing, specifically the applicable exempting law.

All materials provided under this RFP are considered confidential and must not be disclosed without written authorization. Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) must be completed prior to any detailed information is relayed between GCEC and the prospective Contractor.

Small Business and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

The Respondent will be the primary service provider and shall be responsible for all work performed and Contract deliverables. If any portion of the Contract is to be let to subcontractors, proposed use of subcontracts should be included in the Respondent's Proposal. Requests for use of subcontractors received subsequent to the solicitation process are subject to review and approval by GCEC. As the scope of work under this contract could be funded in whole or in part using FEMA or other Federal funding, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.321, if subcontracts are let, the Respondent/Contractor must take the following steps to solicit disadvantaged firms:

- (1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- (2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- (4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and
- (5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

GCEC reserves the right to request and review information in conjunction with its determination regarding a subcontract request. All subcontractors are subject to the same requirements of this solicitation as the awarded contractor.

Protests

Any award by GCEC of the Contract as contemplated by this RFP to a Respondent shall be final and not subject to further challenge or protest.

Withdrawal of Proposal

Any Respondent may withdraw its Proposal, either personally or by written request, at any time prior to the scheduled time for opening Proposals. No Respondent may withdraw its Proposal for a period of 180 days after the date for opening and all Proposals shall be subject to acceptance by GCEC during this period.

V. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

To receive consideration, Proposals shall be made on the forms provided, properly executed and with all items filled out. Do not change the wording of the Price Proposal Form. No conditions, limitations, or provisions will be attached or added to the Price Proposal Form by the Respondent. Alterations by erasure or interlineations must be explained or noted in the Proposal over the signature of the Respondent. Proposals shall be submitted on 8 ½-x-11-inch paper. There is no page limit for this proposal, although there is a page limit for specific sections of the proposal. Minimum font size shall be 11 points. Each submission must include the following documents divided by individual tabs, as explained in more detail below:

- - A. Tab I: Cover Letter (Pass/Fail)**

- a. Provide a cover letter, signed by an authorized representative of the Respondent, indicating the underlying philosophy of the firm in providing the services stated herein and indicating the Respondent's commitment to provide the services proposed. Provide general company information, including the name of your company (including the name of any parent company), business address, e-mail address, Federal Tax ID number, telephone number, fax number, and the name(s), telephone number(s), and e-mail address(es) of the authorized contact person(s) concerning proposal. Submission of a signed Proposal is Respondent's certification that the Respondent will accept any awards as a result of this RFP.

- B. Tab II: Executive Summary (5 points / 2 Page Limit)**

- a. The Executive Summary should include a brief overview of the proposed plan of action, including, but not limited to, strategy for implementation, and

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understanding of the RFP technical requirements. Identify the key personnel that
will be committed to the project.

C. Tab II: Respondents Qualifications (20 points / 8 Page Limit)

- a. Provide an overview of the Respondent's history, capability, and business ability relative to GCEC's requirements. Include information on organizational structure.
- b. Describe your firm's qualifications and experiences in Azure Public GCC environments, CMMC Level 2 compliance, NIST 800-171 implementation, managing SOC operations and Endpoint Security Platforms.

D. Tab III: Specialized Expertise of Team Members (15 points / 8 Page Limit)

- a. Provide a list of individuals who will be assigned (on site) to the service engagement with GCEC and their specific roles. Include summary resumes of the individuals to reflect their experience and education, particularly as they relate to the firm's engagements in the last ten years.
- b. Identify the primary contact who will be actively engaged in serving the account and identify the current client workload of this individual, including the locations of other clients. If lead project staff members are to be changed, request must be made in writing and pre-approved by GCEC.
- c. Provide the number of employees who would be available during normal business times versus after hours. Describe whether your employees are full-time employees or contracted employees.
- d. Describe the experience your employees have in handling the documentation for CMMC Level 2 compliance.
- e. Describe the training that your employees have had regarding CMMC Level 2 compliance.

E. Tab IV: Technical Approach (20 points / 8 Page Limit)

- a. Provide a description of the firm's general approach to the proposed scope of services to include team organization, staff assignments, schedules, quality assurance, and accountability.
- b. Provide relevant availability guidelines and/or the average time between request for services/tasks and actual performance for current clients. Discuss the availability of the primary contact relative to current and future client workload. Include for each individual the estimated number of hours that will be contributed

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to this project and in what capacity they would serve on this project. Include information on supervisory personnel.

- c. Describe the benefits and challenges of your company and team. No points will be provided if the Proposer believes there are no challenges in past jobs.
- d. Provide technical architecture approach, implementation methodology, security and compliance approach for implementing and managing CMMC Level 2 Compliance standards.
- e. Respondent shall provide implementation timeline to include architecture design phase, deployment phase, Security configuration phase, compliance documentation phase, and operational transition phase.

F. Tab V: Cost of Services to GCEC/Price Proposal (30 points/5 Page Limit)

- a. Instructions for providing a cost or price proposal are provided in **Exhibit B**, Price Proposal Form. Cost-plus-a-percentage-of-cost contracts are not permitted under Federal regulations (e.g., cost + 20%) and thus will not be accepted by GCEC.
- b. The pricing model should provide implementation pricing, licensing costs, maintenance service pricing, and optional services pricing.

G. Tab VI: References (10 points)

- a. In order for the Respondent to be awarded any points for this tab, Respondent must submit three (3) references from clients whose projects are of a similar nature to those requested in this RFP. Information provided for each client shall include the following:
 - i.* Client name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number.
 - ii.* Client contact reference name, e-mail address, and current telephone number.
 - iii.* Description of services provided.
 - iv.* Time period of the project or contract; briefly describe if project met or exceeded the schedule outlined. If it did not meet the schedule outlined, explain why.
 - v.* Dollar value of project; briefly describe if the completed project met, or came under budget.

H. Tab VII: Acceptance of Conditions (Pass/Fail)

- a. Indicate any exceptions to the terms and conditions of the RFP, to insurance requirements, or any other requirements listed in this RFP. If no exceptions are indicated in this tabbed section, it will be understood that no exceptions to these documents will be considered after the award, or if applicable, during negotiations. Exceptions taken by a Respondent may result in evaluation point deduction(s) and/or exclusion of proposal for Selection Committee consideration, depending on the extent of the exception(s). Such determination shall be at the sole discretion of GCEC.

I. Tab IX: Required Forms (Pass/Fail)

- a. Exhibit B: Price Proposal
- b. Exhibit C: Qualification Questionnaire
- c. Exhibit D: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions
- d. Exhibit E: Certification Regarding Lobbying
- e. Exhibit F: Drugfree Workplace
- f. Exhibit G: Insurance Requirement

VI. SELECTION

Upon receipt, Tress Dameron will complete a limited review of the Proposals for obvious completeness. Those Proposals deemed complete and responsive will be forwarded to the Evaluation Committee.

Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee may consist of three (3) or more members. GCEC or designee shall determine the Evaluation Committee that will best serve the needs of GCEC.

Evaluation

Only Proposals received by GCEC that are compliant with requirements and deadlines provided shall be evaluated. The ranking of proposals shall be based upon the points awarded in the scoring process utilizing the evaluation criteria in this RFP.

The best-qualified Respondents shall be based upon the Evaluation Committee's ability to differentiate qualifications applicable to the scope and nature of the services to be performed as indicated by the ratings on the scoring sheet.

Presentation/Interviews

The Evaluation Committee may choose to conduct formal presentations/interviews with any or all Respondents prior to making an Award.

VII. CLARIFICATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS

GCEC reserves the right to award a contract based on initial responses received, therefore, each response shall contain the Respondent's best terms and conditions from a technical and cost standpoint. GCEC reserves the right to conduct clarifications or negotiations with one or more Respondent(s). All communications, clarifications, and negotiations shall be conducted in writing and in a manner that supports fairness in response improvement.

A. Clarifications

- a. GCEC may identify areas of a response that may require further clarification or areas in which it is apparent that there may have been miscommunications or misunderstandings as to GCEC's specifications or requirements. GCEC may seek to clarify those issues identified during one or multiple clarification rounds, which will be communicated to all potential respondents. Each clarification sought by GCEC may be unique to an individual Respondent, provided that the process is conducted in a manner that supports fairness in response improvement.

B. Negotiations

- a. GCEC may elect to negotiate with one or more Respondent(s) by requesting revised responses, negotiating costs, or finalizing contract terms and conditions. GCEC reserves the right to conduct multiple negotiation rounds or no negotiations at all.

C. Cost Negotiations

- a. All respondents selected for negotiation by GCEC will be given equivalent information with respect to cost negotiations. All cost negotiations will be documented. Additionally, GCEC may conduct target pricing and other goods or services level negotiations. During price negotiations, Respondents are not obligated to reduce their pricing to target process, but no Respondent is allowed

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to increase price.

- b. If GCEC determines that it is unable to successfully negotiate terms and conditions of the Subcontract with the apparent best evaluated Respondent, GCEC reserves the right to bypass the apparent best evaluated Respondent and enter contract negotiations with the next apparent best evaluated Respondent.

VIII. AGREEMENT

The successful firm shall be prepared to immediately enter into contract negotiations with GCEC, and must at that time deliver the policies of insurance or insurance certificate as required. All insurance documents shall be approved by GCEC before the successful Respondent proceed with the work.

GCEC's intent is to negotiate an agreement with the successful firm for a term to complete the work issued along with this RFP. The length of the Contract Period may be changed under the sole discretion of GCEC. Prices shall remain firm for the entire Contract Period, unless negotiated and approved by Executive Leadership and the Board of Directors. Additional items/services related to those described in Exhibit A may be added to the resultant Contract, in compliance with applicable State and federal regulations.

The contract will contain the provisions required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.326 and FEMA guidance.

[END OF RFP DOCUMENT – EXHIBITS & ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW]

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Exhibit A: Scope of Work

GCEC is requesting proposals from qualified respondents capable of providing services to design, deploy, secure, and operate a fully managed cloud-based environment capable of securely handling of Controlled Unclassified Information and Federal Contract Information (FCI). The vendor will be responsible for the architecture design, implementation, monitoring, documentation, compliance support, and continuous improvement of the cyber defense capabilities.

Respondents must be able to describe methodologies, governance models, operational procedures and tools utilized to deliver secure managed environments that align with federal cybersecurity frameworks. Respondents should include staffing models, operational workflows, all technical diagrams and descriptions used to ensure federal regulatory compliance and cybersecurity readiness.

A. Project Primary Objectives

1. Deploy a secure Microsoft 365 Government Community Cloud (GCC) environment for specified employees.
2. Implement Zero Trust Cybersecurity Architecture
3. Provide continuous monitoring and security operation.
4. Achieve readiness for CMMC Level 2 compliance.
5. Protect Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)
6. Implement secure identity management
7. Provide centralized monitoring and logging
8. Provide incident response readiness.
9. Establish vulnerability management processes
10. Provide compliance documentation and governance

B. Gulf Coast Electric Hardware and Licensing Requirements

1. Microsoft 365 GCC Licensing Requirements
 - a. 29 Licenses
2. Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD) Endpoint Requirements Qty: 29

GCEC intends to utilize a **Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI)** utilizing **Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)** as the primary computing environment for users within the CMMC Level 2 enclave. Users shall access virtual desktops hosted within the Microsoft cloud environment. The Contractor shall design, deploy, secure, and manage the Azure Virtual Desktop infrastructure as part of the turnkey solution.

- a. Processor- Intel® Core™ Ultra 9 275HX Processor (E-cores up to 4.60 GHz P-cores up to 5.40 GHz)
- b. Operating System

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- i. Windows 11 Pro 64
 - c. Graphic Card-
 - i. NVIDIA® GeForce RTX™ 5080 Laptop GPU 16GB GDDR7
 - d. Memory
 - i. 64 GB DDR5-6400MT/s (CSODIMM)(2 x 32 GB)
 - e. Storage
 - i. 1 TB SSD M.2 2280 PCIe Gen5 Performance TLC
 - f. Display
 - i. 16" WQXGA (2560 x 1600), OLED, Glare, Non-Touch, HDR 1000 True Black, 100%DCI-P3, 500 nits, 240Hz, Low Blue Light
- 3. File Storage and Capacity Requirements
 - a. 2 TB of File Server Space
 - i. GCEC currently has 1.5TB capacity utilizing 831GB
 - b. File Server Specifications: 8 GB of Memory with 4vCPUS at 1 core each
- 4. SQL Server
 - a. 32 or 64 GB Memory Capacity
 - i. Currently utilizing 24GB of memory
 - ii. Currently GCEC has 8 vCPUs @ 1 core each
 - b. Currently utilizing 211GB of storage space with a capacity of 1.5TB
- 5. Meridian Database Server
 - a. 64 GB of Memory Capacity
 - b. CPUs – 2 sockets, 4 cores each (Intel Xeon Silver 4110 2.1 GHz)
 - c. Disk
 - a. 3.4 TB (Three virtual disks sized as):
 - i. 100GB (Operating System)
 - ii. 2 TB (Data)
 - iii. 1.3 TB (Logs)
 - b. NIC – VMXNET 3
 - c. BIOS Boot Delay – 3,000 ms
 - d. Operating System – Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 - 64 bit
- 6. Meridian Application Server (Production)
 - a. 16 GB of Memory Capacity
 - b. CPUs – 2 Sockets, 2 cores each (Intel Xeon Silver 4110 2.1 GHz)
 - c. Disk – 200 GB Capacity
 - i. 100 GB C:\ drive
 - ii. 100 GB D:\ drive
 - d. NIC - VMXNET 3
 - e. BIOS boot delay – 3,000 ms

- f. Operating System – Windows Server 2022
7. Meridian IQ Server
- a. 128 GB of memory
 - b. CPUs – 2 sockets, 4 cores each (Intel® Xeon® Silver 4110 2.1GHz)
 - c. Disk – 2 logical drives 100 GB C:\ drive, 200 GB D:\ drive, and Optical DVD-ROM Drive
 - d. NIC - VMXNET 3
 - e. BIOS boot delay - 3,000 ms
 - f. OS – Windows Server 2022

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative utilizes various cloud-based programs that are essential to daily operations. After the vendor is procured, Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative will collaborate with the respondent to ensure that the programs are compatible with the GCC Enclave Environment.

C. Turnkey Solution Requirements

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is seeking a vendor that can provide a full turnkey solution to the CMMC Level 2 requirements. The respondent should ensure all solution components function as a unified cybersecurity platform. Respondents must include the details of all hardware and software that will be utilized in the proposed plan.

- 1. Turnkey Solution Requirements include:
 - a. Architecture Design
 - b. Infrastructure Provisioning
 - c. Microsoft 365 GCC Tenant Deployment
 - d. Security control implementation
 - e. Compliance Documentation
 - f. Security Monitoring Services
 - g. Operational Management

D. Technical Architecture Requirements

The Technical Architecture requirements must follow the Zero Trust security principles. The zero trust eliminates implicit trust, assuming every user, device and network is a potential threat.

Zero Trust Principles include the following:

- 1. Identity First Security Model
- 2. Least Privilege Access
- 3. Continuous Verification
- 4. Segmentation of Services

5. Endpoint Trust Verification

Proposals must incorporate identity protection, endpoint security, data protection, monitoring capabilities and incident response capabilities.

E. Microsoft 365 Government Community Cloud GCC Deployment

The Contractor shall configure and deploy a Microsoft 365 Government Community Cloud (GCC) environment that supports the secure processing, storage, and transmission of Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), Controlled Technical Information (CTI), and Federal Contract Information (FCI). The deployment shall align with CMMC Level 2 requirements, NIST SP 800-171, and applicable DFARS cybersecurity requirements.

The proposed Microsoft 365 GCC environment shall include, at a minimum:

1. Microsoft Exchange Online GCC
2. Microsoft SharePoint Online GCC
3. Microsoft Teams GCC
4. Microsoft Entra ID
5. Microsoft Defender Security Services

F. Identity and Access Management

Identity and Access Management (IAM) is foundational pillar of the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). IAM allows only authorized users and devices to access systems that contain Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).

Identity and Access Management must include the following components:

1. Multi-factor Authentication
2. Conditional Access Policies
3. Role-based Access Control
4. Identity Lifecycle Management
5. Privileged Access Management

G. Endpoint Security Requirements

The CMMC utilizes endpoint security to protect Federal Contract Information and Controlled Unclassified Information. Endpoints (laptops, servers, and mobile devices) are primary attack vectors, CMMC mandates specific requirements from the NST SP 800-171 framework:

Endpoint Security proposals must include the following:

1. Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)
2. Anti-malware Protection
3. Application Allowlisting

4. Device Control Policies
5. Endpoint Monitoring and Alerting

H. Security Operations Center

Security Operations Center is formalized centralized capability dedicated to preventing, detecting, analyzing and responding to cybersecurity incidents in real time. GCEC requires that the proposal provides a detailed synopsis of their approach to the security operations center monitoring, including all hardware and software components.

GCEC is requiring the security operations services include 24/7/365 monitoring. Security Operations Center should include the following

1. Security Event Monitoring
2. Threat Detection
3. Incident Investigation
4. Security Alert Triage
5. Incident Escalation Procedures
6. Threat Intelligence Monitoring

I. Logging and Monitoring

Logging and monitoring provide a foundation for cybersecurity visibility. Proposal should outline the plan and the platform the vendor intends to utilize to monitor and cybersecurity logs.

Centralized Logging Requirements:

1. System Activity Logs
2. Authentication Logs
3. Security Alerts
4. Administrative Actions
5. Endpoint Activity

J. Vulnerability Management

Vulnerability Assessment is a mandatory requirement for a CMMC Level 2. Proposal should outline the procedures for conducting and monitoring risks associated with transmitting, storing, and processing Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).

Vulnerability Management should include:

1. Vulnerability Scanning
2. Risk Prioritization
3. Patch Management Coordination
4. Remediation Tracking

5. Security Reporting

K. Incident Response

Contractor will be responsible for creating and maintaining a detailed Incident Response Plan related to the enclave environment. The Contractor will review, assess and update the plan as necessary. An anticipated timeline for plan assessment should accompany the proposal.

Incident Response capabilities should include:

1. Detection
2. Investigation
3. Containment
4. Recovery
5. Documentation
6. Annual Exercises

L. Compliance Governance

GCC Enclave Environment is required to be in compliance with all CMMC Level 2. The contractor will be responsible for ensuring all operations are compliant with all CMMC Level 2 standards. Proposals will provide details for ensuring compliance consulting and oversight for employees and sites related to base operations. Contractor will provide a detailed approach to ensuring that GCEC is CMMC Level 2 100% compliant, both within CMMC audit scope and the enclave environment.

CMMC Level 2 readiness includes:

1. System Security Plan (SSP) Development
2. Policy Development
3. Risk assessments
4. Compliance Evidence Collection
5. Security documentation maintenance

M. Security Control Coverage

CMMC framework requires specific security controls based on the sensitivity of their government data. Contractor must provide details for supporting and implementing all control families defined under the NIST SP 800-171.

THE CONTROL FAMILIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- ACCESS CONTROL (AC)
- AWARENESS AND TRAINING (AT)

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- AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (AU)
- CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT (CM)
- IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION (IA)
- INCIDENT RESPONSE (IR)
- MAINTENANCE (MA)
- MEDIA PROTECTION (MP)
- PERSONNEL SECURITY (PS)
- PHYSICAL PROTECTION (PE)
- RISK ASSESSMENT (RA)
- SECURITY ASSESSMENT (CA)
- SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATIONS PROTECTION (SC)
- SYSTEM AND INFORMATION INTEGRITY (SI)

N. Shared Responsibility Model

A Responsibility Matrix must accompany proposal. The matrix will clearly define the security function, the actions, and who is responsible for conducting the activities related to CMMC Level 2 standards.

Responsibility Model will include:

1. Vendor Responsibilities
2. Client Responsibilities
3. Shared Responsibilities

O. Risk Management

CMMC Risk Management requires Department of Defense contractors to continuously identify, evaluate, and mitigate risks to Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) and Federal Contract Information (FCI). Contractor will provide detailed information on the risk management plan for GCEC.

Risk Management Plan will include:

1. Risk Tracking
2. Periodic Risk Assessment
3. Security Reporting to Leadership
4. Mitigation Planning

P. Deliverables

The Vendor will provide the following deliverables:

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1. Secure architecture design documentation
2. System configuration documentation
3. System Security Plan
4. Security policies
5. Risk assessment reports
6. CMMC Compliance Reports
7. Monitoring reports
8. Incident reports
9. Vulnerability reports

Q. Service Level Agreements

The vendor shall provide GCEC with continuous, real-time reporting to verify Service Level Agreement (SLA) compliance at any time.

Service Level Agreement requirements:

1. SOC Monitoring 24/7/365 with monthly reports provided to GCEC IT Team.
2. Provide proposed escalation procedures for triggered events with the SOC Monitoring
3. Critical incident response within one hour
4. High severity incident response within four hours
5. Continuous monitoring services
6. Defined remediation timelines for vulnerabilities
7. CMMC Compliance Consulting

Exhibit B- Price Proposal Modeling

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is seeking a firm that can provide turnkey operations for CMMC Level 2 implementation.

Example of Price Proposal Modeling

Description	Cost	Timeline
<i>Technical Architecture Design</i>		
<i>Security Configuration</i>		
<i>Implementation and Deployment Methodology</i>		
<i>Recurring Service Pricing –</i> Please detail out pricing as well as monthly or annual recurring		
<i>Licensing Cost –</i> Please detail out licensing costs as well as whether its monthly or annually		
<i>Optional Services Pricing</i>		

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Exhibit C: Qualification Questionnaire

All questions on this questionnaire must be answered; do not leave blanks—where appropriate, state “None” or “Not Applicable” (N/A). If additional space is required to fully respond to any questions, please add sheets to this questionnaire and reference the questions/answers appropriately. GCEC reserves the right to inquire further with respect to any matter in this questionnaire or otherwise to determine the suitability of a contractor to receive an award of a contract.

Identity of Contractor

- A. Contractor’s full legal name: _____
- B. Tax ID Number (“TIN”), Employer Identification Number (“EIN”), and Social Security Number (“SSN”), as applicable: _____
- C. Contractor’s form of legal entity (corporation, joint venture, sole proprietorship, etc.): _____

If the Contractor is a Joint Venture or Partnership, please list all partner firms and/or parties to the Joint Venture below. All partners and/or parties listed are also required to individually complete a separate Qualification Questionnaire.

(1) Partner/Party Name: _____

TIN, EIN, or SSN: _____

DUNS #: _____

Percentage of Ownership: _____

(2) Partner/Party Name: _____

TIN, EIN, or SSN: _____

DUNS #: _____

Percentage of Ownership: _____

- D. State or country under whose laws the Contractor is organized and year organized: _____

- E. Number of Employees: Company-wide _____ Local office _____

- F. Does the Contractor now use or, in the past ten (10) years has it used, TIN, EIN, doing business as or “DBA”, name, trade name or abbreviation other than the Contractor’s name or TIN or EIN listed in Part I.B., above? If so, provide the prior identifying information. _____

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- G. Contractor's mailing address: _____

- H. Contractor's street address (complete only if different than Part G.): _____

- I. Has the Contractor changed addresses in the past five (5) years and, if so, what was the firm's prior address(es)? _____

- J. Contractor's telephone number: _____ Fax number: _____
E-mail address: _____
- K. List each person or legal entity which has a 10% or more ownership or control interest in Contractor. _____

- L. List the name and title of each director and principal officer of Contractor: _____

Identify of Person Completing this Questionnaire

- A. Name: _____
- B. Employer/Title: _____
- C. Telephone number: _____ Fax number: _____
- D. E-mail address: _____ Mobile number: _____

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Contractor Representations

If for any reason a representation on this questionnaire is not accurate and complete as of the time the Contractor signs this form, the Contractor must identify the provision and explain the reason in detail on a separate sheet. Absent such an explanation, the Contractor represents that the following statements are complete and accurate.

The following questions apply to (i) Contractor, Contractor's parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates (if any); (ii) any joint venture (including its individual members) and any other form of partnership (including its individual members) which includes Contractor or Contractor's parent, subsidiaries, or affiliates; (iii) Contractor's directors, officers, principals, managerial employees, and any person or entity with a 10% or more interest in Contractor; (iv) any legal entity, controlled, or 10% or more of which is owned, by Contractor, or by any director, officer, principal, managerial employee of Contractor, or by any person or entity with a 10% or more interest in Contractor. (If the answer to any question is "YES," Contractor must provide all relevant information on a separate sheet attached hereto.)

Please check this box if a separate sheet is attached: ☐

(1) Within the past five (5) years, has Contractor been declared not responsible to receive a public or private contract?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(2) Has Contractor been debarred, suspended, or otherwise disqualified from bidding, proposing, or contracting?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(3) Is there a proceeding pending relating to Contractor's responsibility, debarment, suspension, or qualification to receive a public or private contract?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(4) Within the past five (5) years, has Contractor defaulted on a contract or been terminated for cause on a public or private contract?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(5) Has a public or private entity requested or required enforcement of any of its rights under a surety agreement on the basis of Contractor's default or in lieu of declaring Contractor in default?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(6) Within the past five (5) years, has the Contractor been required to engage the services of an Integrity Monitor in connection with the award of or in order to complete any public or private contract?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(7) Within the past (5) years, have Contractor's safety practices/procedures been evaluated and ruled as less than satisfactory by a public or private entity?	☐ No	☐ Yes

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(8) Has Contractor's Workers' Compensation Experience Rating (also known as the Experience Modification Rate or EMR) been 1.2 or greater at any time in the last five (5) years? If yes, please explain.	☐ No	☐ Yes
(9) Within the past five (5) years, has the Contractor been accused of violating equal opportunity or nondiscrimination laws?	☐ No	☐ Yes
(10) Within the past five (5) years, has the Contractor been accused of violating prevailing wage laws, regulations, or executive orders?	☐ No	☐ Yes

Questions Which Must Be Answered by "Yes" or "No"

To the best of your knowledge after diligent inquiry, in connection with the business of Contractor or any other firm which is related to Contractor by any degree of common ownership, control, or otherwise, do any of the following statements apply to: (i) Contractor, Contractor's parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates (if any); (ii) any joint venture (including its individual members) and any other form of partnership (including its individual members) which includes Contractor or Contractor's parent, subsidiaries, or affiliates; (iii) Contractor's directors, officers, principals, managerial employees, and any person or entity with a 10% or more interest in Contractor; (iv) any legal entity, controlled, or 10% or more of which is owned, by Contractor, or by any director, officer, principal, managerial employee of Contractor, or by any person or entity with a 10% or more interest in Contractor? (If the answer to any question is "YES," Contractor must provide all relevant information on a separate sheet attached hereto.)

(1) Within the past ten (10) years has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to (i) any felony or (ii) a misdemeanor related to truthfulness in connection with business conduct.	☐ No	☐ Yes
(2) Is currently disqualified from selling or submitting bids/proposals to or receiving awards from or entering into any contract with any federal, state, or local government agency, any public authority, or any other public entity.	☐ No	☐ Yes

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(3) Has within a ten (10) year period preceding the date of this Questionnaire been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for or in relation to: (i) commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; (ii) collusion with another person or entity in connection with the submission of bids/proposals; (iii) violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or False Claims Acts; or (iv) commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.	☐ No ☐ Yes
In the past ten (10) years, has Contractor entered into a consent decree, deferred prosecution agreement or a non-prosecution agreement?	☐ No ☐ Yes
In the past seven (7) years, have any bankruptcy proceedings been initiated by or against the Contractor (whether or not closed) or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending by or against the Contractor regardless of the date of filing?	☐ No ☐ Yes
In the past five (5) years, have there been any judgments or tax liens of \$100,000 or more, including but not limited to judgments based on taxes owed, fines and penalties assessed by a government agency against Contractor at any time?	☐ No ☐ Yes
During the past five (5) years, has the Contractor failed to file any applicable federal, state, or local tax return?	☐ No ☐ Yes

Background

A. Indicate if your business qualifies as one of the following:

- ☐ Small Business Enterprise ☐ Women's Business Enterprise
☐ Minority Business Enterprise ☐ Labor Surplus Area Firm¹

B. List any licenses your company holds. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

¹ A list of labor surplus areas is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lsa>.

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Insurance Information

- A. Worker’s Compensation Carrier: _____
Policy Expiration Date: _____
- B. CGL Carrier: _____
Policy Expiration Date: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Contact Name: _____
- C. Other Carrier: _____
Coverages: _____
Policy Expiration Date: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Contact Name: _____

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Affidavit and Acknowledgement

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

On the _____ day of 20____, before me personally came and appeared _____

by me known to be said person, who swore under oath as follows:

1. I am _____ (print name), _____ (print title) of _____ (print name of firm).
2. I am duly authorized to sign this Qualification Questionnaire on behalf of said firm and duly signed this document pursuant to said authorization.
3. The answers to the questions set forth in the Qualification Questionnaire and the representations set forth in this questionnaire, including any attachments, are true, accurate, and complete. I authorize GCEC to verify any such information and to conduct any background checks it deems appropriate.
4. I acknowledge and understand that the Qualification Questionnaire includes provisions which are deemed included in the contract if awarded to the firm.

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed to before me

this ____ day of _____, 20____

(Notary Public)

Notary Public _____ County

My commissions expires: _____

Exhibit D: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the CONTRACTOR (referred to herein as the “prospective lower tier participant”) is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled “Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction,” without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

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9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AN VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION—LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

CONTRACTOR Company Name

Contract Number

Name

Title

Signature

Date

Exhibit E: Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

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

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

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

CONTRACTOR Name

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

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Exhibit F: Drug-free Workplace

Section 287.087 of the Florida Statutes provides that, where identical tie bids are received, preference shall be given to a bid received from a bidder that certifies it has implemented a drug-free workforce program. Please sign below and return this form to certify that your business has a drug-free workplace program.

- 1) Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
- 2) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- 3) Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under Bid a copy of the statement specified in Subsection (1).
- 4) In the statement specified in Subsection (1), notify the employees, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under Bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any State, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
- 5) Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community by any employee who is so convicted.
- 6) Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements. False statements are punishable at law.

BIDDER'S NAME: _____

By: _____
Authorized Signature Print Name and Title

Exhibit G: Insurance Requirements

Prior to execution of a contract awarded under this RFP, the selected Respondent shall submit one original certificate of insurance, signed by an authorized representative of the insurance company, stating complete compliance with the following specifications. Notwithstanding any other provision of this RFP or the contract, GCEC shall have no obligation to execute a contract or make any payment to the selected Respondent until all insurance requirements are met. The Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to:

TDAMERON@GCEC.COM

Contractor's insurance shall be written for the following types and limits and shall be maintained, at their expense, for the life of the Contract.

A. Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability

1. Coverage A – Statutory
2. Coverage B – Employer's Liability

Bodily Injury by Accident	\$ 1,000,000	Each Accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 1,000,000	Policy Limit
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 1,000,000	Each Employee

3. Waiver of Subrogation in favor of Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative where permitted by law.

B. Commercial General Liability

- | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Combined Single Limit | \$ 1,000,000 | Each Occurrence |
| | | \$ 2,000,000 | Aggregate |
2. Coverage Required: Technology Errors & Omissions (Tech E&O) / Professional Liability Coverage, Cyber Liability Coverage,
3. Coverage shall include per project aggregate endorsement.
4. Primary Additional Insurance: The following wording must appear on the certificate.
We will not accept an endorsement attached to the certificate.

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GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA are additional insured under Contractor's general liability policy. Coverage under such policy shall be primary with GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. and any GCEC insurance policies, or loss coverage, being excess over the Contractor's coverage.

C. Commercial Automobile Liability

1. Combined Single Limit of \$ 1,000,000 Each Occurrence
2. Coverage Required: All owned automobiles, non-owned automobiles, and hired automobiles.

If Contractor does not own any vehicles, the certificate must show Hired and Non-Owned Automobile Liability and must attach a letter stating that Contractor does not own any vehicles.

D. Umbrella Liability \$ 1,000,000

E. Professional Liability (if required) \$ 2,000,000 (minimum)

F. The foregoing policies shall contain a provision that coverages afforded under the policies will not be cancelled or not renewed until at least thirty (30) days written notice has been given to GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

G. The policies evidencing required insurance shall contain an endorsement to the effect that any cancellation or any material change adversely affecting GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'s interest shall not be effective (1) for such period as the laws of the State of Florida prescribe, or (2) until thirty (30) days after the insurer or the Contractor gives written notice to the Contracting Office, whichever period is longer.