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NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

LAKELAND CENTER HEADQUARTERS HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

For the CITY OF LAKELAND

October 24, 2014

RFQ NO. 4353

Qualification packages will be received by the Purchasing Manager, City of Lakeland, Florida, 1140 East Parker Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801 **until 2:00 p.m. – Friday – December 19, 2014.** Qualifications received after this specified time and date will not be considered. The request for qualification will be publicly opened on the same date and time in the office of the Purchasing Manager for the following:

Qualification Documents may be requested by visiting our Website at <http://www.lakelandgov.net> or by contacting the City of Lakeland Purchasing Division @ (863) 834-6780. Qualification Documents are Required for Submittal. Any Respondent that Does Not Have a City of Lakeland Bidder Number Should Visit the Above Website and Complete a Bidder's Application.

THE CITY OF LAKELAND IS REQUESTING QUALIFICATIONS FROM A HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND FINANCIALLY CAPABLE DEVELOPMENT PARTNER SELECTION AND NEGOTIATION IN THE DESIGN, FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF A HOTEL PROXIMATE TO THE LAKELAND CENTER FACILITIES. THESE INCLUDE: TLC CONVENTION & MEETING SPACE, THE YOUKEY THEATER, AND THE JENKINS ARENA. THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNER SHOULD INCLUDE AN ARCHITECT, GENERAL CONTRACT, EQUITY OWNER, LENDER/UNDERWRITER, AND FOR THE HOTEL, THE HOTEL "FLAG" AND HOTEL OPERATOR. THE PROPOSAL SHALL INCLUDE A PROPOSED ROOM BLOCK AGREEMENT TO ENSURE THE HOTEL FUNCTIONS AS AN INTEGRAL AND COORDINATED COMPONENT OF THE LAKELAND CENTER. THE QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED AND THE PURCHASE ORDER, IF ISSUED, SHALL BE IN COMPLETE ACCORDANCE WITH, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THIS INVITATION TO BID, CITY OF LAKELAND SPECIFICATION, ALL CODES, REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS REFERENCED THEREIN.

Questions regarding this request for qualification should be **in writing** and should reference the above RFQ number. Submit all questions to **Mr. Danny Rodriguez, Purchasing Agent**, via e-mail at **purch@lakelandgov.net** or fax (863) 834-6777.