

An aerial photograph showing a road interchange with a green semi-truck and several cars. The area is surrounded by dense green forest. In the background, a large blue lake is visible under a clear sky.

LAKE COUNTY

RSQ 22-901

NORTH LAKE TRAIL PHASE 3 PD&E STUDY

06. LITIGATION

LITIGATION

Supplemental Response Lake County, Florida (County), Request for Statement of Qualifications (RSQ) Section 6.0 – Delivery and Submittal Requirements, Subsection 6. Litigation

Question:

Provide information on the nature and outcome of litigation and proceedings for the previous three (3) years where the firm has been involved in any matter related to professional activities.

Response:

Halff Associates employs more than 1,070 people in 26 office locations (Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana) and is engaged in roughly 3,400 active projects at any given time. Accordingly, on rare occasions, Halff finds itself as a named defendant in a lawsuit or as a participant in other dispute resolution proceedings related to professional services and/or business in general. Halff is a privately-held corporation and statements regarding litigation and claims, on the advice of Halff's legal counsel and Halff's insurance carriers, must remain confidential. Further, it is important to note that confidentiality requirements are often specifically addressed in settlement release documents or employee-employer privacy restrictions. Due to these circumstances Halff can only release this confidential information under specific request and with the understanding that any such information is and shall remain privileged and confidential and with the further understanding that any such disclosure by Halff could only be provided if such confidentiality were strenuously protected by both the County and Halff. Further, as this information would provide Halff's competitors with information that would not normally be shared, and such disclosure would create a competitive advantage for such competitors, in order to provide any such information Halff and the County would first have to enter an agreement whereby any and all relevant protections (exclusions) under applicable Open Records Laws and The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) would be applied and enforceable. Further, Halff can and does affirm that there are no past, present, pending and/or threatened matters which are viewed by Halff as significant or that would adversely affect Halff's ability to fully perform its obligations on this or any other project.

Most importantly, Halff has never been adverse to Lake County in any legal proceedings within any forum. In addition, the servicing Tavares office location has not been involved in litigation or proceedings within the last three years. Halff and its legal counsel and insurers will consider requests for specific information regarding litigation, therefore please direct any such questions through our General Counsel, Mr. Dan Tanksley, at dtanksley@halff.com or 214-346-6290.



Halff has never been adverse to Lake County in any legal proceedings within any forum. In addition, the servicing Tavares office location has not been involved in litigation or proceedings within the last three years.