



INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
MULCHING SERVICES

ITB Number: 08-0400 **Contracting Officer:** Freddy Suárez
Bid Opening Date: January 23, 2008 **Pre-Bid Date:** January 9, 2008
Bid Opening Time: 3:00 P.M. **Issue Date:** December 17, 2007

TABLE OF CONTENTS	
SECTION 1: Special Terms and Conditions	Page 2
SECTION 2: Statement of Work	Page 12
SECTION 3: General Terms and Conditions	Page 15
SECTION 4: Pricing/Certifications/Signatures	Page 19
SECTION 5: Attachments	Page 24

SPECIFIC SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS ARE AS NOTED BELOW:	
Proposal and/or Performance Bond:	N/A
Certificate of Competency/License:	Section 1.21
Indemnification/Insurance:	Section 1.8
Pre-Bid Conference/Walk-Thru:	Section 1.4

At the date and time specified above, all bids that have been received in a timely manner will be opened, recorded, and accepted for consideration. The names of the bidders submitting bids will be read aloud and recorded. The bids will be available for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of Procurement Services within ten (10) working days after the official bid opening date. When countersigned by an authorized County representative, this document and any specifically identified attachments may form the formal contract document binding the parties to all performance specified herein.

Vendors shall complete and return the entirety of this ITB Document, and attach all other information requested in this ITB document (See Provision 1.13). Failure to sign the bid response, or to submit the bid response by the specified time and date, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

NO-RESPONSE REPLY

If any vendor does not want to respond to this solicitation at this time, or, would like to be removed from Lake County's Vendor List, please mark the appropriate space, complete name below and return this page only.

- Not interested at this time; keep our firm on Lake County's Vendors List for future solicitations for this product / service
- Please remove our firm from Lake County's Vendor's List for this product / service.

VENDOR IDENTIFICATION

Company Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____
E-mail Address: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Section 1.1: Purpose

The purpose of this solicitation is to establish a contract to grind and mulch wood and yard waste received at various environmental services facilities throughout Lake County.

Section 1.2: Designated Procurement Representative

Questions concerning any portion of this solicitation shall be directed in writing [fax and e-mail accepted] to the below named individual who shall be the official point of contact for this solicitation. Questions should be submitted no later than five (5) working days before the bid opening date.

Freddy Suárez, CPPB, Senior Contracting Officer
Lake County BCC
Office of Procurement Services
315 W. Main Street, Room 416
PO BOX 7800
Tavares, FL 32778-7800

Phone : 352.343.9839
Fax : 352.343.9473
E-mail: fsuarez@lakecountyfl.gov

No answers given in response to questions submitted shall be binding upon this solicitation unless released in writing as an addendum to the solicitation by the Lake County Department of Procurement Services.

Section 1.3: Method of Award - To a Single Vendor in the Aggregate

Award of this contract will be made to the responsive, responsible vendor which submits an offer on all items listed in the solicitation and which represents the lowest price when all items are added in the aggregate. If a vendor fails to submit an offer on all items, its overall offer will be rejected. The County will award the total contract to a single vendor.

Section 1.4: Pre-Bid Conference / Site Visits (Recommended)

A pre-bid conference will be held on January 9, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Central Landfill Facilities, 13130 County Landfill Road, Tavares, FL 32778, to discuss the special conditions and specifications included within this solicitation. For directions call 352-343-3776.

Vendors are requested to bring this solicitation document to the conference, as additional copies may not be available.

Prior to submitting its offer it is advisable that the vendor visit the site of the proposed work and become familiar with any conditions which may in any manner affect the work to be done or affect the equipment, materials and labor required. The vendor is also advised to examine carefully the drawings and specifications and to become thoroughly aware regarding any and all conditions and requirements that may in any manner affect the work to be performed under the contract. No additional allowances will be made because of lack of knowledge of these conditions.

Section 1.5: Term of Contract – Twelve (12) Months

This contract shall commence on the first calendar day of the month succeeding approval of the contract by the Board of County Commissioners, or designee, unless otherwise stipulated in the Notice of Award Letter distributed by the County's Department of Procurement Services; and contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required pre-award documents. The initial contract term shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months, and then the contract will remain in effect until completion of the expressed and/or implied warranty period. The contract prices resultant from this solicitation shall prevail for the full duration of the initial contract term unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this document.

Section 1.6: Option to Renew up to Four Additional Year(s) (With Price Adjustment)

Prior to, or upon completion, of the initial term of this contract, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional four (4) one (1) year period(s). Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the County may consider an adjustment to price based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). It is the vendor's responsibility to request in writing any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence on the first day of any exercised option period, the vendor's written request for adjustment should be submitted prior to expiration of the then current contract term. The vendor adjustment request must clearly substantiate the requested increase. The written request for adjustment should not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the vendor, the County will assume that the vendor has agreed that the optional term may be exercised without pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received after the commencement of a new option period shall not be considered.

The County reserves the right to reject any written price adjustments submitted by the vendor and/or to not exercise any otherwise available option period based on such price adjustments. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period, and any option subsequently exercised, is a County prerogative, and not a right of the vendor. This prerogative will be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County.

Section 1.7: Method of Payment - Periodic Payments for Service Rendered

The County shall provide periodic payments for services rendered by the vendor. In order for the County to provide payment, the vendor shall submit a fully documented invoice that provides

the basic information set forth below. The invoice shall be submitted to the appropriate County department within thirty (30) calendar days after the service has been rendered. It shall be understood that such invoices shall not be submitted for payment until such time as the service has been completed and a County representative has reviewed and approved the service.

All invoices shall contain the contract and/or purchase order number, date and location of delivery or service, and confirmation of acceptance of the goods or services by the appropriate County representative. Failure to submit invoices in the proscribed manner will delay payment, and the vendor may be considered in default of contract and its contract may be terminated. Payments shall be tendered in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

Section 1.8: Insurance

Each vendor shall include in its solicitation response package proof of insurance capabilities, including but not limited to, the following requirements: [This does not mean that the vendor must have the coverage prior to submittal, but, that the coverage must be purchased and in place prior to a purchase order or contract being executed by the County.]

A certificate of insurance indicating that the awarded vendor has coverage in accordance with the requirements of this section shall be furnished by the vendor to the Contracting Officer within five (5) working days of such request and before any work begins.

The vendor shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of any contract, without cost or expense to the County, policies of insurance insuring the vendor against any and all claims, demands or causes of action whatsoever, for injuries received or damage to property relating to the performance of duties, services and/or obligations of the vendor under the terms and provisions of the contract.

Such policies of insurance shall insure the vendor in accordance with the following minimum limits:

General Liability insurance on forms no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Commercial General Liability policy (CG 00 01 or CG 00 02) of the Insurance Services Office or equivalent without restrictive endorsements, with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Occurrence/General Aggregate	\$500,000
Products-Completed Operations	\$500,000
Personal & Adv. Injury	\$500,000
Fire Damage	\$50,000
Medical Expense	\$5,000
Contractual Liability	\$300,000

Automobile liability insurance, including owned, non-owned, and hired autos with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Combined Single Limit	\$300,000
or	
Bodily Injury (per person)	\$100,000 (per accident)
Property Damage	\$100,000

Workers' compensation insurance based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, and/or any other applicable law requiring workers' compensation (Federal, maritime, etc). If not required by law to maintain workers compensation insurance, the vendor must provide a notarized statement that if he or she is injured, he or she will not hold the County responsible for any payment or compensation.

Certificate(s) of Insurance

Lake County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners, shall be named as additional insured as their interest may appear on the general liability policy.

Certificate(s) of insurance shall provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County of any change or cancellation of the required insurance.

Certificate(s) of insurance shall identify the contract number in the Description of Operations section of the Certificate.

Certificate holder shall be:

LAKE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
P.O. BOX 7800
TAVARES, FL 32778-7800

The vendor shall be responsible for subcontractors and their insurance.

All deductibles or self-insured retention shall appear on the certificate(s) and shall be subject to approval by the County. At the option of the County, the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductible or self-insured retention; or the vendor shall be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.

All insurance companies must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.

The County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money, which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor and/or subcontractor providing such insurance.

Failure to obtain and maintain such insurance as set out above will be considered a breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract for default.

Neither approval by the County of any insurance supplied by the vendor, nor a failure to disapprove that insurance, shall relieve the vendor of full responsibility of liability, damages, and accidents as set forth herein.

Section 1.9: Offer Guaranty/ Bid Bond

Not applicable to this solicitation.

Section 1.10: Delivery

As per specification in Section 2 – Statement of Work.

Section 1.11: Work Acceptance

This project will be inspected by an authorized representative of the County. This inspection shall be performed to determine acceptance of work, appropriate invoicing, and warranty conditions.

Section 1.12: Warranty

The vendor agrees that, unless expressly stated otherwise in the bid or proposal, the product and/or service furnished as a result of an award from this solicitation shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the vendor gives to any customer for comparable quantities of products and/or services and the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to said warranty and do not limit any right afforded to the County by any other provision of this solicitation.

Section 1.13.a: Delivery of Solicitation Response

Unless a package is delivered by the vendor in person, all incoming mail from the U.S. Postal Service and any package delivered by a third party delivery organization (Fed-X, UPS, DHL, private courier, etc) will be opened for security and contamination inspection by the Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court Mail Receiving Center in an off-site secure controlled facility prior to delivery to any Lake County Government facility, which includes the Lake County Department of Procurement Services.

To be considered for award, a bid or proposal must be received and accepted in the Procurement Services Office prior to the date and time established within the solicitation. Allow sufficient time for transportation and inspection.

Each package shall be clearly marked with the applicable solicitation number and title. Ensure that your bid or proposal is securely sealed in an opaque envelope/ package to provide

confidentiality of the bid or proposal prior to the solicitation closing.

If you plan on submitting your bid or proposal **IN PERSON**, please bring it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
315 W. MAIN STREET
4TH FLOOR, ROOM 416
TAVARES, FLORIDA

If you submit your bid or proposal by the **UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, (USPS)** please mail it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
PO BOX 7800
TAVARES, FL 32778-7800

If you submit your bid or proposal by a **THIRD PARTY CARRIER** such as Fed-X, UPS, or a private courier, please send it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
MAIL RECEIVING CENTER
416 W. MAIN STREET
TAVARES, FL 32778

Facsimile (fax) or electronic submissions (e-mail) will not be accepted.

Section 1.13.b: Completion Requirements for Invitation to Bid

ONE (1) signed ORIGINAL bid and ONE complete COPY of the bid submitted by the vendor shall be sealed and delivered to the Department of Procurement Services no later than the official bid opening date and time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the submitter. The County is not liable or responsible for any costs incurred by any Bidder in responding to this ITB including, without limitation, costs for product and/or service demonstrations if requested.

When you submit your bid, you are making a binding offer to the County and are agreeing to all of the terms and conditions in this Invitation to Bid. Use only the form(s) provided in this document. If you make any change to the content or format of any form, the County may disqualify your offer. All information shall be legible and either written in ink or typewritten/printed. If you make a correction or change on any document, the person signing the bid proposal must initial the change. The bid shall be manually signed in **BLUE INK** by an official authorized to legally bind the Bidder to its provisions.

COMPLETION OF BID PACKAGE: The vendor shall complete all required entries in Section 4 of the bid form such as, but not limited to, pricing pages, signature, certifications, references, and acknowledgement of any solicitation addenda. The vendor shall submit the entire

solicitation with all Section 4 entries completed in the number of copies specified to the address specified in provision 2.13.1 of this solicitation. The vendor shall also submit any supporting documents (to include proof of insurability and provision of bid bonds as required), samples, and/or descriptive literature required by any of the provisions in Section 2 of the solicitation in a separate sealed envelope / package marked "Literature for Bid (Number).". Do not indicate bid prices on literature.

Specific Completion Directions:

- Pricing shall be completed by inserting price per cu.yd. for grinding only, hauling & disposal only, grinding, hauling & disposal columns and by inserting the total price in the space provided in Section 4 of this ITB.
- Initial and date in **BLUE INK** the appropriate space(s) for each addendum you received for this ITB.
- Insert any prompt payment discount that you will offer. Note payment is NET 30 DAYS otherwise.
- Complete all certifications included within Section 4 of the solicitation.
- Complete the reference information sheets (include at least three references) contained within the solicitation.
- Complete the vendor information, and sign the bid (IN BLUE INK) in the spaces provided in Section 4 of the solicitation.
- If insurance is required, submit either a certificate of insurance, or evidence of insurability, that is in compliance with the stated insurance requirements.

Section 1.14: Additional Facilities may be Added

Although this solicitation and resultant contract identifies specific facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency facility may be added to this contract at the option of the County. When required by the pricing structure of the contract, vendor(s) under this contract shall be invited to submit price quotes for these additional facilities. If these quotes are determined to be fair and reasonable, then the additional work will be awarded to the current contract vendor(s) that offers the lowest acceptable pricing. The additional site(s) shall be added to this contract by formal modification.

The County may determine to obtain price quotes for the additional facilities from other vendors in the event that fair and reasonable pricing is not obtained from the current contract vendors, or for other reasons at the County's discretion.

Section 1.15: Business Hours of Operations

See section 2, Scope of Services.

Section 1.16: Clean-Up

All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the premises at the end of each workday, and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Upon final completion, the vendor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the associated user department's project manager.

The County's premises shall remain free from accumulation of materials that is to be used on the site and providing him or her with a copy of the Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) as required by the State and Federal law.

Any spillage of hazardous waste shall be reported immediately to the County's representative and cleaned up and properly disposed of by the vendor at the vendor's expense in accordance with all State and Federal Regulations.

Section 1.17: Compliance with Federal Standards

All items to be purchased under this contract shall be in accordance with all governmental standards, to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Section 1.18: Deletion of Facilities

Although this solicitation identifies specific facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency may delete service for any facility(ies) when such service is no longer required during the contract period; upon fourteen (14) calendar days written notice to the vendor.

Section 1.19: Demonstration of Equipment May Be Required During Evaluation

After receipt of offers by the County, the vendors may be required to demonstrate their specifically offered equipment to cognizant County personnel, at no separate cost. The purpose of this demonstration is to observe the equipment in an operational environment and to verify its capability, suitability, and adaptability in conjunction with the performance requirements stipulated in this solicitation. If a demonstration is required, the County will notify the vendor of such in writing and will specify the date, time and location of the demonstration. If the vendor fails to perform the demonstration on the specified date stipulated in the notice, the County may elect to reject that vendor's offer, or to re-schedule the demonstration, whichever action is determined to be in the best interests of the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the acceptability of the equipment in conformance with the specifications and its decision shall be final.

The equipment used for the demonstration shall be the same as the manufacturer's model

identified in the vendor's offer. Accordingly, the equipment used in the demonstration shall create an express warranty that the actual equipment to be provided by the vendor during the contract period shall conform to the equipment used in the demonstration. The vendor shall be required to provide adequate restitution to the County, in the manner prescribed by the County, if this warranty is violated during the term of the contract.

Section 1.20: Labor, Materials, and Equipment Shall be Supplied by the Vendor

Unless otherwise stated in this solicitation the vendor shall furnish all labor, material and equipment necessary for satisfactory contract performance. When not specifically identified in the technical specifications, such materials and equipment shall be of a suitable type and grade for the purpose. All material, workmanship, and equipment shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the County's Project Manager.

Section 1.21: Licenses, Permits and Fees

The vendor shall obtain and pay for all licenses, permits and inspection fees required for this project; and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations and building code requirements applicable to the work contemplated herein. Damages, penalties and or fines imposed on the County or the vendor for failure to obtain required licenses, permits, inspection fees, or inspections shall be borne by the vendor.

Section 1.22: Risk of Loss

The vendor assumes the risk of loss of damage to the County's property during possession of such property by the vendor, and until delivery to, and acceptance of, that property to the County. The vendor shall immediately repair, replace or make good on the loss or damage without cost to the County, whether the loss or damage results from acts or omissions (negligent or not) of the vendor or a third party.

The vendor shall indemnify and save the County harmless from any and all claims, liability, losses and causes of action which may arise out of the fulfillment of this contract. The vendor shall pay all claims and losses of any nature whatever in connection therewith, and shall defend all suits, in the name of the County when applicable, and shall pay all costs and judgments which may issue thereon.

Section 1.23: Superintendent Shall be Supplied by the Vendor

The vendor shall employ a competent superintendent who shall be in attendance at all times at the project site during the progress of work. The term "competent" includes an ability to be able to clearly communicate, orally and in writing, in English. The superintendent shall be the primary representative under this contract for the vendor. All authorized communications given to the superintendent by the County, and all contract-related decisions made by the

superintendent, shall be binding to the vendor. The superintendent shall be considered to be, at all times, an employee of the vendor under its sole direction and not an employee or agent of the County.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Lake County is seeking a vendor to grind on-site and mulch wood and yard waste received at the Lake County Landfill, 13130 County Landfill Road, Tavares, Florida 32778 and/or designated yard waste drop off facilities within Lake County. The final chipped/shredded product shall consist of pieces no longer than four inches. The addresses of the drop off facilities are 1200 Jackson Street, Lady Lake • Spring Creek Road, Paisley • Astor Transfer Station Road, Astor, • Longhouse Transfer Station Road, Clermont • Pine Lakes. See Attachment 1 map denoting the locations listed above.

Successful vendor shall provide pricing to transport and dispose of processed mulch if so elected by the County. The vendor shall grind and mulch yard debris consisting of logs and stumps and haul material to a properly permitted processing plant facility. All other yard waste material shall be loaded onto contractor owned transfer trailers. The mulch material shall be transferred to a County and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) approved site for disposal. The disposal site must be permitted and in full compliance with all federal, state and local regulations. The vendor supplied equipment shall be capable of processing yard and wood wastes, including construction debris.

The vendor shall be responsible for separating and removing all yard waste and waste materials that cannot be processed, such as concrete, metal, garbage, roofing, etc. The Lake County Solid Waste Management Facility (LCSWMF) shall dispose and remove such material that cannot be processed. The vendor may refuse mixed loads that contain foreign materials that cannot be processed.

The vendor shall provide the County with adequate documentation that the end-use or product of any wood wastes transported off-site is considered recycling by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and provide proof of proper disposal.

The hours open to the public for each facility are stated below.

1. The hours of operation for the Lake County Solid Waste Management Facility are from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
2. The days of the Lady Lake drop-off center are Tuesday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the Lady Lake drop-off center are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
3. The Paisley drop-off center days of operation are Wednesday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the Paisley drop-off center are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
4. The Astor drop-off center days of operation are Tuesday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the Astor drop-off center are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. The Loghouse drop-off center days of operation are Wednesday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the Loghouse drop-off center are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
6. Pine Lakes drop off center operation are Thursday & Saturday 7:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The landfill is closed every Sunday and on the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day only. Scheduled for the drop off sites shall be coordinated with the County. All drop-off centers are closed on Monday and Friday (with the exception of Lake County Solid Waste Management Facility). No work shall be done outside the above mentioned hours except when such work is necessary for the proper care and protection of the work already performed, and when permission to do such work is secured from the County Department representative. No overtime work shall be started without prior approval of the immediate project manager or his/her designated representative.

All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the premises and disposed of in compliance with the appropriate state and local government rules and regulations. Upon final completion, the vendor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the associated County's Department representative.

All work shall commence upon authorization from the County's authorized representative. The County will supply a schedule to the contractor after the award of this bid request.

The methods for disposal proposed by the bidder shall neither prevent not limit the County in selecting or modifying materials for disposal. If the bidder proposes equipment other than a grinder or chipper/shredder, the bidder must provide with their bid response a copy of the manufacturer's literature, including specifications of the equipment proposed.

All of the vendor's equipment utilized for this contract shall be:

1. In good operating condition and provided with all needed maintenance to sustain this condition for the duration of the contract.
2. Properly registered and insured in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Laws of Florida and in compliance with all federal, state and local safety regulations.
3. Subject to inspection and approval by the Count prior to the award.
4. In the event of any equipment failure involving fluid leakage or loss of fluid, the fluid shall be contained and reported to the designated County representative immediately. The report shall be followed up with a written detailed account of the damage. Clean up must be completed and area restored to pre-spill conditions.

The bid shall indicate the total cost per cubic yard to be charged by the vendor for material being processed. No start-up or initial operation costs are allowable. Measure of payment shall be based on the cubic yard measurement of the processed material, as agreed upon by both the contractor and the County.

The vendor's chipper/shredder/ grinder unit must be capable of producing at least 40,000 cubic yards of processed material per year. The vendor is encouraged to operate at times when the facility is not open to the public. All such operations shall be scheduled ahead of time and approved by a designated County representative.

The contract will be administered by Gary Debo, Environmental Services Department at phone number (352)343-3776 xt-1666. The vendor shall provide the County with periodic detailed invoices.

In the event of failure of the vendor to deliver services in accordance with the contract terms, after oral or written notice, the County may procure the services from other sources and hold the vendor responsible for any resulting additional costs.

In the event a contractor fails to perform a service satisfactorily, the County will immediately request the vendor to return and correct the services to a satisfactory level. The vendor shall return and correct the services upon such request. There will be no extra compensation to the vendor for corrected work.

3.1 DEFINITIONS

Addenda: A written change to a solicitation.

Bid: shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid.

Bidder: Shall refer to anyone submitting a bid in response to an Invitation to Bid.

Contract: The agreement to perform the services set forth in this solicitation. The contract will be comprised of the solicitation document signed by both parties with any addenda and other attachments specifically incorporated.

Contractor: The vendor to which award has been made.

County: Shall refer to Lake County, Florida.

Invitation to Bid (ITB): Shall mean this solicitation document, including any and all addenda. An ITB contains well-defined terms, conditions, and specifications, and is awarded to the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder.

Modification: A written change to a contract.

Responsive: Refers to a bid that contains no exceptions or deviations from the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in the Invitation to Bid.

Responsible: Refers to a bidder that has the capacity and capability to perform the work required under an Invitation to Bid, and is otherwise eligible for award.

Responsive: Refers to a bidder that has taken no exception or deviation from the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in an Invitation to Bid.

Solicitation: The written document requesting either bids or proposals from the marketplace.

Vendor: A general reference to any entity responding to this solicitation or performing under any resulting contract.

The County has established for purposes of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) that the words “shall”, “must”, or “will” are equivalent in this ITB and indicate a mandatory requirement or condition, the material deviation from which shall not be waived by the County. A deviation is material if, in the County’s sole discretion, the deficient response is not in substantial accord with this ITB’s mandatory requirements. The words “should” or “may” are equivalent in this ITB and indicate very desirable conditions, or requirements but are permissive in nature.

3.2 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**A. Bidder Qualification**

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the solicitation are encouraged to submit bids. Vendors may enroll with the County to be included on a mailing list for selected categories of goods and services. To be recommended for award the County requires that vendors provide evidence of compliance with the requirements below upon request:

1. Disclosure of Employment.
2. Disclosure of Ownership
3. Drug-Free Workplace
4. W-9 and 8109 Forms – The vendor must furnish these forms upon request as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
5. Social Security Number – The vendor must provide a copy of the primary owner’s social security card if the social security number is being used in lieu of the Federal Identification Number (F.E.I.N.).
6. Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.).
7. Conflict of Interest
8. Debarment Disclosure Affidavit.
9. Nondiscrimination
10. Family Leave.
11. Antitrust Laws – By acceptance of any contract, the vendor agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust laws.

B. Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public

entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

C. Request for Additional Information

Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the procurement representative identified in the solicitation no later than five (5) working days prior to the bid opening date. Such inquiries shall contain the requester’s name, address, and telephone number. If transmitted by facsimile, the request should also include a cover sheet with the bidder’s facsimile number.

The Office of Procurement Services may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to bid opening, which changes, adds to, or clarifies the terms, provisions, or requirements of the solicitation. The bidder should not rely on any representation, statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail. It is the bidder’s responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda, and any accompanying documentation, the bidder is required to submit with its bid a signed “Acknowledgment of Addenda” form, when any addenda have been issued. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid from being considered for award

D. Contents of Solicitation and Bidders’ Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the bidder to become thoroughly familiar with the requirements, terms, and conditions of this solicitation. Pleas of ignorance of these matters by the bidder will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County or the amount to be paid to the vendor.

E. Restricted Discussions

From the date of issuance of this solicitation until final County action, vendors should not discuss the solicitation or any part thereof with any employee, agent, or any other representative of the County except as expressly authorized by the designated procurement representative. The only communications that shall be considered pertinent to this solicitation are appropriately signed written documents from the vendor to the designated procurement representative and any relevant written document promulgated by the designated procurement representative.

F. Change or Withdrawal of Bids

Changes to Bid - Prior to bid opening, a bidder may change its bid by submitting a new bid as specified in the solicitation with a letter on the firm’s letterhead, signed by an authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain the letter and all information as required for submitting the original bid. No changes to a bid will be accepted after the bid opening date.

Withdrawal of Bid - A bid may be withdrawn, either physically or by written notice, at any time prior to the bid opening date. If withdrawn by written notice, that notice must be addressed to, and received by, the designated procurement representative prior to the bid opening date and time. A bid may also be withdrawn after expiration of the specified bid acceptance period, and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the designated procurement representative. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the bidder.

G. Conflicts within the Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Pricing Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Price Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions. It is incumbent upon the vendor to identify such conflicts to the designated procurement

representative prior to the bid or proposal response date.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

It is the policy of the County that payment for all purchases by County agencies shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments will be made on late payments in accordance with Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes, known as the Florida Prompt Payment Act. The bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation. Bidders are requested to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the signature page of the solicitation.

3.3 PREPARATION OF BIDS

- A. The Bid Pricing Section of this solicitation defines the goods or services to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the bid. Use of any other form or alteration of the form may result in the rejection of the bid.
- B. The bid submitted must be legible, and completed using typewriter, computer or ink. Any entry change must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the bid to be rejected.
- C. An authorized agent of the bidder's firm must sign the bid. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID MAY RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- D. The bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- E. The bidder may submit alternate bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate bid marked "Alternate Bid".
- F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.
- H. Any bid received after the stipulated bid opening date and time through no fault of the County will be considered late, and except under the most exceptional circumstances, not be considered for award.

3.4 CANCELLATION OF SOLICITATION

The County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any Invitation to Bid when it is in the best interest of the County.

3.5 AWARD

- A. Award may be made to the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive non-material irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County. This provision specifically supersedes any method of award criteria stated in the solicitation when such action is clearly necessary to protect the best interests of the County.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is determined that prices are excessive or determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.
- D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work is not amended.
- E. Award of this solicitation will only be made to firms that satisfy all necessary legal requirements to do business with the County. The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the bidder's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine the responsibility and capacity of the bidder to perform the requirements of this solicitation. Award of the contract resulting from this solicitation may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as

stipulated in the solicitation.

- F. The bidder's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the responsibility of a bidder that submitted a bid under this solicitation.
- G. The Director of Procurement Services will decide all tie bids with initial preference being given to the entity employing the most personnel residing within the County.

3.6 CONTRACT EXTENSION

The County has the unilateral option to extend a contract for up to ninety (90) calendar days beyond the current contract period. In such event, the County will notify the vendor(s) in writing of such extensions. The contract may be extended beyond the initial ninety (90) day extension upon mutual agreement between the County and the vendor(s). Exercise of the above options requires the prior approval of the Director of Procurement Services.

3.7 WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the vendor against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the vendor shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty period. The special conditions of the solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

3.8 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for bidder's guidance only. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollar value that will be used during the contract period. The County is not obligated to place any order for a given amount subsequent to the award of this solicitation. The County may use any stated estimated quantities in the award evaluation process. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other government, quasi-governmental or non-profit entities utilizing this contract. In no event shall the County be liable for payments in excess of the amount due for quantities of goods or services actually ordered.

3.9 NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is the intent of the County to enter into an agreement that will satisfy its needs as described within this solicitation. However, the County reserves the right as deemed in its best interest to perform, or cause to be performed, the work and services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit. In no case will the County be liable for billings in excess of the quantity of goods or services actually provided under this contract.

3.10 CONTINUATION OF WORK

Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the County and the vendor, continue until completion without change to the then current prices, terms and conditions.

3.11 PROTEST OF AWARD

A vendor wishing to protest any award decision resulting from this solicitation shall do as set forth in the County's Purchasing Procedure Manual. It is incumbent upon the vendor to be aware of the posting of any associated award recommendation. Any protest received after the actual contract award date may be rejected.

3.12 RULES, REGULATIONS AND LICENSES

The vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to provision of the goods and/or services specified in this solicitation.

3.13 SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, the vendor shall not

subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default.

3.14 ASSIGNMENT

The vendor shall not assign or transfer any contract resulting from this solicitation, including any rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County.

3.15 DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. Freight shall be included in the bid price.

3.16 RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employee(s) of the vendor shall be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County or any of its departments. The contractor shall provide employee(s) capable of performing the work as required. The County may require the contractor to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the contractor may be required to wear appropriate identification.

3.17 INDEMNIFICATION

The vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the vendor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The vendor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The vendor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the vendor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

3.18 COLLUSION

Where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a bid for the same contract, such bids shall be presumed to be collusive. The foregoing presumption may be rebutted by the presentation of evidence as to the extent of ownership, control and management of such related parties in preparation and submittal of such bids. Related parties shall mean bidder or the principals thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one bidder have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder for the same contract. Furthermore, any prior understanding, agreement, or connection between two (2) or more corporations, firms, or persons submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, services, or equipment shall also be presumed to be collusive. Bids found to be collusive shall be rejected. Bidders which have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible, and may be suspended or debarred, and any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

3.19 MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

Any contract resulting from this solicitation may be modified by mutual consent of duly authorized parties, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the contract and/or purchase order as appropriate. This presumes the modification itself is in compliance

with all applicable County procedures.

3.20 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this contract upon thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the vendor shall not incur any additional costs under this contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the vendor prior to notice of termination. The County shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

3.21 TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDING IN SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS

When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be cancelled and the vendor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred amortized in the price of the supplies or services/tasks delivered under the contract.

3.22 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or place the vendor on probation in the event the vendor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the vendor in accordance with the appropriate County ordinances, resolutions and/or administrative orders. The vendor will be notified by letter of the County's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement cost shall be borne by the vendor.

3.23 FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The County as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation or entity with such vendor held responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

3.24 ACCESS TO RECORDS

The County reserves the right to require the vendor to submit to an audit by any auditor of the County's choosing. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The vendor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for three (3) years following expiration of the Agreement. The vendor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

3.25 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes; the "Public Record Law." The bidder should not submit any information in response to this solicitation which the bidder considers proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with this solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any protection from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt or confidential under the Public Records Act.

3.26 CONTRACTING WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Any County employee or member of his or her immediate family seeking to contract with the County shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the procurement representative designated herein prior to submittal of a response or application of any type to

contract with the County. The affected employee shall disclose the employee's assigned function within the County and interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract.

3.27 INCURRED EXPENSES

This ITB does not commit the County to make an award nor shall the County be responsible for any cost or expense which may be incurred by any bidder in preparing and submitting a bid, or any cost or expense incurred by any bidder prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract agreement. By submitting a bid, the bidder also agrees that the County bears no responsibility for any costs of the bidder associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from this solicitation process.

3.28 COUNTY IS TAX-EXEMPT

The County is generally exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and all State of Florida sales and use taxes. Do not include any tax on any item or service. The County will sign an exemption certificate if submitted by the contractor.

Contractors doing business with the County are not exempt from paying sales tax to their suppliers for materials to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor shall any contractor be authorized to use any of the County's Tax Exemptions in securing such materials.

In the event the project is declared a sales tax recovery project by the County, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) The County representative shall make a recommendation to the Division of Procurement Services regarding the materials to be purchased;
- (b) When those materials are purchased by the County, all purchase orders shall be issued directly from Procurement Services;
- (c) The County shall take title to those materials directly from the manufacturer/supplier and shall bear the risk of loss or damage to the materials which are delivered directly from the manufacturer/ supplier;
- (d) The County shall be invoiced directly for the materials from the manufacturer/supplier and shall pay the invoices directly to the manufacturer/supplier, presenting its sales tax exemption certificate at the time of payment.

The cost of any materials purchased through the sales tax recovery program shall be deducted from the contract amount and the vendor shall no longer be responsible for providing those materials. A written change order shall be executed.

3.29 GOVERNING LAWS

The interpretation, effect, and validity of any contract(s) resulting from this ITB shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Florida, and Lake County, Florida. Venue of any court action shall be in Lake County, Florida. In the event that a suit is brought for the enforcement of any term of the contract, or any right arising there from, the parties expressly waive their respective rights to have such action tried by jury trial and hereby consent to the use of non-jury trial for the adjudication of such suit.

3.30 STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Any corporation submitting a bid in response to this ITB shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes. A copy of the registration/ application may be required prior to award of a contract. Any partnership submitting a bid in response to this ITB shall have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes. For additional information on these requirements, please contact the Florida Secretary of State's Office, Division of Corporations, 800.755.5111 (<http://www.dos.state.fl.us>).

3.31 PRIME CONTRACTOR

The vendor awarded the contract shall act as the prime contractor for all required items and services and shall assume full

responsibility for the procurement and maintenance of such items or services. The vendor shall be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all stipulations, including payment of all charges and meeting all requirements of this ITB. All subcontractors will be subject to advance review by the County in regards to competency and security concerns. After the award of the contract no change in subcontractors will be made without the consent of the County. The vendor shall be responsible for all insurance, permits, licenses, and related matters for any and all sub-contractors. Even if the subcontractor is self-insured, the County may require the contractor to provide any insurance certificates required by the work to be performed.

3.32 FORCE MAJEURE

The parties will exercise every reasonable effort to meet their respective obligations hereunder, but shall not be liable for delays resulting from force majeure or other causes beyond their reasonable control, including, but not limited to, compliance with any Government law or regulation, acts of nature, acts or omissions of the other party, Government acts or omissions, fires, strikes, national disasters, wars, riots, transportation problems and/or any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of the parties. Any such cause will extend the performance of the delayed obligation to the extent of the delay so incurred.

3.33 OTHER AGENCIES

With the consent of the vendor, other agencies may make purchases in accordance with the contract. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein with the exception of the change in agency name.

3.34 NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

No claim for damages or any claim other than for an extension of time shall be made or asserted against the County because of any delays. No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension, or delay in the commencement or progress of the Work shall relieve the vendor of duty to perform, or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the County. The vendor's sole remedy shall be the right to seek an extension to the contract time. However, this provision shall not preclude recovery of damages by the vendor for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith, or active interference on the part of the County.

3.35 TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

For all lump-sum or cost-plus fixed fee agreements exceeding \$150,000, the firm awarded the agreement must execute a truth in negotiation certificate stating that the wage rates and other factual unit costs are accurate, complete and current, at the time of contracting. Any agreement requiring this certificate shall contain a provision that the original agreement price and any additions shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which he owner determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such agreement adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the contract. Execution of this Agreement constitutes execution of the Truth in Negotiation Certificate.

3.36 GRANT FUNDING

In the event any part of the contract is to be funded by federal, state, or other local agency monies, the vendor hereby agrees to comply with all requirements of the funding entity applicable to the use of the monies, including full application of requirements involving the use of minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Vendors are advised that payments under the contract may be withheld pending completion and submission of all required forms and documents required of the vendor pursuant to the grant funding requirements. A copy of the requirements shall be supplied to the vendor by the County upon request.

ITB TITLE: MULCHING SERVICES

NOTES:

- Lake County is exempt from all taxes (Federal, State, Local). Pricing should be less all taxes. A Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished upon request.
- The vendor shall not alter or amend any of the information (including, but not limited to stated units of measure, item description, or quantity) stated in the Pricing Section. If any quantities are stated in the pricing section as being “estimated” quantities, vendors are advised to review the “Estimated Quantities” clause contained in Section 3 of this solicitation.
- Each price offered in your bid shall be a firm-fixed price, exclusive of any tax. Any bid containing a modifying or “escalator” clause not specifically allowed for under the solicitation will not be considered.
- All pricing shall be FOB Destination unless otherwise specified in this solicitation document.
- All pricing submitted shall remain valid for a 90 day period. By signing and submitting a response to this solicitation, the vendor has specifically agreed to this condition.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Part I or Part II, whichever applies

Part I:
The bidder must list below the dates of issue for each addendum received in connection with this ITB: Addendum #1, Dated: _____ Addendum #2, Dated: _____ Addendum #3, Dated: _____ Addendum #4, Dated: _____
Part II:
<input type="checkbox"/> No Addendum was received in connection with this ITB.

PRICING SECTION 1

Ln.	Location	Unit	Range of Quantity	Price per Cu.Yd. for Grinding Only	Price per Cu.Yd. for Hauling & Disposal Only	Price per Cu.Yd. for Grinding, Hauling & Disposal
Processed Material per the following specifications at the Residential Drop Off Centers.						
1	LCSWMF	Cubic Yards	0 – 1,000			
2	LCSWMF	Cubic Yards	1,001 – 5,000			
3	LCSWMF	Cubic Yards	5,001 – <			
4	Lady Lake	Cubic Yards	0 – 1,000			
5	Lady Lake	Cubic Yards	1,001 – 5,000			
6	Lady Lake	Cubic Yards	5,001 – <			
7	Paisley	Cubic Yards	0 – 1,000			
8	Paisley	Cubic Yards	1,001 – 5,000			
9	Paisley	Cubic Yards	5,001 – <			
10	Astor	Cubic Yards	0 – 1,000			
11	Astor	Cubic Yards	1,001 – 5,000			
12	Astor	Cubic Yards	5,001 – <			
13	Loghouse	Cubic Yards	0 – 1,000			
14	Loghouse	Cubic Yards	1,001 – 5,000			
15	Loghouse	Cubic Yards	5,001 – <			
16	Pine Lakes	Cubic Yards	0 – 1,000			
17	Pine Lakes	Cubic Yards	1,001 – 5,000			
18	Pine Lakes	Cubic Yards	5,001 – <			
TOTAL PRICE FOR GRINDING, HAULING & DISPOSAL						

The vendor shall provide the County with adequate documentation that the end-use or product of any wood wastes transported off-site is considered recycling by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and provide proof of proper disposal.

Work to be completed within _____ weeks from notice to proceed.

Equipment proposed. Supply manufacturer, model number and year of equipment. A copy of the manufacturer’s literature is requested.

_____ Manufacturer	_____ Model Number	_____ Year
-----------------------	-----------------------	---------------

_____ Manufacturer	_____ Model Number	_____ Year
-----------------------	-----------------------	---------------

“Additional space provided in Attachment 2 of this solicitation”

By Signing This Bid the Bidder Attests and Certifies That:

- It satisfies all legal requirements (as an entity) to do business with the County.
- The undersigned vendor acknowledges that award of a contract may be contingent upon a determination by the County that the vendor has the capacity and capability to successfully perform the contract.
- The bidder hereby certifies that it understands all requirements of this solicitation, and that the undersigned individual is duly authorized to execute this bid document and any contract(s) and/or other transactions required by award of this solicitation.

Additional Certifications Requiring Completion:

Purchasing Agreements with Other Government Agencies

This section is optional and will not affect contract award. If Lake County awarded you the proposed contract, would you sell under the same terms and conditions, for the same price, to other governmental agencies in the State of Florida? Each governmental agency desiring to accept to utilize this contract shall be responsible for its own purchases and shall be liable only for materials or services ordered and received by it. Yes No (Check one)

Certification Regarding Felony Conviction

Has any officer, director, or executive of the bidding entity been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years? Yes No (Check one)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Certification

Except as listed below, no employee, officer, or agent of the firm has any conflicts of interest, real or apparent, due to ownership, other clients, contracts, or interests associated with this project; and, this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Exceptions: _____

General Vendor Information and Proposal Signature:	
Firm Name:	_____
Street Address:	_____
Mailing Address (if different):	_____
Telephone No.:	_____ Fax No.: _____ E-mail: _____
FEIN No. _____ - _____	Prompt Payment Terms: _____ % _____ days, net _____

Signature:

General Vendor Information and Proposal Signature:	
Firm Name:	_____
Street Address:	_____
Mailing Address (if different):	_____
Telephone No.:	_____ Fax No.: _____ E-mail: _____
FEIN No. _____ - _____	Prompt Payment Terms: _____ % _____ days, net _____

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED

Attachment 1: Map of Drop-Off Centers

Attachment 2: Equipment List

Attachment 3: Work References

WORK REFERENCES

#1 Agency	
Address	
City,State,ZIP	
Contact Person	
Telephone	
Date(s) of Service	
Type of Service	
Comments:	

#1 Agency	
Address	
City,State,ZIP	
Contact Person	
Telephone	
Date(s) of Service	
Type of Service	
Comments:	

#1 Agency	
Address	
City,State,ZIP	
Contact Person	
Telephone	
Date(s) of Service	
Type of Service	
Comments:	