



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

TREE REMOVAL, TRIMMING AND RELATED SERVICES

RFP Number:	13-0415	Contracting Officer:	Sandra Rogers
Proposal Due Date:	December 5, 2012	Pre-Proposal Conference Date:	November 6, 2012 11:00 AM
Proposal Due Time:	3:00 PM	RFP Issue Date:	October 29, 2012

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SPECIFIC SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS ARE AS NOTED BELOW:	
Proposal and/or Performance Bond:	Not applicable to this solicitation
Certificate of Competency/License:	Section 1.15
Indemnification/Insurance:	Section 1.8
Pre-Proposal Conference/Walk-Thru:	Section 1.4

At the date and time specified above, all proposals that have been received in a timely manner will be opened, recorded, and accepted for consideration. The names of the vendors submitting proposals will be read aloud and recorded. The proposals will be available for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of Procurement Services thirty (30) calendar days after the due date. When counter-signed by an authorized County representative, this document and any specifically identified attachments may form the contract document binding the parties to all performance specified herein.

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

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 no more than three (3) contract(s) for tree removal, trimming, and related services in conjunction with County's requirements on an as needed basis. This service shall take place in various locations throughout Lake County. Tree removal, trimming, and related services encompasses the removal of trees, trimming of trees, stump grinding, stump removal, installation of top soil and sod, debris clean up and disposal, spraying for disease or insects, as well as technical assistance. The work shall comply with all specifications within this Request for Proposal.

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. To ensure reply, questions should be submitted no later than five (5) working days before the proposal due date.

Sandra Rogers, Contracting Officer
Lake County BCC
Office of Procurement Services
315 W. Main Street, Room 441
PO BOX 7800
Tavares, FL 32778-7800
Phone : 352.343.9765 Fax : 352.343.9473
E-mail: srogers@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 Office of Procurement Services.

Section 1.3: Method of Award

The County intends to award a contract to (up to) three (3) responsible vendors based on technical capability and capacity, and relative pricing, as evidenced by the responding vendor's proposal. To be considered a "responsible" proposer under this solicitation, the vendor must meet the following qualification standards:

1. Must have been successfully performing similar projects for the last five years.
2. Must currently hold all required licenses\certifications for the project described in this RFP, including a State of Florida pesticide applicators license.
3. Have an assigned Safety Officer that holds monthly safety meetings.
4. Validate degree to which the proposer incorporates Lake County-based employees or subcontractors within their operational plan.
5. Have access to the proper equipment and personnel needed to complete the project. A list of the equipment and personnel to accomplish the work outlined within this proposal

shall be included with the proposal response. The vendor shall have the minimum of the following equipment and personnel:

- a. Two (2) of the following equipment items– If the vendor has a quantity available greater than the minimum required, they should include this in their list. The list shall be submitted with the vendor’s RFP including a minimum of the following:
 1. Bucket truck and /or Man Lift capable of reaching the required heights
 2. Chipper
 3. Stump grinder
 4. Standard pickup truck

- b. Two (2) Crews, each consisting of the following – If the vendor has a quantity available greater than the minimum required, they should include this in their list. The list shall be submitted with the vendor’s RFP including a minimum of the following:
 1. One foreman
 2. One bucket person
 3. One ground person
 4. Two flagmen

Section 1.4: Pre-Proposal Conference

There shall be a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference held on November 6 at 11:00 am in the Procurement Services’ Office, 315 W. Main Street, Suite 441, Tavares, Florida.

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

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 Office of Procurement Services; and is contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required pre-award documents. The initial contract term shall be twenty four (24) 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 for Four (4) Additional One (1) Year Period(s)

Prior to, or upon completion, of the initial term of this contract, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for four (4) additional one (1) year period(s). Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the County may consider an adjustment to the price based on changes as

published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov>), CPI and Wage and Benefits Calculators. It is the vendor's responsibility to request in writing any pricing adjustment under this provision. The vendor's written request for adjustment should be submitted thirty (30) calendar days 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 1.6.1: Price Redetermination - Fuel

If the below-identified price index for fuel (gas and/or diesel as applicable to the vendor's operation) increases by ten percent (10%) or more from the base index as defined below, the vendor may petition the Procurement Services Director in writing for an appropriate increase in the contract price(s). Any increase in the contract price(s) will be applied considering the relation of fuel cost to the contractor's total cost for the contracted product or service.

If the Procurement Services Director grants any increase in any contract price based upon this clause, the increased price(s) may be adjusted downward on a unilateral basis by the County if the fuel index(es) used to support any previous increase then decrease by ten percent (10%) or more. Any such decrease will be based on the calculations submitted by the vendor pertaining to any previous price increase.

Any price re-determination will be solely based upon the percentage change between the base index and the current month index as documented by the:

State of Florida Department of Management Services

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/vendor_information/state_contracts_agreements_and_price_lists/state_term_contracts/bulk_fuel_gasoline_and_diesel for unleaded gas, Florida PAD 1, Orlando

The base index will be the index number for the month prior to the due date of the solicitation. The current month index will be the last month's index published before the request for a price re-determination is made.

The vendor shall provide (in writing) a cost analysis as described below for each contract price for which the vendor is requesting adjustment. This analysis must include the percentage increase calculation between the base and current month indices; a clear and detailed representation of the fuel cost component of any contract price for which an adjustment is

requested; and a calculation showing the original contract price, the requested adjustment, and the proposed revised price. As an example: if the fuel index increases by twelve percent (12%) and the fuel cost accounts for ten percent (10%) of the cost of the product or service, then the contract price may be increased by 1.2% ($0.12 * 0.10$). The vendor may submit additional clarifying or justifying information for the County's consideration. Failure to provide sufficient detail in the manner described above shall result in rejection of the vendor's request for pricing adjustment.

This clause may be used in addition to any other price redetermination clause in this invitation/contract.

Section 1.7: Method of Payment

The vendor(s) shall submit invoices to the County user department(s) after each individual service has been completed. In addition to the general invoice requirements set forth below, the invoices shall reference, as applicable, the corresponding delivery ticket number, packing slip number, or other acceptance document that was signed by an authorized representative of the County user department at the time the items were delivered and accepted. Submittal of these periodic invoices shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the delivery of the goods or services. Under no circumstances shall the invoices be submitted to the County in advance of the delivery and acceptance of the items.

All invoices shall contain the contract and/or purchase order number, date and location of delivery or service. Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed 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 in effect prior to a purchase order or contract being executed by the County.]

An original 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 must be received and accepted by the County prior to contract execution and/or 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, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and which are acceptable to the County, 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. The vendor is responsible for timely

provision of certificate(s) of insurance to the County at the certificate holder address evidencing conformance with the contract requirements at all times throughout the term of the contract.

Such policies of insurance, and confirming certificates of insurance, shall insure the vendor is in accordance with the following minimum limits:

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

Each Occurrence/General Aggregate	\$1,000,000/2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations	\$2,000,000
Personal & Adv. Injury	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage	\$50,000
Medical Expense	\$5,000
Contractual Liability	Included

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

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000
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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.

Employers Liability insurance with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Accident	\$1,000,000
Disease-Each Employee	\$1,000,000
Disease-Policy Limit	\$1,000,000

Professional liability and/or specialty insurance (medical malpractice, engineers, architect, consultant, environmental, pollution, errors and omissions, etc.) insurance as applicable, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 and annual aggregate of \$2,000,000.

The following additional coverage must be provided if a dollar value is inserted below:

Loss of Use at coverage value: \$ _____
Garage Keepers Liability at coverage value: \$ _____

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 all applicable liability insurance policies.

The certificate(s) of insurance, shall provide for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to the County of any change, cancellation, or nonrenewal of the provided insurance. It is the vendor's specific responsibility to ensure that any such notice is provided within the stated timeframe to the certificate holder.

If it is not possible for the Vendor to certify compliance, on the certificate of insurance, with all of the above requirements, then the Vendor is required to provide a copy of the actual policy endorsement(s) providing the required coverage and notification provisions.

Certificate(s) of insurance shall identify the applicable solicitation (ITB/RFP/RFQ) 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

Certificates of insurance shall evidence a waiver of subrogation in favor of the County, that coverage shall be primary and noncontributory, and that each evidenced policy includes a Cross Liability or Severability of Interests provision, with no requirement of premium payment by the County.

The Vendor shall be responsible for subcontractors and their insurance. Subcontractors are to provide certificates of insurance to the prime vendor evidencing coverage and terms in accordance with the Vendor's requirements.

All self-insured retentions 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 self-insured retentions, or the vendor or subcontractor shall be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.

The County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money, which may represent a deductible or self-insured retention in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible or self-insured retention shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor and/or sub contractor 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 or Subcontractor(s), nor a failure to disapprove that insurance, shall relieve the vendor or Subcontractor(s) of full responsibility for liability, damages, and accidents as set forth herein.

Section 1.9: Delivery and Completion of Solicitation Response**Section 1.9.1: 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 (FedEx, 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 Office of Procurement Services.

To be considered for award, a bid or proposal must be received and accepted in the Office of Procurement Services prior to the date and time established within the solicitation. A response will not be considered for award if received in the Office of Procurement Services after the official due date and time regardless of when or how it was received by the Lake County Clerk of Court Mail Receiving Center. Allow sufficient time for transportation and inspection.

Each package shall be clearly marked with the applicable solicitation number, title, and company name. 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 due date of the solicitation.

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 441
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 FedEx, UPS, or a private courier, please send it to:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
MAIL RECEIVING CENTER
32400 COUNTY ROAD 473
LEESBURG, FL 34788

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

Section 1.9.2 Proposal Submittal

The vendor shall provide one (1) original and one (1) copy of the following items and shall be included and submitted with your proposal:

- Tab A. RFP Coversheet completed.
- Tab B. Statement of Interest – to be submitted on the firm’s letterhead and include the following:
1. Concisely state the firm’s understanding of the services required by the County.
 2. Include additional relevant information not requested elsewhere in the RFP.
 3. The signature on the statement shall be that of a person authorized to represent and bind the firm.
- Tab C. Vendor Profile Form. Also attach copy of Federal Identification Number and Business License(s). In addition to this general information requested on the form, identify and attach a resume proposed to be assigned to this project. Vendor shall indicate the degree to which the proposer incorporates Lake County based employees or subcontracts within the operational plan.
- Tab D. Similar Projects Form. Reference similar work efforts (at least five (5) verifiable) performed by your firm within the last three (3) years, to other public sector organizations in the State of Florida; County entities preferred. Examples should best illustrate current qualifications relevant to this project. (Make copies of this form as needed.)
- Tab E. Work Reference Form. Provide at least three (3) recent references where the proposed product/service has been used within the past three (3) years. Please use the attached form.
- Tab F. Pricing/Certifications/Signature Forms. Complete and sign Section 4 Forms attached.
- Tab G. Proof of Insurance. Provide either a completed Accord form or a signed letter from your insurance agency on its letterhead stating that you have or can get the required insurance coverage.
- Tab H. Financial Stability. Each proposer shall certify and provide a statement that it is financially stable and have the necessary resources, human and financial, to provide the services at the level required by County. Each proposer shall be prepared to supply a financial statement upon request. Provide clear and succinct information that will provide insight to the

County about the financial qualifications, fitness and stability of the proposer.

- Tab I. Each proposer shall provide a complete list of equipment and personnel being utilize for this project with a minimum shown as specified in 1.3 Method of Award.

Section 1.10: Bonding Requirements

Not applicable to this solicitation

Section 1.11: Special Notice to Vendors Regarding Federal and/or State Requirements

This purchase action could be supported in whole or in part by Federal and/or State funding during a disastrous event. Therefore, this solicitation and any resulting contract include provisions related to various specific federal and/or state requirements, see Section 5, Attachment G. All such clauses shall be considered and treated as “flow-down” clauses that shall be considered applicable to any prime contract and any subcontract associated with performance under the contract(s) resulting from this solicitation. Detailed review of all terms and conditions included in this solicitation is strongly encouraged to ensure that full compliance with all contractual requirements is considered during the solicitation response process, and throughout performance under the contract, at prime contractor and subcontractor levels. Upon award of a contract resulting from this solicitation, **the vendor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of:**

- 1) All persons employed by the vendor during the term of the contract to perform employment duties within Lake County; and
- 2) All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the vendor to perform work pursuant to the contract.

Section 1.12: Local Office Shall be Available

The vendor shall maintain an office within the geographic boundaries of Central Florida (defined as Lake, Osceola, Orange, Seminole, Volusia, Marion, Polk, and Sumter Counties). This office shall be staffed by a competent company representative who can be contacted during normal working hours and who is authorized to discuss matters pertaining to the contract.

The County reserves the right to perform an inspection of the local office during the offer evaluation period, and any time during the term of the contract, and to use this inspection as a means for determining the qualifications of the vendor to which award will be made under this solicitation. The acceptability of the size, location, and overall functionality of the service facility shall be determined by the County in consideration of the contract requirements. The County’s best interests shall prevail in this regard, and the decision of the County in this regard shall be final.

Section 1.13: Standards

Unless otherwise specified, the standard specifications to be used for the work shall be as follows:

FDOT “STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION,” 2010 edition or FDOT “ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC DESIGN STANDARDS,” 2002 (or latest edition), or FDOT “MANUAL OF UNIFORM MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS,” 2002 (or latest edition), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) “MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD),” 2009 (or latest edition), and all supplemental specifications thereto.

Section 1.14: Availability of Contract to Other County Departments

Although this solicitation is specific to a County Department, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency may avail itself of this contract and purchase any and all items specified herein from the vendor(s) at the contract price(s) established herein. Under these circumstances, a contract modification shall be issued by the County identifying the requirements of the additional County department(s).

Section 1.15: Certificate of Competency/Licensure, Permits, and Fees

Any person, firm, corporation or joint venture that submits an offer in response to a County solicitation shall, at the time of such offer, hold a valid Certificate of Competency or appropriate current license issued by the State or County Examining Board qualifying said person, firm, corporation or joint venture to perform the work proposed. If work for other trades is required in conjunction with this solicitation and will be performed by a sub-contractor(s) or vendor(s) hired by the prime/responding vendor, an applicable Certificate of Competency/license issued to the sub-contractor(s)/hired vendor(s) shall be submitted with the prime/responding vendor’s offer; provided, however, that the County may at its option and in its best interest allow the prime/responding vendor to supply the sub contractor(s)/hired vendor(s) certificate/license to the County during the offer evaluation period. The prime/responding vendor is responsible to ensure that all required licenses, permits, and fees (to include any inspection fees) required for this project are obtained and paid for, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building or other 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 or other fees, or inspections shall be borne by the vendor.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The purpose of this solicitation is to establish contract(s) for tree removal, trimming, and related services as needed at various locations within Lake County. The vendor shall be responsible for the following services:

- Tree removal
- Tree trimming
- Stump grinding
- Stump removal
- Installation of top soil and sod
- Debris clean up and disposal
- Spraying for disease or insects
- Technical assistance
- Other work as related to tree services

This is an indefinite quantity contract with no guarantee that services will be required. The County does not guarantee a minimum or maximum dollar amount to be expended on any contract(s) resulting from this RFP. The estimated quantities cited in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/Signatures, Pricing Section are only estimates and the County may use any quantities to best suit the needs that may arise throughout the term of this agreement.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The vendor shall be experienced with the type of work requested in this solicitation in order to complete the tasks assigned in accordance with the specifications within this document, and as directed by the Project Manager. The vendor shall have the ability and the equipment to complete all work within the specified time.
2. The County uses a Project Order form (Section 5, Attachment E) that shall be e-mailed (preferred) or faxed to the vendor. The form shall include items, such as but not limited to: the date, location, species of tree(s), size of tree(s), and other details of the work to be done as requested by the Project Manager. No work shall commence without the issuance of this form except in the case of an emergency. If an emergency occurs, the Project Manager may give the vendor the authority to start the work without the form. If this occurs, the Project Manager shall issue the form at the earliest convenient time.
3. The vendor shall base the cost for this service according to the conditions on the Project Order form and the pricing established in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/Signatures, Pricing Section. This cost shall be all inclusive to include all items, such as but not limited to: Maintenance of Traffic (MOT), equipment, materials, disposal, and labor to complete the tasks as outlined.
4. If the vendor feels that there is a discrepancy with any of the items stated on the Project Order form, they shall report to the Project Manager and request an onsite visit. The

Project Manager and the vendor shall then meet on site to discuss the differences. If any adjustments are agreed to, the Project Manager shall re-issue the Project Order form with the corrections. The vendor shall then commence with the work.

5. The vendor's acceptance of the Project Order form shall guarantee a not to exceed price for the work to be performed. No change orders, modification of quantities, or addition of line items will be provided after acceptance is provided for the performance of work under the original scope. A new Project Order form will be provided for work differing from the original scope of work documents.
6. The vendor shall have ten (10) business days from receipt of the Project Order form to complete the work unless otherwise approved by the Project Manger.
7. The vendor shall submit a schedule to the Project Manager within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the Project Order form showing the date when the work is to be completed. If for any reason there is a variation of this schedule, the vendor shall contact the Project Manager by e-mail (preferred method) or fax no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day the work was to be completed.
8. The vendor shall be fully responsible for maintaining in good condition all items that are not being removed, such as but not limited to: existing trees, turf, and shrubs situated within the designated right-of-way and on private property adjacent to the area(s) designated on the Project Order form.
9. All services performed as part of this RFP shall be completed using the best practices methods as set forth by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or to the specifications here within, whichever is more stringent.
10. If any service is anticipated to take place on adjoining private property, the vendor shall contact the owner to get permission to enter the property. The vendor shall also complete, sign, and get the property owner signature on the "Right of Entry Statement" as shown in Section 5, Attachment F. The original of this completed form shall accompany the invoice when submitted.
11. The vendor shall guard against tree damage. Climbing irons, spurs, and spikes are permitted only during the complete removal of a tree, and not during any service or limb removal, unless previously agreed upon by the Project Manager. Any tree damage caused by the vendor shall be repaired at no cost to the County and to the satisfaction of the Project Manager. If the tree dies due to the actions of the vendor, the vendor shall be required to promptly replace the tree with one of equal diameter and growth, or to compensate the County for the loss of the tree in an amount determined by the County to be the fair market value of the damaged tree.
12. The vendor shall notify the Project Manager of the completion of each work request within twenty-four (24) hours. The Project Manager, at their discretion, shall inspect the project and acknowledge that the job has been completed satisfactorily.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Measurement/Special Conditions

- a. All measurements shall be taken, when possible, at “diameter breast height” (DBH) or approximately four and one-half (4 ½) feet above the ground. If for some reason the measurement cannot be taken at this height, it shall be taken at a location as close as possible to this height. When there is a multi-trunked tree that is branching from the main trunk or the root system below DBH, each trunk is to be considered a separate tree. If the tree is considered a multi-trunk, the stump will be measured at the point that the split occurs.
- b. Hazardous conditions are defined as trees within or over the top of overhead electrical lines or over buildings. Objects, such as but not limited to: fences, playgrounds, and roads, are not considered hazardous conditions as part of this RFP and no hazard pay shall be given for these items. It shall be noted on Project Order form if the tree qualifies as a hazardous condition.
- c. **Any discrepancy of the size of the tree or if the tree qualifies as a hazard removal, shall be clarified between the vendor and Project Manager before any work has been started. If the vendor chooses to start the work before the item has been clarified, the vendor agrees to invoice according the conditions as stated on the Project Order form and shall be compensated as such.**
- d. The bid prices shall include the removal and proper disposal of all debris resulting from the services as part of this RFP. The vendor shall rake the area, removing and properly disposing of tree sections, limbs greater than one-quarter (¼) inch in circumference, bark, leaves, and other related debris. The County reserves the right to request that some or all of the debris be left on the site for use by the County.

2. Tree Removal:

- a. The removal of trees shall be accomplished by removing and safely lowering to the ground, suitable sized sections of limbs and trunks, starting at the top and working progressively downward to the ground. All cuts shall be completed in a manner that will prevent free, rapid, and uncontrolled descent of the portion being removed.
- b. The main trunk shall be cut off at or near the ground surface at the direction of the Project Manger.
- c. The following size classification shall be used so that a cost for the work can be assessed to the County. Cost for this service shall be priced separately for each size category as outlined in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/ Signatures, Pricing Section.
 1. Trees with a DBH of 0” to 6”
 2. Trees with a DBH of 7” to 12”
 3. Trees with a DBH of 13” to 20”
 4. Trees with a DBH of 21” to 27”

5. Trees with a DBH of 28” to 35”
6. Trees with a DBH of 36” to 44”
7. Trees with a DBH of 45” to 54”
8. Trees with a DBH of 55” to 60”
9. Trees with a DBH of 61” or greater

3. Stump Grinding:

When specified by the Project Manager, the stump and major roots appearing at or above the surface of the ground shall be removed by means of chipping equipment designed specifically for this purpose.

- a. When “stump grinding with no sod” is requested, the stump and associated roots shall be ground to a depth of six (6) inches below the surface of the soil. The resulting wood chips shall be tamped for compression. When completed, a mound of wood chips shall be left at three (3) inches above the surrounding grade.
- b. When “stump grinding with sod” is requested, the stump and associated roots shall be ground to a minimum of eight (8) inches below surface of the surrounding grade. The wood chips resulting from the grinding shall be removed. The resulting hole shall be filled with suitable topsoil and shall be adequately compacted to prevent settling. If settling does occur, it shall be the responsibility of the vendor to refill and compact the area again. Sod of the same type that matches the surrounding area shall then be installed on all disturbed areas. No overlapping of the sod shall be allowed. The edge of the new sod shall be “toed in” so that it is level and even with the matt of the existing turf.
- c. Cost for this service shall be priced separately for each size category as outlined in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/ Signatures, Pricing Section.

4. Stump Removal: When specified by the Project Manager, the stump and the associated roots shall be removed by a means other than blasting or pushing out with a bulldozer.

- a. Cost for stump removal shall be priced separately with the proposal for each size category as outlined in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/ Signatures, Pricing Section.
- b. When “removal with no sod required” is ordered, the resulting hole shall be filled with suitable topsoil and shall be adequately compacted to prevent settling. If settling does occur, it shall be the responsibility of the vendor to refill and compact again. The finished product shall match the existing surrounding grade.
- c. When “removal with sod is required” is ordered, the resulting hole shall be filled with suitable topsoil and shall be adequately compacted to prevent settling. If settling does occur, it shall be the responsibility of the vendor to refill and compact again. Sod of the same type that matches the surrounding area shall then be installed on all disturbed areas. No overlapping of the sod shall be allowed. The edge of the new sod shall be “toed in” so that it is level and even with the matt of the existing turf.

- d. Cost for this service shall be priced separately for each size category as outlined in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/ Signatures, Pricing Section.

5. Tree Trimming:

- a. All tree trimming classifications shall include trimming for clearance elevation to be a minimum of fourteen (14) feet above roadways and seven (7) feet above sidewalks.
- b. The vendor shall provide an even taper when cutting between the different clearance heights from sidewalks to roadways.
- c. Tree trimming classifications are as follows:
 1. Class I fine trimming shall consist of removal of dead, dying or diseased, interfering, objectionable, obstructing and weak branches, as well as selective thinning to lessen wind resistance. The removal of such described branches shall include those on the main trunks, as well as those inside the leaf area. An occasional branch, down to a minimum size of one-half (1/2) inch in diameter, as described above, may remain with the leaf area to its full length when it is not practical to remove it.
 2. Class II medium trimming shall consist of removal of dead, dying or diseased, interfering, objectionable, obstructing, and weak branches, as well as selective thinning to lessen wind resistance. The removal of such described branches shall include those on the main trunks, as well as those inside the leaf area. An occasional branch, down to a minimum size of one (1) inch in diameter, as described above, may remain with the leaf area to its full length when it is not practical to remove it.
 3. Class III coarse trimming shall consist of removal of dead, dying or diseased, interfering, objectionable, obstructing, and weak branches, as well as selective thinning to lessen wind resistance. The removal of such described branches shall include those on the main trunks, as well as those inside the leaf area. An occasional branch, down to two (2) inches in diameter, as described above, may remain with the leaf area to its full length when it is not practical to remove it.
 4. Palm Tree Trimming: All palm fronds that are below a line parallel with the ground shall be removed from the tree. Any dead fronds, whether or not below the line parallel to the ground, shall be removed. Removal of the fronds shall be done in such a way as to not damage the tree. The cut shall be smooth and void of any signs of tearing or breaking.
 5. Cost for all trimming services shall be a fixed cost per tree as outlined in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/ Signatures, Pricing Section.

6. Spraying

- a. At the direction of the County, the vendor may be asked to spray trees to eliminate a pest or a disease. The vendor will provide the proper chemical needed to eradicate the pest or disease that is distressing the tree.
- b. When a chemical is used, it shall be applied according to the manufacturer's specifications. The person applying the herbicide shall have, or be under the supervision of someone that has, the proper State of Florida Pesticide Applicators License. A copy of this license shall be supplied to the Project Manager upon request. The vendor shall keep a log of all chemicals used and a copy shall be supplied to the Project Manager. This log shall contain the following information:
 1. The type of herbicide
 2. The manufacture of the product
 3. The mixture rate used
 4. The application rate used
 5. The application location
 6. The application date and time
 7. The weather conditions at the time of the application
- c. Any chemical used for spraying of pest or disease shall be environmentally safe and pre-approved by the Project Manager prior to any use.
- d. Spraying shall only occur when the winds are favorable for such activities so that there will not be drift to non-target vegetation in the vicinity.

3.1 DEFINITIONS

Addenda: A written change to a solicitation.

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

Contractor: The vendor to whom award has been made.

County: Shall refer to Lake County, Florida.

Modification: A written change to a contract.

Proposal: Shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to a Request for Proposal.

Proposer: Shall refer to anyone submitting an offer in response to a Request for Proposal.

Request for Proposal (RFP): Shall mean this solicitation documentation, including any and all addenda. An RFP involves evaluation of proposals, and award may be made on a best value basis with price, technical, and other factors considered.

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 Request for Proposal (RFP) that the words “shall”, “must”, or “will” indicate an essential requirement or condition which may not be waived.

3.2 INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**A. Proposer 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 proposals. 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 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 work 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 proposal due date. Such inquiries or request for information shall be submitted to the procurement representative in writing and shall contain the requester’s name, address, and telephone number. The

Procurement Services office may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, which changes or clarifies the terms, provisions, or requirements of the solicitation. The proposer 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 proposer’s responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda and any accompanying documentation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the proposal from being considered for award.

D. Contents of Solicitation and Proposers’ Responsibilities

The proposer shall become thoroughly familiar with the requirements, terms, and conditions of this solicitation. Pleas of ignorance of these matters by the proposer of conditions that exist or may exist will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County, or the compensation to be paid.

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 Proposals

1. Changes to Proposal- Prior to the scheduled due date, a proposer may change its proposal by submitting a new proposal 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 proposal.

2. Withdrawal of Proposal – A proposal shall be irrevocable unless the proposal is withdrawn as provided herein. A proposal may be withdrawn, either physically or by written notice, at any time prior to the proposal due date. If withdrawn by written notice, that notice must be addressed to, and received by, the designated procurement representative prior to the designated receipt date and time. A proposal may also be withdrawn after expiration of the designated acceptance period, and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the designated procurement representative. The letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the proposer.

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 Proposal 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 proposal due 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 proposer may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during proposal evaluation.

3.3 PREPARATION OF PROPOSALS

- A. The Pricing Section of this solicitation defines requirements of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the proposal. Use of any other form or alteration of the form may result in rejection of the proposal.
- B. The proposal submitted must be legible. Bidders shall use typewriter, computer or ink. All changes 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 proposers firm must sign the proposal. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL MAY BE CAUSE TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL.**
 - D. The proposer may submit alternate proposal(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate proposal must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate proposal marked "Alternate Proposal".
 - E. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.
 - F. Any proposal received after the designated receipt date through no fault or error of the County will be considered late, and, except under the most exceptional circumstances, may not be considered for award

3.4 COLLUSION

Where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a proposal for the same contract, such proposals shall be presumed to be collusive. Related parties shall mean proposer or the principals thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another proposer for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one proposer have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another proposer for the same contract. Furthermore, any prior understanding, agreement, or connection between two (2) or more corporations, firms, or persons submitting a proposal for the same materials, supplies, services, or equipment shall also be presumed to be collusive. Proposals found to be collusive shall be rejected. Proposers which have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible, and may be suspended or debarred. Any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

3.5 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The vendor warrants that they have not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the vendor to solicit or secure the contract and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the vendor, any consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the contract.

3.6 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 County Attorney prior to submittal of a response 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.

3.7 INCURRED EXPENSES

This RFP 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 proposer in preparing and submitting a proposal, or any cost or expense incurred by any proposer prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract.

3.8 COUNTY IS TAX-EXEMPT

When purchasing on a direct basis, the County is generally exempt from Federal Excise Taxes and all State of Florida sales and use taxes. The County will provide an exemption certificate upon request by the seller for such purchases. Except for item(s) specifically identified by the vendor and accepted by the County for direct County purchase under the Sales Tax Recovery Program, 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.

3.9 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Proposers are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of a proposal will be available for public inspection in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes (the "Public Record Act"). The proposer should not submit any information in response to this RFP which the proposer 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 from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt or confidential under the Public Records Act.

3.10 CANCELLATION OF SOLICITATION

The County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any solicitation when doing so reflects the best interest of the County.

3.11 AWARD

- A. The contract resulting from this solicitation may be awarded to the responsible proposer which submits a proposal determined to provide the best value to the County with price, technical, and other applicable factors considered. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive 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 proposals 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. 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 proposer's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the proposer is capable of performing the requirements of this solicitation.
- E. The proposer's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the responsibility of a proposer that submitted a proposal under this solicitation.
- F. Any tie situations will be resolved in consonance with current written procedure in that regard.
- G. 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.
- H. A vendor wishing to protest any award decision resulting from this solicitation shall do so as set forth in the County's Purchasing Procedure Manual.

3.12 GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties and of their respective successors and permitted assigns. The contract may not be amended, released, discharged, rescinded or abandoned, except by a written instrument duly executed by each of the parties hereto. The failure of any party hereto at any time to enforce any of the provisions of the contract will in no way constitute or be construed as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision hereof, nor in any way affect the validity of, or the right thereafter to enforce, each and every provision of the contract. Any dispute arising during the course of contract performance that is not readily rectified by coordination between the vendor and the County user department shall be referred to Procurement Services office for resolution.

3.13 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.

3.14 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.

3.15 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.

3.16 ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for vendor'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 estimated quantities in the award evaluation process. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other entities that may utilize 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.

3.17 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 to perform, or cause to be performed, all or any of the work and services herein described in the manner deemed to represent its best interests. In no case will the County be liable for billings in excess of the quantity of goods or services actually provided under this contract.

3.18 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.

3.19 LAWS, 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. During the term of the contract the vendor assures that it is in compliance with Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, and the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, in that the vendor does not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status, discrimination in any form or manner against the end/or employees or applicants for employment. The vendor understands that any contract is conditioned upon the veracity of this statement.

3.20 SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise stipulated herein, the vendor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default.

3.21 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. This provision specifically includes any acquisition or hostile takeover of the awarded vendor. Failure to comply in this regards may result in termination of the contract for default.

3.22 RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employee(s) of the vendor shall be considered at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County. 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.

3.23 INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, 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.

3.24 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.

3.25 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."

3.26 TERMINATION DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF CONTINUING FUNDING

When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a current or 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.

3.27 TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or affect other appropriate remedy 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 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.

3.28 FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations through fraud, misrepresentation or other 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.

3.29 RIGHT TO AUDIT

The COUNTY reserves the right to require CONTRACTOR to submit to an audit by any auditor of the COUNTY's choosing. 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. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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. Additionally, CONTRACTOR agrees to include the requirements of this provision in all contracts with subcontractors and material suppliers in connection with the work performed hereunder. If an audit inspection or examination pursuant to this section discloses overpricing or overcharges of any nature by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY in excess of one percent (1%) of the total contract billings, in addition to making adjustments for the overcharges, the reasonable actual cost of the COUNTY's audit shall be reimbursed to the COUNTY by the CONTRACTOR. Any adjustments and/or payments which must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the CONTRACTOR's invoices and/or records shall be made within a reasonable amount of time, but in no event shall the time exceed ninety (90) days, from presentation of the COUNTY's audit findings to the CONTRACTOR.

3.30 PUBLIC RECORDS/ COPYRIGHTS

All electronic files, audio and/or video recordings, and all papers pertaining to any activity performed by the vendor for or on behalf of the County shall be the property of the County and will be turned over to the County upon request. In accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, each file and all papers pertaining to any activities performed for or on behalf of the County are public records available for inspection by any person even if the file or paper resides in the vendor's office or facility. The vendor shall maintain the files and papers for not less than three (3) complete calendar years after the project has been completed or terminated, or in accordance with any grant requirements, whichever is longer. Prior to the close out of the Contract, the vendor shall appoint a records custodian to handle any records request and provide the custodian's name and telephone number(s) to the County.

Any copyright derived from this Agreement shall belong to the author. The author and the CONSULTANT shall expressly assign to the COUNTY nonexclusive, royalty free rights to use any and all information provided by the CONSULTANT in any deliverable and/or report for the COUNTY's use which may include publishing in COUNTY documents and distribution as the COUNTY deems to be in the COUNTY's best interests. If anything included in any deliverable limits the rights of the COUNTY to use the information, the deliverable shall be considered defective and not acceptable and the CONSULTANT will not be eligible for any compensation.

3.31 GOVERNING LAWS

The interpretation, effect, and validity of any contract(s) resulting from this solicitation 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.

3.32 STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Any corporation submitting a bid in response to this RFP 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 RFP 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>).

3.33 PRIME CONTRACTOR

The vendor awarded the contract shall act as the prime contractor and shall assume full responsibility for the successful performance under the contract. The vendor shall be considered the sole point of contact with regard to meeting all requirements of the contract. 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 subcontractors. 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.

3.34 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 revisions to Government law or regulation, acts of nature, acts or omissions of the other party, fires, strikes, national disasters, wars, riots, transportation problems and/or any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of the parties. Any such cause may be cause for appropriate extension of the performance period.

3.35 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.

3.36 TRUTH IN NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

For all agreements exceeding \$150,000, the awarded firm may be required to 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.

3.37 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.

RFP TITLE: TREE REMOVAL, TRIMMING AND RELATED SERVICES

NOTES:

- When purchasing on a direct basis, Lake County is exempt from all taxes (Federal, State, Local). A Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished upon request for such purchases. **However, the vendor will be responsible for payment of taxes on all materials purchased by the vendor for incorporation into the project (see provision 3.8 for further detail).**
- 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.
- 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.
- **Vendors are advised to visit our website at <http://www.lakecountyfl.gov> and register as a potential vendor. Vendors that have registered on-line receive an e-mail notice when the County issues a solicitation matching the commodity codes selected by a vendor during the registration process.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Part I or Part II, whichever applies

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

PRICING SECTION

Group	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	TREE REMOVAL (Measured by DBH):			
	0 inch to 6 inches	16		
	7 inches to 12 inches	17		
	13 inches to 20 inches	22		
	21 inches to 27 inches	28		
	28 inches to 35 inches	21		
	36 inches to 44 inches	14		
	45 inches to 54 inches	9		
	55 inches to 60 inches	2		
	61 inches or greater	2		
	GROUP 1 TOTAL			
2	STUMP GRINDING (Measured by DBH): NO SOD			
	0 inch to 6 inches	16		
	7 inches to 12 inches	17		
	13 inches to 20 inches	22		
	21 inches to 27 inches	28		
	28 inches to 35 inches	21		
	36 inches to 44 inches	14		
	45 inches to 54 inches	9		
	55 inches to 60 inches	2		
	61 inches or greater	2		
	GROUP 2 TOTAL			
3	STUMP GRINDING (Measured by DBH): WITH SOD			
	0 inch to 6 inches	16		
	7 inches to 12 inches	17		
	13 inches to 20 inches	22		
	21 inches to 27 inches	28		
	28 inches to 35 inches	21		
	36 inches to 44 inches	14		
	45 inches to 54 inches	9		
	55 inches to 60 inches	2		
	61 inches or greater	2		
	GROUP 3 TOTAL			

PRICING SECTION (continued)

4	STUMP REMOVAL (Measured by DBH): NO SOD		
	0 inch to 6 inches	1	
	7 inches to 12 inches	1	
	13 inches to 20 inches	1	
	21 inches to 27 inches	1	
	28 inches to 35 inches	1	
	36 inches to 44 inches	1	
	45 inches to 54 inches	1	
	55 inches to 60 inches	1	
	61 inches or greater	1	
	GROUP 4 TOTAL		
5	STUMP REMOVAL (Measured by DBH): WITH SOD		
	0 inch to 6 inches	1	
	7 inches to 12 inches	1	
	13 inches to 20 inches	1	
	21 inches to 27 inches	1	
	28 inches to 35 inches	1	
	36 inches to 44 inches	1	
	45 inches to 54 inches	1	
	55 inches to 60 inches	1	
	61 inches or greater	1	
	GROUP 5 TOTAL		
6	TREE SPRAYING (Measured by DBH):		
	0 inch to 6 inches	1	
	7 inches to 12 inches	1	
	13 inches to 20 inches	1	
	21 inches to 27 inches	1	
	28 inches to 35 inches	1	
	36 inches to 44 inches	1	
	45 inches to 54 inches	1	
	55 inches to 60 inches	1	
	61 inches or greater	1	
	GROUP 6 TOTAL		

PRICING SECTION (continued)

7	TREE TRIMMING (Measured by DBH): Class I			
	0 inch to 6 inches	1		
	7 inch to 12 inches	1		
	13 inches to 20 inches	1		
	21 inches to 27 inches	1		
	28 inches to 35 inches	1		
	36 inches to 44 inches	1		
	45 inches to 54 inches	1		
	55 inches to 60 inches	1		
	61 inches or greater	1		
	GROUP 7 TOTAL			
8	TREE TRIMMING (Measured by DBH): Class II			
	0 inch to 6 inches	1		
	7 inch to 12 inches	1		
	13 inches to 20 inches	1		
	21 inches to 27 inches	1		
	28 inches to 35 inches	1		
	36 inches to 44 inches	1		
	45 inches to 54 inches	1		
	55 inches to 60 inches	1		
	61 inches or greater	1		
	GROUP 8 TOTAL			
9	TREE TRIMMING (Measured by DBH): Class III			
	0 inch to 6 inches	1		
	7 inch to 12 inches	1		
	13 inches to 20 inches	1		
	21 inches to 27 inches	1		
	28 inches to 35 inches	1		
	36 inches to 44 inches	1		
	45 inches to 54 inches	1		
	55 inches to 60 inches	1		
	61 inches or greater	1		
	GROUP 9 TOTAL			

PRICING SECTION (continued)

10	MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS			
	Trimming Palm Tree / Fixed Price Per Tree	10		
	Fixed Cost Per Tree – Hazardous - ALL SIZES	10		
	Weekend / After Hours Emergency Response per occurrence:	1		
	GROUP 10 TOTAL			

**TOTAL ALL GROUPS
(NUMERIC)**

**TOTAL ALL GROUPS
(WORDS)**

By Signing this Proposal the Proposer 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 proposer hereby certifies that it understands all requirements of this solicitation, and that the undersigned individual is duly authorized to execute this proposal document and any contract(s) and/or other transactions required by award of this solicitation.

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 an executive performing equivalent duties, of the bidding entity been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years? Yes No (Check one)

Reciprocal Vendor Preference:

Vendors are advised the County has established, under Lake County Code, Chapter 2, Article VII, Sections 2-221 and 2-222; a process under which a local vendor preference program applied by another county may be applied in a reciprocal manner within Lake County. The following information is needed to support application of the Code:

1. Primary business location of the responding vendor (city/state): _____
2. Does the responding vendor maintain a significant physical location in Lake County at which employees are located and business is regularly transacted: Yes No If "yes" is checked, provide supporting detail:

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 proposal for the same services, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

DUNS Number (Insert if this action involves a federal funded project): _____

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: _____ Date: _____
 Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Award of Contract by the County: (Official Use Only)

By signature below, the County confirms award to the above-identified vendor under the above identified solicitation. A separate purchase order will be generated by the County to support the contract.

Vendor awarded as:

- Sole vendor Pre-qualified pool vendor based on price
- Pre-qualified pool vendor (spot bid) Primary vendor for items: _____
- Secondary vendor for items: _____ Other status: _____

Signature of authorized County official: _____ Date: _____
 Printed name: _____ Title: _____

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED

- Attachment A: Work References**
- Attachment B: Vendor Profile Form**
- Attachment C: Similar Projects Form**
- Attachment D: Public Works Additional Terms and Conditions**
- Attachment E: Project Order form**
- Attachment F: Right of Entry Form**
- Attachment G: Required Contract Provisions for Federal-Aid-Construction
Contracts**

WORK REFERENCES

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

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

Agency	
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Contact Person	
Telephone	
Date(s) of Service	
Type of Service	
Comments:	

VENDOR PROFILE FORM

<p>1. Bidder Name & Address:</p> 	<p>1d. Licensed to do business in the State of Florida?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Yes _____ No</p>
<p>1a. FEIN #</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>1e. Name, Title & Telephone Number of Principal to Contact</p>
<p>1b. Year Firm was established _____</p> <p>1c. Are you a "Not for Profit" 501(c)(3) organization?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If you answered yes, please provide proof.</p>	<p>1f. Address of office to perform work, if different from Item 1</p>
<p>2. Please list the key personnel that your firm will commit to the County project and attach a copy of each key person's resume.</p> 	
<p>3. The foregoing is a statement of facts.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Typed or Printed Name) (Title)</p>	

ATTACHMENT D
PUBLIC WORKS ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Intent of Contract Documents
2. Errors and Omissions
3. Emergencies
4. Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health / Hazardous Materials
5. General Inspection Requirements
6. Project Manager
7. Contract Time and Time Extensions
8. Hours of Operation
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10. Claims and Disputes
11. Lands for Work and Access Thereto
12. Maintenance of Traffic
13. Underground Utilities
14. Protection of Existing Structures, Utilities, Work and Vegetation
15. Equipment
16. Sanitation
17. Other Work
18. Bonds
19. Final Inspection
20. Final Acceptance
21. Measurement and Payment
22. Warranty

1. INTENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- A. It is the intent of the contract documents to describe a functionally complete project (or portion thereof) in accordance with the contract documents. Any work, materials, or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the contract documents as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not specifically called for. When words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning are used to describe work, material or equipment, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals or codes of any technical society, organization or association, or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the project, whether such reference be specified or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code, law or regulation in effect at the time the work is performed, except as may be otherwise specifically stated herein.
- B. The contract documents and all referenced standards cited therein are essential parts of the contract requirements. A requirement occurring in one is as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be complementary and to describe and provide for a complete project.
- C. If drawings are provided, they intended to show general arrangements, design and extent of work. In the event of a discrepancy between or among the drawings, specifications or other contract document provisions, the vendor shall be required to comply with the provision which is the more restrictive or stringent requirement upon the vendor, as determined by the Project Manager.

2. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

The vendor shall not take advantage of any apparent error or omission in the contract documents. If any error or omission appears in the contract documents, the vendor shall immediately notify the Project Manager in writing of such errors or omissions. In the event the vendor knows or should have known of any error or omission and fails to provide such notification, the vendor shall be deemed to have waived any claim for increased time or compensation the vendor may have had, and the vendor shall be responsible for the results and the costs of rectifying any such error or omission.

3. EMERGENCIES

- A. The vendor shall have a responsible person available at or reasonably near the County on a twenty four (24) hour basis, seven (7) days a week, who may be contacted in emergencies and in cases where immediate action must be taken to maintain traffic or to handle any other problem that might arise. The vendor's responsible person for supervision of emergencies shall speak and understand, both verbally and in writing, the English language. The vendor shall submit to the Project Manager, the phone numbers and names of personnel designated to be contacted in cases of emergencies. Included in

this list shall be twenty four (24) hour contact phone numbers for all subcontractors, if any, performing work under this agreement. This list shall contain the name of their supervisors responsible for work pertaining to this contract.

- B. In the event of an emergency affecting the safety or protection of persons, or the work or property at the project site or adjacent thereto, the vendor, without special instruction or authorization from the Project Manager is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. The vendor shall contact the Project Manager as soon as possible by telephone and with written notice as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the occurrence of the emergency, if the vendor believes that any significant changes in the work or variations from the contract documents. If the Project Manager determines that a change in the contract documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a new Project Order form shall be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variations. If the vendor fails to provide written notice within the twenty-four (24) hour limitation noted above, the vendor shall be deemed to have waived any right it otherwise may have had to seek an adjustment to the contract amount or an extension to the contract time.
- C. During a hurricane or disaster emergency condition it shall be noted as part of this agreement, that before, during and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, flood, or other acts of nature that Lake County shall require a “first priority” basis for tree services. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation which threatens public health and safety, as determined by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the COUNTY shall be on a first priority basis. The COUNTY expects to pay a fair and reasonable price for any service, not include herein, but requested, in event of a disaster, emergency or hurricane. CONTRACTOR shall furnish a twenty-four (24) hour phone number in the event of such emergency.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- A. Vendor certifies that all material, equipment, etc., to be used in an individual project meets all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. The vendor further certifies that if any of the material, equipment, etc., is found to be deficient in any OSHA requirement in effect on the date of delivery, all costs necessary to bring the material, equipment, etc., into compliance with the aforementioned requirements shall be borne by the vendor. All standard equipment, work operations, safety equipment, personal protective equipment, and lighting required or mandated by State, Federal, OSHA, or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations must be provided and used by the vendor and its employees.
- B. Any chemical item supplied under this contract shall be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The MSDS shall include the following information:
1. The chemical name and the common name of the toxic substance.

2. The hazards or other risks in the use of the toxic substance, including the potential for fire, explosion, corrosiveness, and reactivity.
 3. The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by the exposure to the toxic substances.
 4. The primary route of entry and symptoms of exposure.
 5. The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protective equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the toxic substances, including appropriate emergency treatment in case of overexposure;
 6. The emergency procedure for spills, fire, disposal and first aid.
 7. A description in lay terms of the known specified potential health risks posed by the toxic substance intended to alert any person reading this information.
 8. The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled, and the name, address and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.
- C. Any spillage of hazardous chemicals and/or wastes caused by the vendor must be reported immediately to the proper authority and the Project Manager. All spills shall be cleaned up in accordance with all local, State, and Federal Regulations. The cost of cleanup of any spillage of hazardous chemicals caused by the vendor shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor and the County will share no responsibility for these costs. A copy of a completed compliance order with local, State, and Federal agencies shall be given to the County.
- D. If any hazardous chemicals or conditions are discovered by the vendor during the normal work operation, it is the responsibility of the vendor to immediately contact the Project Manager with a description and the location of the condition.
- E. The Project Manager or other County representatives may periodically monitor the work for safety. Should there be safety and/or health violations, the County's representative may have the duty to require the vendor to correct the violation in an expeditious method. If there is any situation that is deemed unsafe by the Project Manager or other County representatives, the project will be shut down immediately upon notice and will not resume work until the unsafe condition has been remedied.
- F. Should the work site be in a hazardous area, the County shall take reasonable actions to furnish the vendor with information concerning hazards such as the types or the identification of known toxic material, machine hazards, Material Safety Data Sheets, or any other information that would assist the vendor in the planning of a safe work site. The vendor retains the ultimate responsibility to ensure all work is performed in a manner consistent with all applicable safety standards and directives.
- G. The vendor shall be aware that while working for the County, representatives from agencies such as the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Division of Safety, State of Florida, are invitees and do not need to have warrants or permission to enter the work site.

- H. The vendor shall designate a competent person of its organization whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents. This person shall be literate and able to communicate fully in the English language because of the necessity to read job instructions and signs, as well as the need for conversing with management personnel. This person shall be the Vendor's Superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing to the Project Manager. All communications to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the vendor.

5. GENERAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Due to the nature of this Agreement, the County shall at the time of establishment of need, require the vendor to become fully informed as to the nature and extent of the work required and its relation to any other work in the area, including possible interference from other site activities. Arrangement for vendor's inspection of facilities or sites and/or activity schedules may be secured from the user department. Failure to visually inspect the facilities or sites may be cause for disqualification of vendor on that individual project.
- B. Vendor shall furnish the Project Manager with every reasonable facility for ascertaining whether the work performed and/or materials used are in accordance with the requirements and intent of the specifications. If the Project Manager so requests, the vendor shall, at any time before final acceptance of the work, remove or uncover such portions of the finished work as may be directed. After examination, the vendor shall restore the uncovered portions of the work to the standard required by the specifications. Should the work exposed or examined prove unacceptable in the opinion of the Project Manager, the uncovering or removal, and the replacing of the covering or making good of the items removed, shall be at the vendor's expense. However, should the work exposed or examined prove acceptable in the opinion of the Project Manager, the uncovering or removing and the replacing or the covering or making good of the items removed, shall be paid for by the County.
- C. If during or prior to the operations, the Project Manager should fail to reject defective work or materials, whether from lack of discovery of such defect, or for any other reason, such initial failure to reject shall in no way prevent the Project Manager's later rejection when such defect is discovered, nor obligate the County to final acceptance or payment, and the vendor shall make no claim for losses suffered due to any necessary removals or repairs of such defects.
- D. If during or prior to the operations, the Project Manager rejects any portion of the work on the grounds that the work or materials are defective, the Project Manager will give the vendor notice of the defect. The vendor shall then have seven (7) calendar days from the date the notice is received to correct the defective condition. If the defect has not been corrected within seven (7) calendar days, the Project Manager will send a second written notice to the vendor giving the vendor another seven (7) calendar days to correct the defect. If the vendor fails to correct the deficiency within the second seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice, the County may take whatever action is necessary,

including correcting the deficient work utilizing another vendor or terminating the contract.

- E. Should the vendor fail or refuse to remove and renew any defective material used or work performed, or to make any necessary corrections in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the requirements of the specifications, within the time indicated in writing, the County, will have the authority to cause the unacceptable or defective materials or work to be repaired, removed and replaced, as may be necessary, at the vendor's expense. Any expense incurred by the County, whether direct, indirect or consequential, in making the repairs, removals, or replacements, which the vendor has failed or refused to make, shall be paid for out of any monies due or which may become due the vendor, or may be charged against the contract bond, if any. A Change Order will be issued, incorporating the necessary revisions to the contract documents, including an appropriate decrease to the contract amount. Such direct, indirect and consequential costs shall include, such as but not be limited to: costs of repair and replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal or replacement of work of the vendor's defective work and additional compensation due the County. The vendor shall not be allowed an extension of the contract time because of any delay in performance of the work attributable to the exercise by the County of the County's rights and remedies hereunder.
- F. When the United States Government or the State of Florida is to pay a portion of the cost of the project, the work will be subject to such inspection by Federal or State representatives as deemed necessary, but such inspections will in no case make the United States Government or the State of Florida a party to this contract.
- G. All work performed and all materials furnished shall be in reasonably close conformity with the tolerances indicated in the specifications. In the event the Project Manager finds the materials or the finished product in which the materials are used and not within reasonably close conformity to the specifications, the Project Manager will then make a determination if the work shall be accepted and remain in place. In this event, the Project Manager will document the basis of acceptance by a Change Order, which will provide for an appropriate deduction as needed in the contract price for such work or materials as the Project Manager deems necessary to conform to the determination based on the Project Manager's professional judgment.

6. PROJECT MANAGER

- A. It is agreed to by the parties that the Project Manager will decide all questions, difficulties, or disputes, of whatever nature, which may arise relative to the interpretation of the plans, construction, prosecution and fulfillment of the scope of services and as to the character, quality, amount and value of any work done, and materials furnished, under or by reason of this Agreement. The Project Manager may appoint representatives as desired that will be authorized to inspect all work done and all materials furnished.

7. CONTRACT TIME AND TIME EXTENSIONS

- A. Unless otherwise provided, contract time shall mean the number of consecutive business days from the commencement date noted in the properly executed purchase order to the date on which all work is to be completed. The vendor shall diligently pursue the completion of the work and coordinate the work being done on the project by its subcontractors and material suppliers, as well as coordinate the vendor's work with the work of other contractors so that the vendor's work or the work of others shall not be delayed or impaired by any act or omission of any act by the vendor. The vendor shall be solely responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures, as well as coordination of all portions of the work under the contract documents.
- B. Should the vendor be obstructed or delayed in the prosecution of or completion of the work as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of the vendor, and not due to the vendor's fault or neglect, the vendor shall notify the Project Manager by telephone as soon as possible and in writing within two (2) business days after the commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which the vendor may have had to request a time extension.
- C. If the vendor complies with the two (2) business days' notice requirement, the Project Manager will ascertain the fact and the extent of the delay being claimed and recommend an extension to the contract time when, in the Project Manager's sole judgment, the findings of fact justify such an extension. The vendor shall cooperate with the Project Manager's investigation of the delay by providing any schedules, correspondence, or other data that may be required to complete the findings of fact. Extensions to the contract time may be granted for only those delays which impact the vendor's schedule. Extensions of contract time, if approved by the Project Manager, must be authorized in writing.
- D. Weather events are specifically excluded as excused cause for delay under this agreement and no additional days shall be given for rain days.
- E. The County and the vendor recognize that time is of the essence for this agreement and that should the vendor fail to complete the requirements set forth in this solicitation, the County will suffer damage. The amount of damage suffered by the County is difficult, if not impossible to determine at this time. Therefore, the vendor shall pay the County, as liquidated damages, the following:
1. The vendor shall pay the County, as liquidated damages, \$100.00 per calendar day, per cycle, for each day beyond the established end of cycle date for any work that is not completed as part of the cycle.
 2. The vendor shall pay the County, as liquidated damages, \$500.00 per incident where the vendor fails to repair damages that are caused by the vendor or subcontractor(s) if not repaired within fifteen (15) calendar days from the notice of the damage.

Application of liquidated damages does not release the vendor from the responsibility of resolving or repairing damages.

- F. The amounts specified above are mutually agreed upon as reasonable and proper amount of damage the County should suffer by failure of the vendor to complete requirements set forth.

8. HOURS OF OPERATION

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the technical specifications, all work performed shall be accomplished between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, and no work shall be performed on Saturdays, Sundays, or County Holidays, unless permission to work has been requested in writing by the vendor and approval, in writing, has been granted by the Project Manager. Request for permission to work must be received by the Project Manager no less than two (2) days prior to the requested workday. The exception to this pre-approval requirement would be in the case of an emergency in which the emergency specification as outlined in General Terms and Conditions, Section 3, Emergencies, would apply. County Holidays are as follows:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents' Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day

- B. Special schedules may be established if necessary because of problems with noise or similar problems affecting citizens in homes or buildings adjacent to the roadways.
- C. Under no circumstance, except in the case of an emergency, will permission be given for work on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day. If the official holiday is on a Saturday the County observes the holiday on Friday and if the holiday is on Sunday the County observes the holiday on Monday. The vendor shall not be allowed to work on the alternate day for the above mentioned holidays. The Project Manager may consider approval in accordance with the provisions stated above, for work on the following days: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, or the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- D. When the vendor requests and is approved for Saturday, Sunday or Holiday work, the County may assess the vendor the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per man per day for each Saturday, Sunday or recognized Holiday worked or planned to work. These fees will be deducted from the final invoice.

9. CHANGES IN WORK

- A. The COUNTY may at any time, by issuance of a Change Order executed in accordance with the COUNTY's Purchasing Policies and Procedures, make changes within the general scope of this Agreement. If additional work or other changes are required an offer will be requested from the vendor. Upon negotiation of the offer, execution and receipt of the Change Order, the vendor shall commence performance of the work as specified.
- B. The vendor shall not commence any additional work or other changes covered by the Scope of Services for the individual project without an executed Change Order. If the vendor performs additional work beyond the specific requirements of this Agreement without an executed Change Order, it shall be at the vendor's own risk. The COUNTY assumes no responsibility for any additional costs for work not specifically authorized by an executed Change Order.

10. CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

- A. Claims by the vendor shall be made in writing to the Project Manager within two (2) business days after the commencement of the event giving rise to such claim or else the vendor shall be deemed to have waived the claim. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the Project Manager within ten (10) calendar days after the occurrence of the event, unless the County grants additional time in writing, or else the vendor shall be deemed to have waived the claim. All claims shall be priced in accordance with the provisions of the section in this document entitled "Changes in Work".
- B. The vendor shall proceed diligently with its performance as directed by the County, regardless of any pending claim, action, suit, or administrative proceeding, unless otherwise agreed to by the County in writing. The County shall continue to make payments on the undisputed portion of the contract in accordance with the contract documents during the pendency of any claim.
 - 1. Claims by the vendor shall be resolved in the following manner:
 - a. Upon receiving the claim and supporting data, the Project Manager will review the claim, or if the Project Manager is not a County employee, will forward the claim to the County. The County will within fifteen (15) business days respond to the claim in writing stating that the claim is either approved or denied. If denied, the County will specify the grounds for denial. The vendor shall then have fifteen (15) calendar days in which to provide additional supporting documentation, or to notify the County that the original claim stands as is.
 - b. If the claim is not resolved, the County may, at its option, choose to submit the matter to mediation. A mediator shall be mutually selected by the parties

and each party shall pay one-half (1/2) the expense of mediation. If the County declines to mediate the dispute, the vendor may bring an action in the County or Circuit Court sitting in Lake County, Florida.

2. Claims by the County against the vendor shall be made in writing by the Project Manager as soon as the event leading to the claim is discovered by the County. Written supporting data shall be submitted by the Project Manager. All claims shall be priced in accordance with the provisions of the section in this document entitled “Changes in Work”. The party to whom the Project Manager’s determination is not in favor of may appeal the determination as set forth in subsection (2) above.
3. Arbitration shall not be considered as a means of dispute resolution.

11. LANDS FOR WORK AND ACCESS THERETO

- A. County shall furnish and define the limits of land for access to the work site and for the site proper. No storage or equipment shall take place on private property unless the vendor has a letter from the landowner authorizing the vendor to do so. A copy of the letter shall be provided to the County. The vendor shall supply the Project Manager any such letter before the equipment is placed there. Any and all other lands required by the vendor shall be procured by the vendor at the vendor’s expense.
- B. As the work progresses, the vendor shall keep the site reasonably clear of rubbish, trash, waste, and other disposable materials on a daily basis. If the vendor allows the site to become littered and unsightly, any payments otherwise due may be withheld until the vendor cleans up the site to the satisfaction of the County. If the vendor fails to clean up the site, the County may choose to clean up the site at the vendor’s expense.
- C. The vendor shall, absent written permission from a private property owner, confine all storage of materials, equipment, and the operations of workers to the project site and land and areas identified in and permitted by the contract documents. The vendor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to any such land or area or to the owner or occupant thereof, or any land or areas contiguous thereto, resulting from the performance of the work. At the completion of the work, the vendor shall remove all debris, rubbish and waste materials from and about the project site, as well as all tools, appliances, equipment, machinery, and surface materials and shall leave the project site clean. All service and supply operations shall be conducted outside the clear zone unless the vendor has proper authorization and traffic control. No supply vehicles shall enter the median for any purpose. No service vehicles shall enter the median except when necessary to repair or remove inoperable equipment.
- D. Any equipment/material left within the right of way shall be outside the clear zone. No equipment/material shall be parked overnight in the median.

12. MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC (MOT)

Unless otherwise specified, the standard specifications to be used for the work shall be the most applicable and the most stringent of the following:

- A. Maintenance of traffic shall be the responsibility of the vendor, is part of the vendor's bid price, and shall conform to F.D.O.T.'s most current editions of "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION," 2010 edition or FDOT "ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC DESIGN STANDARDS," 2002 (or latest edition), or FDOT "MANUAL OF UNIFORM MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS," 2002 (or latest edition), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD)," 2009 (or latest edition), and all supplemental specifications thereto. These documents can be ordered from F.D.O.T, Maps and Publications Department, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0450, or by going to the F.D.O.T. website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/mapsandpublications
- B. All costs associated with MOT must be included in the vendor's bid price. No separate line items for MOT will be included in the cost estimate. If the vendor does not comply with the F.D.O.T. and the F.H.W.A (i.e. signs, qualified flaggers and/or barricades), the County reserves the right to direct the vendor to cease operation until deficiencies are corrected. In addition, no road closures shall be allowed except in the case of emergencies.
 1. All lane closures shall have the prior approval of the Project Manager.
 2. The foregoing requirements are to be considered as minimum and the vendor's compliance shall in no way relieve the vendor of final responsibility for providing adequate traffic control devices for the protection of the public and vendor's employees throughout the work area.
 3. The use of public roads and streets by the vendor shall provide a minimal inconvenience to the public and traffic. Furthermore, if the vendor is utilizing the road by driving the slow moving equipment, the operator shall allow no more than three (3) vehicles to be backed up behind them at any time before pulling to the side to let traffic pass.

13. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

Any required ground digging or subsurface work shall be done in accordance with Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor to have all underground utilities located before any work shall begin. This can be done by contacting Sunshine State One Call. They may be reached by calling 1-800-432-4770. The repairs of any damaged underground utilities as a result of the work being performed by the vendor shall be the responsibility of the vendor. The proper utility company shall be contacted immediately to expedite the repairs, if damage has occurred. The County shall also be notified by telephone at the earliest opportunity and shall be followed up with a written explanation of the incident within two (2) days.

14. PROTECTION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, UTILITIES, WORK AND VEGETATION

- A. The vendor shall preserve and protect all existing vegetation such as trees, shrubs and grass on or adjacent to the site which do not unreasonably interfere with the project as may be determined by the Project Manager. The vendor shall be responsible for all unauthorized cutting or damaging of trees and shrubs, including damage due to careless operation of equipment, stockpiling of materials or tracking of grass areas by equipment.
- B. The vendor shall fully protect the work from loss or damage and shall bear the cost of any such loss or damage until final payment has been made. If the vendor or any one for whom the vendor is legally liable is responsible for any loss or damage to the work, or other work or materials of the County or County's separate contractors, the vendor shall be charged with the same, and any monies necessary to replace such loss or damage shall be deducted from any amounts due the vendor.
- C. The vendor shall not disturb any benchmark established by the County with respect to the project. If the vendor, or its subcontractors, agents or any one for whom the vendor is legally liable, disturbs County benchmarks, the vendor shall immediately notify the Project Manager. The County shall have the benchmarks re-established and the vendor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the County associated therewith. Such costs shall be deducted from any amounts due the vendor.
- D. During the period of production of work and the warranty period the vendor shall be responsible for processing any and all claims for property damage and or bodily injury caused by the failure of the work including, such as but not limited to: motor vehicles or pedestrians. The vendor shall be responsible for the payment of all property damage and bodily injury claims and agrees to save and hold harmless the County from all such claims. Claims not handled by the vendor or their representative in the proper manner, will be settled by the County. The County shall recover all costs from the vendor.
- E. All items damaged as a result of vendor or subcontractor operations, such as but not limited to: sidewalks, seating, curbs, pipes, drains, water mains, pavement, mail boxes, turf, County sign or other property owned by the County or private landowner, shall be either repaired or replaced by the vendor, at their expense, in a manner prescribed by and at the sole satisfaction of the Project Manager. Any claims submitted to the County, such as but not limited to: from utility companies or landowners, which are determined to be the result of damage done by the vendor, shall be the responsibility of the vendor. The County reserves the right to pay any such claims and deduct such amount from the vendor's invoice. Repairs, or receipt of repairs, will be completed and submitted to the County prior to submission of the vendor's invoice for work accomplished. If the repair is not in accordance with County standards, the County shall repair the items and deduct the associated cost from the amount due the vendor.

- F. The vendor shall replace any asphalt that has been damaged as a result of hydraulics spilled from their equipment.
- G. Complaints shall be addressed within two (2) business days and a written report submitted to the Project Manager outlining actions taken to correct the complaint. The vendor shall notify the County immediately of any complaints given directly to the vendor.
- H. If in the course of completing work as part of this contract there is an accident that involves the public, the vendor shall as soon as possible inform the Project Manager of the incident by telephone. The vendor shall follow up in writing within two (2) business days of the incident. If Law Enforcement was involved and has written a report, the vendor shall forward a copy of the report to the Project Manager.
- I. The vendor shall be responsible for re-grading and re-sodding any areas that are disturbed by the vendor during the course of the work being completed.

15. EQUIPMENT

- A. The vendor shall furnish equipment of a type and quantity to perform the work satisfactorily within the time specified herein. The County reserves the right to inspect all equipment before it is placed in or while it is in service. If in the opinion of the Project Manager, the vendor has insufficient equipment on the job to satisfactorily complete the work within the required time, the vendor shall provide additional equipment as directed by the Project Manager. All equipment may be inspected and approved by the Project Manager before it is placed in service. If at any time, the Project Manager determines that any equipment is deficient in any way, the vendor shall remove the equipment from service immediately, and the equipment shall remain out of service until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the Project Manager. Inspection and approval of the vendor's equipment by the Project Manager shall not relieve the vendor of responsibility or liability for injury to persons or damage to property caused by the operation of the vendor's equipment, nor shall it relieve the vendor of the responsibility to meet the established time for the completion of the service.
- B. All safety devices installed by the manufacturer shall be in place and in proper working order at all times. At a minimum, all equipment used within the right of way shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign, properly operating amber flashing or white strobe light.
- C. The equipment used must be in good repair and operating condition at all times. This service requires that all equipment shall be environmentally safe, with no oil leaks, blowing fuel, or leaking hydraulic lines.

16. SANITATION

The vendor shall provide and maintain adequate sanitary conveniences for the use of persons employed for this project. These conveniences shall be maintained at all times without nuisance, and their use shall be strictly enforced. The location of these conveniences shall be subject to the Project Manager's approval.

17. OTHER WORK

- A. The vendor will cooperate with County personnel or anyone who may be engaged in authorized work prior to final completion of the project.
- B. The vendor shall cooperate with the owners of any underground or overhead utility lines in their removal and rearrangement operations in order that these operations may progress in a reasonable manner and that service rendered by these parties will not be interrupted.
- C. The County may perform other work related to the project site or, in the general vicinity of the site by the County's own forces, have other work performed by utility owners or other direct contracts. If other work is not identified in the contract documents and if the vendor believes that such performance will involve additional expense to the vendor or require additional time, the vendor shall send written notice of that fact to the County and the Project Manager within two (2) business days of being notified of the other work. If the vendor fails to send the above required notice, the vendor will be deemed to have waived any rights it otherwise may have had to seek an extension to the contract time or adjustment to the contract amount. The vendor shall afford each utility owner and other contractors (or the County, if the County is performing the additional work with the County's employees) proper and safe access to the site and a reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of such work and shall properly connect and coordinate its work with theirs. The vendor shall not endanger any work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering their work and will only cut or alter their work with the written consent of the Project Manager and the others whose work will be affected.
- D. If any part of the vendor's work depends, for proper execution or results, upon the work of any other contractor other than a subcontractor or utility owner, the vendor shall inspect and promptly report to the Project Manager, in writing within two (2) business days, any delays, defect or other problems in such other work that renders it impossible for the vendor to obtain proper execution or results. The vendor's failure to report will constitute an acceptance of the other work as fit and property for integration with the vendor's work.

18. BONDS

Not applicable to this solicitation.

19. FINAL INSPECTION

- A. Maintenance of Work. The vendor shall maintain all work in as-new condition until the final inspection is completed and the work accepted by the Project Manager.
- B. Upon notice from the vendor that the service has been completed, the Project Manager will make a final inspection within five (5) business days of receipt of notification. The Project Manager will notify the vendor if necessary of any deficiencies with the project. The vendor shall correct all deficiencies before final acceptance and payment is made. If the deficiencies have not been completed within the contracted time, the Project Manager may send out a notification notifying vendor of assessment of Liquidated Damages that can be applied for any day over the time allowed per the contract.
- C. The vendor shall notify the Project Manager when the deficiencies have been completed and corrected. If the deficiencies are not corrected when inspected, the vendor shall be notified again in writing about any deficiencies. Once the repairs have been corrected by the vendor, the Project Manager shall make another inspection. There shall be an eighty dollar (\$80.00) inspection fee assessed to the vendor for this inspection and any re-inspection that may be required after that. The fee is assessed to offset the additional costs associated with County labor and vehicle usage required for unnecessary inspections. The fee(s) shall be deducted from the final invoice for that release order.

20. FINAL ACCEPTANCE

- A. The contract will be considered complete when all work has been completed and has been accepted by the County and the Project Manager. The vendor will then be released from further obligation except as set forth in the warranty and/or bonds in this Contract.
- B. The County reserves the right, should an error be discovered in the partial or final estimates, or should proof of defective work or materials used by or on the part of the vendor be discovered after the final payment has been made, to claim and recover from the vendor or its surety, or both, by process of law, such sums as may be sufficient to correct the error or make good the defects in the work and materials, including any fees or costs associated with the additional services of the Project Manager.

21. MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

- A. All work completed under the terms of this contract shall be paid as a lump sum payment at the cost as established in Section 4, Pricing/Certifications/Signatures, Pricing Section and as discussed in Section 2, Scope of Services.
- B. The vendor shall accept compensation provided under the terms of this contract as full payment for furnishing all materials and for performing all work contemplated and embraced under this contract. Such compensation shall also be for any and all loss or damage arising out of the nature of the work or from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen difficulties or obstructions encountered during the contract period until final acceptance by the County.

22. WARRANTY

- A. The vendor shall obtain and assign to the County all express warranties given to the vendor or any subcontractors by any material suppliers, to be incorporated into the Project for a time period as specified. The vendor warrants to the County that any materials furnished as part of this solicitation shall be new, except where recycled content is specifically requested, and that all work shall be of good quality, free from all defects and in conformance with the contract documents. The vendor further warrants to the County that all materials furnished under the contract documents shall be applied, in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers or processors except as otherwise provided for in the contract documents. If within warranty period after final completion and acceptance, any work found to be defective or not in conformance with the contract documents, the vendor shall correct it promptly after receipt of written notice from the County. These warranties are in addition to those implied warranties to which the County is entitled as a matter of law.
1. Warranty requirements are addressed as follows:
 - a. Project Manager shall notify the vendor in writing of any required warranty work.
 - b. The vendor shall perform all warranty work at no cost to the County. This includes but is not limited to supplying all material and labor for traffic control removal of defective materials, and performing all warranty work. As long as written notification is provided within the warranty periods, the vendor is obligated to perform warranty work even if the work extends beyond the warranty period. Any warranty work shall be completed in such a manner that meets or exceeds the requirements as required for the original construction.
 - c. The work required as part of the warranty shall be made within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the written notification.
- B. The vendor shall be responsible for materials used during spraying. The manufacturer's warranty shall be made available to the County. The vendor shall make an additional application of the product if it is determined that the product did not work as stated in the label affixed to the product being used.
- C. The vendor shall provide to the County upon final acceptance of the work, a warranty for a period of:
1. Tree spraying - That allowed by the manufacturer of the product being sprayed on the trees or a minimum of six (6) months, whichever is greater. The vendor shall guarantee the destruction of the pest and/or the cure for the disease for this period of time. If the insects are observed on the tree or there is evidence of the disease remaining within the warranty period, the vendor shall treat the tree at their expense.

2. Sod installed - The vendor shall warrant that the sod is free of invasive weeds as listed on the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants list provided by the University of Florida, IFAS. This list can be seen by going to the following link: <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>. If an invasive weed does grow from the sod that the CONTRACTOR has put in place then it shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to eradicate the weeds and to insure that they do not return.

ATTACHMENT E
PROJECT ORDER FORM (example)



To: _____ From: **Public Works/Road Ops**

Fax: _____ Pages: **1**

Phone: _____ Date: _____

E-Mail: _____

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Road Name: _____ Segment #: _____

Nearest City: _____

Address: _____

Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

Description of Tree: _____

Location of Tree: _____

Size of tree (s): _____

Grind Stump: _____ Remove Stump: _____

If trim what class: Class 1 Class 2 Class 3

Power Lines or other hazards involved: Yes No

Sod: Yes No Type of sod needed: _____

Comments: _____

Questions concerning tree size(s) shall be addressed and agreed upon in writing by either the Project Manager prior to the performance of the work. Any work performed without agreement by all parties shall be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. Invoices should be sent to the address listed below.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

_____ County Representative

Work Completed and OK to Pay: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspected by: _____	Date: _____
Invoice # _____	

ATTACHMENT F



RIGHT OF ENTRY
STATEMENT

Date _____

Property Owner’s Name: _____

Tenant’s Name: _____

Address of Property: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Description of Property: _____

Right of Entry

I certify that I am the owner, or an owner’s authorized representative of the above described property. I freely grant, and without coercion, the right of access and entry to said property for the purpose of completing work that exists in the County right-of-way and on my property.

I will mark any sewer lines, septic tanks, water lines, utilities located on the described property to help prevent damage to said items.

Sworn and attested to: _____

Property owner or agent

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Witnessed: _____

Lake County Representative or Contractor Representative

Print Name

ATTACHMENT G**REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR FEDERAL-AID CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

- I. General
- II. Nondiscrimination
- III. Nonsegregated Facilities
- IV. Payment of Predetermined Minimum Wage
- V. Statements and Payrolls
- VI. Record of Materials, Supplies, and Labor
- VII. Subletting or Assigning the Contract
- VIII. Safety: Accident Prevention
- IX. False Statements Concerning Highway Projects
- X. Implementation of Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act
- XI. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion
- XII. Certification Regarding Use of Contract Funds for Lobbying

I. GENERAL

1. These Contract provisions shall apply to all work performed on the Contract by the Contractor's own organization and with the assistance of workers under the Contractor's immediate superintendent and to all work performed on the Contract by piecework, station work, or by subcontract.

2. Except as otherwise provided for in each section, the Contractor shall insert in each subcontract all of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions, and further require their inclusion in any lower tier subcontract or purchase order that may in turn be made. The Required Contract Provisions shall not be incorporated by reference in any case. The Prime Contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with these Required Contract Provisions.

3. A breach of any of the stipulations contained in these Required Contract Provisions shall be sufficient grounds for termination of the Contract.

4. A breach of the following clauses of the Required Contract Provisions may also be grounds for debarment as provided in 29 CFR 5.12:

- Section I, paragraph 2;
- Section IV, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7;
- Section V, paragraphs 1 and 2a through 2g.

5. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of Section IV (except paragraph 5) and Section V of these Required Contract Provisions shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this Contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) as set forth in 29 CFR 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the Contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the DOL, or the Contractor's employees or their representatives.

6. **Selection of Labor:** During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor shall not:

a. discriminate against labor from any other State, possession, or territory of the United States (except for employment preference for Appalachian contracts, when applicable, as specified in Attachment A), or

b. employ convict labor for any purpose within the limits of the project unless it is labor performed by convicts who are on parole, supervised release, or probation.

II. NONDISCRIMINATION

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction Contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

1. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** Equal employment opportunity (EEO) requirements not to discriminate and to take affirmative action to assure equal opportunity as set forth under laws, executive orders, rules, regulations (28 CFR 35, 29 CFR 1630 and 41 CFR 60) and orders of the Secretary of Labor as modified by the provisions prescribed herein, and imposed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 140 shall constitute the EEO and specific affirmative action standards for the Contractor's project activities under this Contract. The Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications set forth under 41 CFR 60-4.3 and the provisions of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) set forth under 28 CFR 35 and 29 CFR 1630 are incorporated by reference in this Contract. In the execution of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with the following minimum specific requirement activities of EEO:

a. The Contractor will work with the State highway agency (SHA) and the Federal Government in carrying out EEO obligations and in their review of his/her activities under the Contract.

b. The Contractor will accept as his operating policy the following statement:

"It is the policy of this Company to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Such action shall include: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, preapprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training."

2. **EEO Officer:** The Contractor will designate and make known to the SHA contracting officers an EEO Officer who will have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active Contractor program of EEO and who must be assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

3. **Dissemination of Policy:** All members of the Contractor's staff who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, the Contractor's EEO policy and Contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. To ensure that the above agreement will be met, the following actions will be taken as a minimum:

a. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every six months, at which time the contractor's EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed and explained. The meetings will be conducted by the EEO Officer.

b. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the contractor's EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty with the Contractor.

c. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the project will be instructed by the EEO Officer in the Contractor's procedures for locating and hiring minority group employees.

d. Notices and posters setting forth the Contractor's EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.

e. The contractor's EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.

4. **Recruitment:** When advertising for employees, the Contractor will include in all advertisements for employees the notation: "An Equal Opportunity Employer." All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minority groups in the area from which the project work force would normally be derived.

a. The Contractor will, unless precluded by a valid bargaining agreement, conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minority group applicants. To meet this requirement, the contractor will identify sources of potential minority group employees, and establish with such identified sources procedures whereby minority group applicants may be referred to the Contractor for employment consideration.

b. In the event the Contractor has a valid bargaining agreement providing for exclusive hiring hall referrals, he is expected to observe the provisions of that agreement to the extent that the system permits the contractor's compliance with EEO Contract provisions. (The DOL has held that where implementation of such agreements have the effect of discriminating against minorities or women, or obligates the Contractor to do the same, such implementation violates Executive Order 11246, as amended.)

c. The Contractor will encourage his present employees to refer minority group applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring minority group applicants will be discussed with employees.

5. Personnel Actions: Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

a. The Contractor will conduct periodic inspections of project sites to insure that working conditions and employee facilities do not indicate discriminatory treatment of project site personnel.

b. The Contractor will periodically evaluate the spread of wages paid within each classification to determine any evidence of discriminatory wage practices.

c. The Contractor will periodically review selected personnel actions in depth to determine whether there is evidence of discrimination. Where evidence is found, the Contractor will promptly take corrective action. If the review indicates that the discrimination may extend beyond the actions reviewed, such corrective action shall include all affected persons.

d. The Contractor will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the Contractor in connection with his obligations under this Contract, will attempt to resolve such complaints, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective action shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the Contractor will inform every complainant of all of his avenues of appeal.

6. Training and Promotion:

a. The contractor will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women employees, and applicants for employment.

b. Consistent with the Contractor's work force requirements and as permissible under Federal and State regulations, the Contractor shall make full use of training programs, i.e., apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs for the geographical area of contract performance. Where feasible, 25 percent of apprentices or trainees in each occupation shall be in their first year of apprenticeship or training. In the event a special provision for training is provided under this Contract, this subparagraph will be superseded as indicated in the special provision.

c. The Contractor will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and entrance requirements for each.

d. The Contractor will periodically review the training and promotion potential of minority group and women employees and will encourage eligible employees to apply for such training and promotion.

7. Unions: If the Contractor relies in whole or in part upon unions as a source of employees, the Contractor will use his/her best efforts to obtain the cooperation of such unions to increase opportunities for minority groups and women within the unions, and to effect referrals by such unions of minority and female employees. Actions by the Contractor either directly or through a Contractor's association acting as agent will include the procedures set forth below:

a. The Contractor will use best efforts to develop, in cooperation with the unions, joint training programs aimed toward qualifying more minority group members and women for membership in the unions and increasing the skills of minority group employees and women so that they may qualify for higher paying employment.

b. The Contractor will use best efforts to incorporate an EEO clause into each union agreement to the end that such union will be contractually bound to refer applicants without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability.

c. The Contractor is to obtain information as to the referral practices and policies of the labor union except that to the extent such information is within the exclusive possession of the labor union and such labor union refuses to furnish such information to the Contractor, the Contractor shall so certify to the SHA and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain such information.

d. In the event the union is unable to provide the Contractor with a reasonable flow of minority and women referrals within the time limit set forth in the collective bargaining agreement, the Contractor will, through independent recruitment efforts, fill the employment vacancies without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability; making full efforts to obtain qualified and/or qualifiable minority group persons and women. (The DOL has held that it shall be no excuse that the union with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement providing for exclusive referral failed to refer minority employees.) In the event the union referral practice prevents the Contractor from meeting the obligations pursuant to Executive Order 11246, as amended, and these Specifications, such Contractor shall immediately notify the SHA.

8. Selection of Subcontractors, Procurement of Materials and Leasing of Equipment: The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment.

a. The Contractor shall notify all potential subcontractors and suppliers of his/her EEO obligations under this Contract.

b. Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), as defined in 49 CFR 23, shall have equal opportunity to compete for and perform subcontracts which the Contractor enters into pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor will use his best efforts to solicit bids from and to utilize DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority group and female representation among their employees. Contractors shall obtain lists of DBE construction firms from SHA personnel.

c. The Contractor will use his best efforts to ensure subcontractor compliance with their EEO obligations.

9. Records and Reports: The Contractor shall keep such records as necessary to document compliance with the EEO requirements. Such records shall be retained for a period of 3 years following completion of the Contract work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of the SHA and the FHWA.

a. The records kept by the Contractor shall document the following:

(1) The number of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification on the project;

(2) The progress and efforts being made in cooperation with unions, when applicable, to increase employment opportunities for minorities and women;

(3) The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and female employees; and

(4) The progress and efforts being made in securing the services of DBE subcontractors or subcontractors with meaningful minority and female representation among their employees.

b. The Contractors will submit an annual report to the SHA each July for the duration of the project, indicating the number of minority, women, and nonminority group employees currently engaged in each work classification required by the Contract work. This information is to be reported on Form FHWA-1391. If on-the-job training is being required by special provision, the Contractor will be required to collect and report training data.

III. NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction Contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$10,000 or more.)

a. By submission of this bid, the execution of this Contract or subcontract, or the consummation of this material supply agreement or purchase order, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction Contractor, subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor, as appropriate,

certifies that the firm does not maintain or provide for its employees any segregated facilities at any of its establishments, and that the firm does not permit its employees to perform their services at any location, under its control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The firm agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the EEO provisions of this Contract. The firm further certifies that no employee will be denied access to adequate facilities on the basis of sex or disability.

b. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms, and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive, or are, in fact, segregated on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. The only exception will be for the disabled when the demands for accessibility override (e.g. disabled parking).

c. The Contractor agrees that it has obtained or will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors or material suppliers prior to award of subcontracts or consummation of material supply agreements of \$10,000 or more and that it will retain such certifications in its files.

IV. PAYMENT OF PREDETERMINED MINIMUM WAGE

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction Contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts, except for projects located on roadways classified as local roads or rural minor collectors, which are exempt.)

1. General:

a. All mechanics and laborers employed or working upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account [except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations (29 CFR 3) issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c)] the full amounts of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment. The payment shall be computed at wage rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter "the wage determination") which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Contractor or its subcontractors and such laborers and mechanics. The wage determination (including any additional classifications and wage rates conformed under paragraph 2 of this Section IV and the DOL poster (WH-1321) or Form FHWA-1495) shall be posted at all times by the Contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers. For the purpose of this Section, contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under Section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a) on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of Section IV, paragraph 3b, hereof. Also, for the purpose of this Section, regular contributions made or costs

incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs, which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period. Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Section IV.

b. Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than 1 classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein, provided, that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed.

c. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon Act and related acts contained in 29 CFR 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this Contract.

2. Classification:

a. The SHA Contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics employed under the Contract, which is not listed in the wage determination, shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination.

b. The Contracting officer shall approve an additional classification, wage rate and fringe benefits only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) the work to be performed by the additional classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;

(2) the additional classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry;

(3) the proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination; and

(4) with respect to helpers, when such a classification prevails in the area in which the work is performed.

c. If the Contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, the laborers and mechanics (if known) to be employed in the additional classification or their representatives, and the Contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the Contracting officer to the DOL, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Washington, D.C. 20210. The Wage and Hour Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting officer or will notify the Contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

d. In the event the Contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the additional classification or their representatives, and the Contracting officer

do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), the Contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the Contracting officer, to the Wage and Hour Administrator for determination. Said Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the Contracting officer or will notify the Contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary

e. The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to paragraph 2c or 2d of this Section IV shall be paid to all workers performing work in the additional classification from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

3. Payment of Fringe Benefits:

a. Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the Contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the Contractor or subcontractors, as appropriate, shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly case equivalent thereof.

b. If the Contractor or subcontractor, as appropriate, does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, he/she may consider as a part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program, provided, that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the Contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the Contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

4. Apprentices and Trainees (Programs of the U.S. DOL) and Helpers:

a. Apprentices:

(1) Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the DOL, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his/her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State apprenticeship agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice.

(2) The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeyman-level employees on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the Contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any employee listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate listed in the wage determination for the classification of

work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a Contractor or subcontractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman-level hourly rate) specified in the Contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed.

(3) Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman-level hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator for the Wage and Hour Division determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination.

(4) In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the Contractor or subcontractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the comparable work performed by regular employees until an acceptable program is approved.

b. Trainees:

(1) Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the DOL, Employment and Training Administration.

(2) The ratio of trainees to journeyman-level employees on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed.

(3) Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for his/her level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman-level hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman-level wage rate on the

wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices, in which case such trainees shall receive the same fringe benefits as apprentices.

(4) In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the Contractor or subcontractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

c. **Helpers:**

Helpers will be permitted to work on a project if the helper classification is specified and defined on the applicable wage determination or is approved pursuant to the conformance procedure set forth in Section IV.2. Any worker listed on a payroll at a helper wage rate, who is not a helper under an approved definition, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed.

5. Apprentices and Trainees (Programs of the U.S. DOT):

Apprentices and trainees working under apprenticeship and skill training programs which have been certified by the Secretary of Transportation as promoting EEO in connection with Federal-aid highway construction programs are not subject to the requirements of paragraph 4 of this Section IV. The straight time hourly wage rates for apprentices and trainees under such programs will be established by the particular programs. The ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen shall not be greater than permitted by the terms of the particular program.

6. Withholding:

The SHA shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the DOL withhold, or cause to be withheld, from the Contractor or subcontractor under this Contract or any other Federal Contract with the same Prime Contractor, or any other Federally-assisted Contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements which is held by the same Prime Contractor, as much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the Contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the Contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of the work, all or part of the wages required by the Contract, the SHA Contracting officer may, after written notice to the Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

7. Overtime Requirements:

No Contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers, mechanics, watchmen, or guards (including apprentices, trainees, and helpers described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above) shall require or permit any laborer, mechanic, watchman, or guard in any workweek in which he/she is employed on

such work, to work in excess of 40 hours in such workweek unless such laborer, mechanic, watchman, or guard receives compensation at a rate not less than one-and-one-half times his/her basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in such workweek.

8. Violation:

Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages: In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 7 above, the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible thereof shall be liable to the affected employee for his/her unpaid wages. In addition, such Contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under Contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory) for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer, mechanic, watchman, or guard employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph 7, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such employee was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard work week of 40 hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph 7.

9. Withholding for Unpaid Wages and Liquidated Damages:

The SHA shall upon its own action or upon written request of any authorized representative of the DOL withhold, or cause to be withheld, from any monies payable on account of work performed by the Contractor or subcontractor under any such Contract or any other Federal Contract with the same Prime Contractor, or any other Federally-assisted Contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same Prime Contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph 8 above.

V. STATEMENTS AND PAYROLLS

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction Contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts, except for projects located on roadways classified as local roads or rural collectors, which are exempt.)

1. Compliance with Copeland Regulations (29 CFR 3):

The Contractor shall comply with the Copeland Regulations of the Secretary of Labor which are herein incorporated by reference.

2. Payrolls and Payroll Records:

a. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the Contractor and each subcontractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of 3 years from the date of completion of the Contract for all laborers, mechanics, apprentices, trainees, watchmen, helpers, and guards working at the site of the work.

b. The payroll records shall contain the name, social security number, and address of each such employee; his or her correct classification; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalent thereof the types described in Section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid. In addition, for Appalachian Contracts, the payroll records shall contain a notation indicating whether the employee does, or does not, normally reside in the labor area as defined in Attachment A, paragraph 1. Whenever the Secretary of Labor, pursuant to Section IV, paragraph 3b, has found that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in Section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis Bacon Act, the Contractor and each subcontractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and show the cost anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing benefits. Contractors or subcontractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprentices and trainees, and ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

c. Each Contractor and subcontractor shall furnish, each week in which any contract work is performed, to the SHA resident engineer a payroll of wages paid each of its employees (including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, described in Section IV, paragraphs 4 and 5, and watchmen and guards engaged on work during the preceding weekly payroll period). The payroll submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under paragraph 2b of this Section V. This information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents (Federal stock number 029-005-0014-1), U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The Prime Contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors.

d. Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the Contractor or subcontractor or his/her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the Contract and shall certify the following:

(1) that the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be maintained under paragraph 2b of this Section V and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) that such laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the Contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in the Regulations, 29 CFR 3;

(3) that each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rate and fringe benefits or cash equivalent for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the Contract.

e. The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph 2d of this Section V.

f. The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the Contractor to civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 231.

g. The Contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph 2b of this Section V available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the SHA, the FHWA, or the DOL, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the SHA, the FHWA, the DOL, or all may, after written notice to the Contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such actions as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

VI. RECORD OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND LABOR

1. On all Federal-aid Contracts on the National Highway System, except those which provide solely for the installation of protective devices at railroad grade crossings, those which are constructed on a force account or direct labor basis, highway beautification Contracts, and Contracts for which the total final construction cost for roadway and bridge is less than \$1,000,000 (23 CFR 635) the Contractor shall:

a. Become familiar with the list of specific materials and supplies contained in Form FHWA-47, "Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractor of Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds," prior to the commencement of work under this Contract.

b. Maintain a record of the total cost of all materials and supplies purchased for and incorporated in the work, and also of the quantities of those specific materials and supplies listed on Form FHWA-47, and in the units shown on Form FHWA-47.

c. Furnish, upon the completion of the Contract, to the SHA resident engineer on Form FHWA-47 together with the data required in paragraph 1b relative to materials and supplies, a final labor summary of all contract work indicating the total hours worked and the total amount earned.

2. At the Prime Contractor's option, either a single report covering all Contract work or separate reports for the Contractor and for each subcontract shall be submitted.

VII. SUBLETTING OR ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT

1. The Contractor shall perform with its own organization Contract work amounting to not less than 30 percent (or a greater percentage if specified elsewhere in the Contract) of the total

original Contract price, excluding any specialty items designated by the State. Specialty items may be performed by subcontract and the amount of any such specialty items performed may be deducted from the total original Contract price before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the Contractor's own organization (23 CFR 635).

a. "Its own organization" shall be construed to include only workers employed and paid directly by the Prime Contractor and equipment owned or rented by the Prime Contractor, with or without operators. Such term does not include employees or equipment of a subcontractor, assignee, or agent of the Prime Contractor.

b. "Specialty Items" shall be construed to be limited to work that requires highly specialized knowledge, abilities, or equipment not ordinarily available in the type of Contracting organizations qualified and expected to bid on the Contract as a whole and in general are to be limited to minor components of the overall Contract.

2. The Contract amount upon which the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 of Section VII is computed includes the cost of material and manufactured products which are to be purchased or produced by the Contractor under the Contract provisions.

3. The Contractor shall furnish (a) a competent superintendent or supervisor who is employed by the firm, has full authority to direct performance of the work in accordance with the Contract requirements, and is in charge of all construction operations (regardless of who performs the work) and (b) such other of its own organizational resources (supervision, management, and engineering services) as the SHA contracting officer determines is necessary to assure the performance of the Contract.

4. No portion of the Contract shall be sublet, assigned or otherwise disposed of except with the written consent of the SHA contracting officer, or authorized representative, and such consent when given shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the fulfillment of the Contract. Written consent will be given only after the SHA has assured that each subcontract is evidenced in writing and that it contains all pertinent provisions and requirements of the Prime Contract.

VIII. SAFETY: ACCIDENT PREVENTION

1. In the performance of this Contract the Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws governing safety, health, and sanitation (23 CFR 635). The Contractor shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment and take any other needed actions as it determines, or as the SHA contracting officer may determine, to be reasonably necessary to protect the life and health of employees on the job and the safety of the public and to protect property in connection with the performance of the work covered by the Contract.

2. It is a condition of this Contract, and shall be made a condition of each subcontract, which the Contractor enters into pursuant to this Contract, that the Contractor and any subcontractor shall not permit any employee, in performance of the Contract, to work in surroundings or under conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his/her health or safety, as

determined under construction safety and health standards (29 CFR 1926) promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333).

3. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.3, it is a condition of this Contract that the Secretary of Labor or authorized representative thereof, shall have right of entry to any site of Contract performance to inspect or investigate the matter of compliance with the construction safety and health standards and to carry out the duties of the Secretary under Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333).

IX. FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIGHWAY PROJECTS

In order to assure high quality and durable construction in conformity with approved plans and specifications and a high degree of reliability on statements and representations made by Engineers, Contractors, suppliers, and workers on Federal-aid highway projects, it is essential that all persons concerned with the project perform their functions as carefully, thoroughly, and honestly as possible. Willful falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation with respect to any facts related to the project is a violation of Federal law. To prevent any misunderstanding regarding the seriousness of these and similar acts, the following notice shall be posted on each Federal-aid highway project (23 CFR 635) in 1 or more places where it is readily available to all persons concerned with the project:

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONNEL ENGAGED ON FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

18 U.S.C. 1020 reads as follows:

"Whoever, being an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or of any State or Territory, or whoever, whether a person, association, firm, or corporation, knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the cost thereof in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or costs of construction on any highway or related project submitted for approval to the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement, false representation, false report or false claim with respect to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of any work performed or to be performed, or materials furnished or to be furnished, in connection with the construction of any highway or related project approved by the Secretary of Transportation; or

Whoever knowingly makes any false statement or false representation as to material fact in any statement, certificate, or report submitted pursuant to provisions of the Federal-aid Roads Act approved July 1, 1916, (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented;

Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 5 years or both."

X. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction contracts and to all related subcontracts of \$100,000 or more.)

By submission of this bid or the execution of this Contract, or subcontract, as appropriate, the bidder, Federal-aid construction Contractor, or subcontractor, as appropriate, will be deemed to have stipulated as follows:

1. That any facility that is or will be utilized in the performance of this contract, unless such contract is exempt under the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 *et seq.*, as amended by Pub.L. 91-604), and under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, as amended by Pub.L. 92-500), Executive Order 11738, and regulations in implementation thereof (40 CFR 15) is not listed, on the date of Contract award, on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List of Violating Facilities pursuant to 40 CFR 15.20.

2. That the firm agrees to comply and remain in compliance with all the requirements of Section 114 of the Clean Air Act and Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and all regulations and guidelines listed thereunder.

3. That the firm shall promptly notify the SHA of the receipt of any communication from the Director, Office of Federal Activities, EPA, indicating that a facility that is or will be utilized for the contract is under consideration to be listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities.

4. That the firm agrees to include or cause to be included the requirements of paragraph 1 through 4 of this Section X in every nonexempt subcontract, and further agrees to take such action as the government may direct as a means of enforcing such requirements.

XI. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION**1. Instructions for Certification - Primary Covered Transactions:**

(Applicable to all Federal-aid contracts - 49 CFR 29)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

b. The inability of a person to provide the certification set out below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such a person from participation in this transaction.

c. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause of default.

d. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to whom this proposal is submitted if any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

e. 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 meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

f. The prospective primary 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 debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

g. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

h. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, 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 nonprocurement portion of the "Lists of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs" (Nonprocurement List) which is compiled by the General Services Administration.

i. 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 participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

j. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph f of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is

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 may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--
Primary Covered Transactions**

1. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

b. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for 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; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

c. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph 1b of this certification; and

d. Have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had 1 or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

2. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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2. Instructions for Certification - Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

(Applicable to all subcontracts, purchase orders and other lower tier transactions of \$25,000 or more - 49 CFR 29)

a. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier is providing the certification set out below.

b. 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.

c. 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 by reason of changed circumstances.

d. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "primary covered transaction," "participant," "person," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings 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.

e. 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 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.

f. 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.

g. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, 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 Nonprocurement List.

h. 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 participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

i. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph e of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is 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.

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**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and 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 to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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XII. CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

(Applicable to all Federal-aid construction Contracts and to all related subcontracts which exceed \$100,000 - 49 CFR 20)

1. The prospective participant certifies, by signing and submitting this bid or proposal, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

a. 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 any Federal 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.

b. 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 Federal 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.

2. 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. 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.

The prospective participant also agrees by submitting his or her bid or proposal that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.