LAKE COUNTY
FLORIDA

CONTRACT NO. 14-0437

for **Park Landscape Maintenance and Related Services – Ancilliary Parks**

LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the state of Florida, its successors and assigns through its Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter "County") does hereby accept, with noted modifications, if any, the bid of **Helping Hand Lawn Care** (hereinafter "Contractor") to supply **Park Landscape Maintenance and Related Services – Ancillary Parks** to the County pursuant to County Bid number **14-0437** (hereinafter "Bid"), Addendum # 1 dated **June 20, 2014**, Addendum # 2 dated **July 1, 2014**, opening dated **July 9, 2014** and Contractor's **July 7, 2014** Bid response thereto with all County Bid provisions governing.

A copy of the Contractor's signed Bid is attached hereto and incorporated herein, thus making it a part of this Contract.

In response to Section 1.17, Background Checks, Helping Hand Lawn Care acknowledges that the following is acceptable and true.

A. Contractor's Supervisor shall be on site at all times.
B. Any person with a suspended driver's license shall be prohibited from driving in the Parks.
C. Contractor/Supervisor is responsible for verifying employee is suitable to work each and every work day.
D. The Contract is responsible for ensuring the above criteria has been met.

No financial obligation under this contract shall accrue against the County until a specific purchase transaction is completed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this contract.

Contractor shall submit the documents hereinafter listed prior to commencement of this Contract: Insurance Certificate.

The County's Procurement Services Manager shall be the sole judge as to the fact of the fulfillment of this Contract, and upon any breach thereof, shall, at his or her option, declare this contract terminated, and for any loss or damage by reason of such breach, whether this Contract is terminated or not, said Contractor and their surety for any required bond shall be liable.

This Contract is effective from **November 1, 2014** through **October 31, 2016** except the County reserves the right to terminate this Contract immediately for cause and/or lack of funds and with thirty (30) day written notice for the convenience of the County. This Contract provides for three (3) one (1) year renewals at Lake County's sole option at the terms noted in the Bid.

Any and all modifications to this Contract must be in writing signed by the County's Procurement Services Manager.

LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Sandra Rogers
Contracting Officer

Date: 08-26-2014

Distribution: Original-Bid File
Copy-Contractor
Copy-Department

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PHONE: (352) 343-9839
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ADDENDUM NO. 1

Date: June 20, 2014

ITB No. 14-0437

ITB Title: Park Landscape Maintenance and Related Services – Ancillary Parks

It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure their receipt of all addenda, and to clearly acknowledge all addenda within their initial bid or proposal response. Acknowledgement may be confirmed either by inclusion of a signed copy of this addendum with the initial bid or proposal response, or by completion and return of the addendum acknowledgement section of the solicitation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid or proposal from being considered for award.

The purpose of this addendum is to provide bidders with park addresses. See list below.

14-0437 Park Address List		
Group A - North Lake County		
	Astor Lions Park	54835 Alco Road, Astor FL 32102
1	Butler Street Boat Ramp	55400 Butler Street, Astor FL 32102
3	Lake George Boat Ramp	58300 Lake George Road, Astor FL 32102
4	Lake Holly Boat Ramp	14421 CR 450, Umatilla FL 32784
5	Lake Mack Park	21235 Lake Drive, DeLand, FL 32720
6	McTureous Memorial Park (includes parking areas across street)	42100 State Road 19, Altoona FL 32702
8	Pearl Street Boat Ramp	25140 East Pearl Street, Astor FL 32102
10	South Umatilla Park	17107 Ball Park Road, Umatilla FL 32784
11	Umatilla Veterans Hall	40924 US Highway 19 N, Umatilla FL 32784
Group B - Central Lake County		
2	Lake Dalhousie Boat Ramp	37987 Burhans Road, Eustis FL 32726
3	Lake Idamere Park	12335 CR 448, Tavares FL 32778
4	Lake Jem Park & Boat Ramp	16141 CR 448, Tavares FL 32778
5	Lake Joanna Park	33415 East Lake Joanna Drive, Eustis FL 32726
6	Lake Saunders Boat Ramp	31310 Saunders Drive, Tavares FL 32778
7	Lake Yale Boat Ramp East	39400 Lake Yale Boat Ramp Road, Eustis FL 32726
8	Lake Yale Boat Ramp West	39800 Thomas Boat Landing Road, Eustis FL 32726
9	Marsh Park & Boat Ramp	36545 Yale Retreat Road, Eustis FL 32726
10	Mt. Plymouth Park	31300 Lochmore Circle, Mt. Plymouth FL 32776

11	Scott Park	25633 Aberdovey Avenue, Mt. Plymouth FL 32776
12	Sorrento Park	31535 Church Street, Sorrento FL 32776
13	Sylvan Shores Park	1540 Morningside Drive, Mount Dora FL 32757
14	Trout Lake Park	45 East Laurel Oak Drive, Eustis FL 32726
Group C - South Lake County		
1	Arnold Brothers Boat Ramp	15945 State Road 19, Groveland FL 34736
2	Astatula Boat Ramp	12703 Florida Avenue, Astatula FL 34705
3	Carlton Village Park	40201 Orange Circle, Lady Lake FL 32159
4	Haynes Creek Park	34606 South Haines Creek Rd, Leesburg FL 34788
5	John's Lake Boat Ramp	13620 Lake Blvd., Winter Garden FL 34787
6	Lake Thomas Cove Park	3020 Thomas Cove Drive, Clermont FL 34736
7	Palatlakaha River Park & Boat Ramp	12325 Hull Road, Clermont FL 34711
8	Sparks Village Boat Ramp	32000 Lake Drive, Leesburg, FL 34788
9	Spring Lake Park	36209 North Spring Lake Blvd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
10	Twin Lakes Park	35303 CR 473, Leesburg, FL 34788

Firm Name: Helping Hand Lawn Care Date: 7-7-14

Signature: [signature] Title: President

Typed/Printed Name: Elder Ripper

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

Date: July 1, 2014

ITB No. 14-0437

ITB Title: Park Landscape Maintenance and Related Services – Ancillary Parks

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The purpose of this addendum is to provide clarification regarding Section 2, Scope of Service, B and the pricing page. Vendor shall review additional bolded words below and submit pricing accordingly.

B. Trash Pick-Up / Blowing Off – The Contractor shall be responsible for removing and properly disposing of all trash and debris from the entire grounds before mowing is started. This is to include all limbs, tree and palm branches. All trash receptacles will be emptied daily, including all trash receptacles in the Dog Park, by the Contractor during each visit. Trash bag and doggie bag replacements shall be included as part of the service. All playground equipment, rubber surfaces, pickleball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, paver paths, pavilions, sidewalks, parking lots, and site amenities must be thoroughly blown off daily, **Monday through Friday**. If at any time, the Contractor finds a downed tree or any other condition that is unsafe; they are to contact the appropriate County Personnel immediately.

Firm Name: Helping Hand Lawn Care Date: 7-7-14

Signature: [signature] Title: President

Typed/Printed Name: Elder Ripper

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FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

Park Landscape Maintenance and Related Services – Ancillary Parks

ITB Number:	**14-0437**	**Contracting Officer:**	Sandra Rogers
Bid Due Date:	July 9, 2014	**Pre-Bid Conf. Date:**	See Section 1.4
Bid Due Time:	3:00 PM	**ITB Issue Date:**	June 11, 2014

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SPECIFIC SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS ARE AS NOTED BELOW:

Background Check:	Section 1.17
Certificate of Competency/License:	Section 1.19
Indemnification/Insurance:	Section 1.8
Examination of Site:	Section 1.4

At the date and time specified above, all bids that have been received in a timely manner will be opened, recorded, and accepted for consideration. The names of the bidders submitting bids will be read aloud and recorded. The bids will be available for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of Procurement Services thirty (30) calendar days after the official bid 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 ITB Document, and attach all other information requested in this ITB document (See Provision 1.13). Failure to sign the bid response, or to submit the bid response by the specified time and date, may be cause for rejection of the bid.

NO-RESPONSE REPLY

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

☐ Not interested at this time; keep our firm on Lake County's Vendors List for future solicitations for this product / service

☐ Please remove our firm from Lake County's Vendor's List for this product / service.

VENDOR IDENTIFICATION

Company Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Section 1.1: Purpose

The purpose of this solicitation is to secure one (1) or more licensed contractors to provide all labor, materials, supervision and equipment required in order to completely maintain lawns and common area grass within Lake County Parks, in conjunction with the County's needs.

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 bid due date.

Sandra Rogers, CPPB, Contracting Officer
Lake County BCC
Office of Procurement Services
315 W. Main Street, Room 441
PO BOX 7800
Tavares, FL 32778-7800

Phone : 352.343.9832
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

Three (3) separate mowing areas (groups) as shown in the pricing section have been established by the County. The County intends to make award of each mowing area designated herein to the responsive and responsible bidder which submits the lowest price for each group. A single vendor may be awarded multiple groups if determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for each group. Bidders are encouraged to bid on all groups. If a vendor fails to submit an offer for all segments within a given group, its offer for that specific group will be rejected.

Section 1.4: Examination of Site (Mandatory)

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

Section 1.5: Term of Contract – Twenty-Four (24) 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 contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required pre-award documents. The initial contract term shall remain in effect for 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 Three (3) Additional One (1) Year Period(s) (With Price Adjustment)

Prior to, or upon completion, of the initial term of this contract, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for three (3) additional one (1) year period(s). Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the County may consider an adjustment to price based on changes as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (https://bls.gov). 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 Manager 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.

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/st

ate_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 bid due date stated in 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.

If the Procurement Services Manager 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.

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

Section 1.7: Method of Payment - Monthly Invoices

The vendor(s) shall submit monthly invoices by the tenth (10th) calendar day of each month. These invoices shall be submitted to the County user department(s) that requested the service through a purchase order. The invoices shall reflect the type of service provided to the County in the prior month.

All invoices shall contain the contract and/or purchase order number, date and location of delivery or service, and confirmation of acceptance of the goods or services by the appropriate County representative. Failure to submit invoices in the 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	$500,000
Products-Completed Operations	$500,000
Personal & Adv. Injury	$500,000
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	$300,000
or	
Bodily Injury (per person)	$100,000
Bodily Injury (per accident)	$300,000
Property Damage	$100,000

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

Employers Liability insurance with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Each Accident	$100,000

Disease-Each Employee	$100,000
Disease-Policy Limit	$500,000

Professional liability and/or specialty insurance (medical malpractice, engineers, architect, consultant, environmental, pollution, errors and omissions, etc.) as applicable, with minimum limits of $500,000 and annual aggregate of $1,000,000.

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: Bonding Requirements

Not applicable to this solicitation

Section 1.10: Completion/Delivery

As specified in Statement of Work

Section 1.11: Acceptance of Goods or Services

The product(s) delivered as a result of an award from this solicitation shall remain the property of the contractor, and services rendered under the contract will not be deemed complete, until a physical inspection and actual usage of the product(s) and/or service(s) is (are) accepted by the County and shall be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.

Any goods and/or services purchased as a result of this solicitation and/or contract may be tested/inspected for compliance with specifications. In the event that any aspect of the goods or services provided is found to be defective or does not conform to the specifications, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract or initiate corrective action on the part of the vendor, to include return of any non-compliant goods to the vendor at the vendor's expense, requiring the vendor to either provide a direct replacement for the item, or a full credit for the returned item. The vendor shall not assess any additional charge(s) for any conforming action taken by the County under this clause. The County will not be responsible to pay for any product or service that does not conform to the contract specifications.

In addition, any defective product or service or any product or service not delivered or performed by the date specified in the purchase order or contract, may be procured by the County on the open market, and any increase in cost may be charged against the awarded contractor. Any cost incurred by the County in any re-procurement plus any increased product or service cost shall be withheld from any monies owed to the contractor by the County for any contract or financial obligation.

Section 1.11: Deficiencies in Work to be Corrected by the Vendor

The vendor shall promptly correct all apparent and latent deficiencies and/or defects in work, and/or any work that fails to conform to the contract documents regardless of project completion status. All corrections shall be made within three (3) calendar days after such rejected defects, deficiencies, and/or non-conformances are verbally reported to the vendor by the County's project administrator, who may confirm all such verbal reports in writing. The vendor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work. If the vendor fails to correct the work within the period specified, the County may, at its discretion, notify the vendor, in writing, that the vendor is subject to contractual default provisions if the corrections are not completed to the satisfaction of the County within three (3) calendar days of receipt of the notice. If the vendor fails to correct the work within the period specified in the notice, the County shall place the vendor in default, obtain the services of another vendor to correct the deficiencies, and charge the incumbent vendor for these costs, either through a deduction from the final payment owed to the vendor or through invoicing. If the vendor fails to honor this invoice or credit memo, the County may terminate the contract for default.

Section 1.12: Warranty

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

The vendor hereby acknowledges and agrees that all materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the vendor in conjunction with this solicitation and resultant contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose.

Section 1.13 Delivery and Completion of Solicitation Response

Section 1.13.1: 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 stated in 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 1.13.2: Completion Requirements for Invitation to Bid

Two (2) signed original bids and one (1) complete copy of the bid submitted by the vendor shall be sealed and delivered to the Office of Procurement Services no later than the official bid due date and time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the submitter. The County is not liable or responsible for any costs incurred by any Bidder in responding to this ITB including, without limitation, costs for product and/or service demonstrations if requested.

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

COMPLETION OF BID PACKAGE: The vendor shall complete all required entries in Section

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

Specific Completion Directions:

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

Section 14: Additional Locations may be Added

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

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

Section 1.15: Additional Services may be Added

Although this solicitation and resultant contract identifies specific services to be performed, it is hereby agreed and understood that services may be added to this contract at the option of the County. When required by the pricing structure of the contract, vendor under this contract shall be invited to submit price quotes for these additional services. The additional services shall be added to this contract by formal modification.

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

Section 1.16: 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 1.17: Background Check

All employees, subcontractors, and representatives of the vendor that will be on County property shall be required to submit to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (1-850-410-8109) for a "Certified Background Check". The vendor will be responsible for all costs associated with the Certified Background Check. If anything is found on the Certified Background Check, the contractor shall provide a copy of the Certified Background Check to the County's designated representative prior to any work starting.

Vendors must notify the County's designated representative of all changes in personnel within forty-eight (48) hours. When a new employee is added the vendor shall provide the Certified Background Check to the County's designated representative prior to the employee starting work.

Failure to obtain background checks as specified can result in termination of the contract.

Section 1.18: Business Hours of Operations

All normal service work under this agreement is to be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Sunday, including County Holidays.

Section 1.19: Certificate of Competency/Licensure

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 required for this project are obtained 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 shall be borne by the vendor.

Section 1.20: Clean-Up

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

Section 1.21: Competency of Vendors and Associated Subcontractors

The County may elect to conduct a pre-award inspection of the vendor's facility during the offer evaluation process. Offers will be considered only from firms which are regularly engaged in the business of providing or distributing the goods and/or performing the services as described in the solicitation, and who can produce evidence of a consistent satisfactory record of performance. Vendors must demonstrate that they have sufficient financial support and organization to ensure that they can satisfactorily execute the contract if awarded under the terms and conditions herein stated. In the event that the vendor intends to sub-contract any part of its work to another vendor, or will obtain the goods specifically offered under this contract from another source of supply; the vendor may be required to verify the competency of its sub-contractor or supplier. The County reserves the right, before awarding the contract, to require a vendor to submit such evidence of its qualifications and the qualifications of its sub-contractor as it may deem necessary. The County may consider any evidence available to it of the financial, technical and other qualifications and abilities of any vendor responding hereunder, including past performance with the County, in determining vendor responsibility for the purposes of selecting a vendor for contract award.

Section 1.22: Conditions for Emergency, Hurricane or Disaster

Lake County Board of County Commissioners shall require "first priority" before, during and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, flood or other act of God. It is imperative that the citizens are protected from any emergency situation which threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County. The County expects to pay contractual prices for all services required during an emergency.

Section 1.23: Deletion of Locations

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

Section 1.24: Dress Code

The dress code for Contractor's employees shall consist of shirt, pants, and work shoes/boots.

Section 1.25: Key Contractor Personnel

In submitting a proposal, the Proposer is representing that each person listed or referenced in the proposal shall be available to perform the services described for the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, barring illness, accident, or other unforeseeable events of a similar nature in which case the Proposer must be able to promptly provide a qualified replacement. In the event the Proposer wishes to substitute personnel, the Proposer shall propose a person with equal or higher qualifications and each replacement person is subject to prior written County approval. In the event the requested substitute person is not satisfactory to the County and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the County, the County reserves the right to cancel the contract for cause.

Section 1.26: Labor, Materials, and Equipment Shall be Supplied by the Vendor

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

Section 1.27: Protection of Property

All existing structures, utilities, services, roads, trees, shrubbery, and property in which the County has an interest shall be protected against damage or interrupted services at all times by the vendor during the term of this contract; and the vendor shall be held responsible for repairing or replacing property to the satisfaction of the County which is damaged by reason of the vendor's operation on the property. In the event the vendor fails to comply with these requirements, the County reserves the right to secure the required services and charge the costs of such services back to the vendor.

Section 1.28: Risk of Loss

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

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

Section 1.29: Service Facilities Shall be Provided in Central Florida by the Vendor

Offers will only be accepted from vendors which have service facilities that are located in Central Florida (defined as Lake, Osceola, Orange, Seminole, Volusia, Marion, Polk, and Sumter counties). Service facilities are defined as facilities that can provide a full range of parts and repairs for the items covered by this solicitation and resultant contract.

The County reserves the right to perform an inspection of these service facilities 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 vendor to which award will be made under this solicitation. The acceptability of the size, location, level of security, 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 shall be final.

Section 1.30: Special Notice to Vendors Regarding Federal and/or State Requirements

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.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. Detailed Mowing/Weedeating - The cut edge of the known turf shall be at least three (3") inches above the ground and not more than three and half (3 1/2") inches above the ground. All turf areas shall remain well-manicured at all times. Any alternation of this minimum schedule shall be accomplished only with prior approval from the Parks & Trails Division.

B. Mowing work is permitted Monday thru Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Trash pickup will be performed Monday through Sunday, including County Holidays, between 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Blowing off will be performed Monday thru Friday, including County Holidays, between 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

C. The work under this scope of service is intended to include the furnishing of all materials, equipment and labor necessary for the maintenance and repairs of the County park trails. The work shall include, but not necessarily be limited to mowing, trash pickup and disposal. All work shall be done in a neat, safe and workman like manner by competent contractor's personnel and preparations made in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation and to the satisfaction of the Parks and Trails Division. Good housekeeping, consistent with safety shall be maintained.

All equipment including but not limited to vehicles, trailers, ATV's, and chippers must be thoroughly cleaned with a pressure washer, by hand, or blower to reduce the spread of exotic vegetation prior to leaving each work site.

D. Detailed Weeding - The Contractor shall manually remove all weeds and extraneous vegetation from all beds and planted areas on every cutting visit. All concrete and asphalt walkways and driveways shall be weeded; herbicide is acceptable for weed control only in these areas, (asphalt walkways and driveways). Herbicides shall be used only in strict accordance with the herbicide manufacturer's printed directions. All debris from weeding and edging shall be removed from area and disposed of at no extra cost to the County.

E. Detailed Edging - the Contractor shall edge all plant beds, sidewalks, asphalt paths, driveways, parking lots, paved asphalt, concrete, headers, recycled plastic, retaining walls, utility boxes, and curbs on every cutting visit. All clippings shall be picked up and properly disposed of by the Contractor, and the remaining loss material blown off all paved, recycled plastic, concrete or wood surfaces. Edging with herbicides shall <u>not</u> be allowed.

F. Trimming - The Contractor shall trim all branches/hedges and shrubs on each mowing visit. All clippings shall be picked up and properly disposed of by the

Contractor, and the remaining loss material blown off all paved, recycled plastic, concrete or wood surfaces.

G. Trash Pick-Up / Blowing Off – The Contractor shall be responsible for removing and properly disposing of all trash and debris from the entire grounds before mowing is started. This is to include all limbs, tree and palm branches. All trash receptacles will be emptied daily, including all trash receptacles in the Dog Park, by the Contractor during each visit. Trash bag and doggie bag replacements shall be included as part of the service. All playground equipment, rubber surfaces, pickleball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, paver paths, pavilions, sidewalks, parking lots, and site amenities must be thoroughly blown off daily. If at any time, the Contractor finds a downed tree or any other condition that is unsafe; they are to contact the appropriate County Personnel immediately.

H. The Contractor must correct any work found unsatisfactory and/or incomplete by the Parks & Trails Division within three (3) days of being notified by phone or fax. No exceptions. If field visits and/or complaints reveal unsatisfactory work by the Contractor, Lake County has the right to require the Contractor to provide photographic documentation for each site lawn services are provided, at no additional charge to the County.

I. Florida Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries must be followed. See Attachment 2.

3.1 DEFINITIONS

Addenda: A written change to a solicitation.
Bid: Shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this ITB.
Bidder: Refers to any entity that submitted a bid under an ITB.
Contract: The agreement to perform the services set forth in this solicitation. The contract will be comprised of the solicitation document signed by both parties with any addenda and other attachments specifically incorporated.
Contractor: The vendor to which award has been made.
County: Shall refer to Lake County, Florida.
Invitation to Bid (ITB): Shall mean this solicitation document, including any and all addenda. An ITB contains well-defined terms, conditions, and specifications, and is awarded to the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder.
Modification: A written change to a contract.
Responsible: Refers to a bidder that has the capacity and capability to perform the work required under an Invitation to Bid, and is otherwise eligible for award.
Responsive: Refers to a bidder that has taken no exception or deviation from the terms, conditions, and specifications in an ITB.
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 that the words "shall", "must", or "will" are equivalent within this ITB and indicate a mandatory requirement which shall not be waived by the County.

3.2 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. Bidder Qualification

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the solicitation are encouraged to submit bids. To be recommended for award the County requires that vendors provide evidence of compliance with the requirements below upon request:

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

B. Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

C. Request for Additional Information

Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the procurement representative identified in the solicitation no later than five (5) working days prior to the bid due date. Such inquiries shall contain the requester's name, address, and telephone number. The Procurement Services Office may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to bid opening, which changes, adds to, or clarifies the terms, provisions, or requirements of the solicitation. The bidder should not rely on any statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure receipt and to acknowledge all addenda and any accompanying documentation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid from being considered for award

D. Contents of Solicitation and Bidders' Responsibilities

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

E. Restricted Discussions

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

F. Change to, Withdrawal of, or Mistake in, Bid

Changes to Bid - Prior to bid opening, a bidder may change its bid by submitting a new bid with notice on the firm's letterhead, signed by an authorized agent, stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain all information as required for submitting the original bid.

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

Mistake in Bid - Any allegation of mistake in Bid shall be treated on a case-by-case basis. It is to be assumed that any alteration in bid price after receipt of bids will be exceptional in nature, and will be allowed only when substantiated by current legal precedence.

G. Conflicts within the Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between contractual terms and conditions, the technical specifications, the pricing section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: last addendum issued, the pricing section, the technical specifications, the special, and then general conditions. It is incumbent upon the vendor to identify such conflicts prior to the bid response date.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

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

3.3 PREPARATION OF BIDS

A. The Pricing Section of this solicitation defines the goods or services to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the bid. Use of any other form or alteration of the form may result in the rejection of the bid.
B. The bid submitted must be legible, and completed using typewriter, computer or ink. Any entry change must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the bid to be rejected.

C. An authorized agent of the bidder's firm must sign the bid. FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID MAY RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.
D. The bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
E. The bidder may submit alternate bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted as a separate bid marked "Alternate Bid".
F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.
G. Any bid received after the stipulated bid due date and time through no fault of the County will be considered late, and except under the most exceptional circumstances, not be considered for award.
H. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination.

3.4 COLLUSION

Where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a bid for the same contract, or evidence any prior understanding, agreement, or connection in such regard, such bids shall be presumed to be collusive. Related parties shall mean bidder or principals thereof that have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one bidder have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another bidder for the same contract. Bids found to be collusive shall be rejected. Bidders which have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible, and may be suspended or debarred. 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 solicitation does not commit the County to award nor be responsible for any cost or expense which may be incurred by any bidder in preparing or submitting a bid, or any cost or expense incurred prior to the execution of a purchase order or contract. By submitting a bid, the bidder also agrees that the County bears no responsibility for any costs of the bidder associated with any administrative or judicial proceedings resulting from this solicitation process.

3.8 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 needed to fulfill contractual obligations with the County, nor is any vendor authorized to use the County Tax Exemptions for such purchases.

3.9 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

3.10 CANCELLATION OF SOLICITATION

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

3.11 AWARD

A. Unless otherwise allowed by statute or ordinance, award will be made to the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive non-material irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.
B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County. This provision specifically supersedes any method of award criteria stated in the solicitation when such action is clearly necessary to protect the best interests of the County.
C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is determined that prices are excessive or determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.
D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work is not amended.
E. Award will only be made to firms that satisfy all legal requirements to do business with the County. The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the bidder's site or conduct a pre-award qualification meeting to determine the responsibility and capacity of the bidder to perform. Award may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the solicitation.
F. The bidder's performance as prime or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the responsibility of a responding bidder.
G. All tie bids will be resolved in consonance with current written procedure in that regard.
H. A vendor wishing to protest any award decision resulting from this solicitation shall do as provided for 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 Procurement Services Manager.

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 bidder's guidance only. No guarantee is expressed or implied as to quantities or dollar value that will be used during the contract period. The County is not obligated to place any order for a given amount subsequent to the award of this solicitation. The County may use 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 effect 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 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 the vendor to submit to an audit by any auditor of the County's choosing. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The vendor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for a minimum of three (3) years, or as required by Florida law, whichever is longer, following expiration of the Agreement. The vendor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards. 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

Pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the awarded contractor shall comply with the Florida Public Records' laws, and shall: 1. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the services identified herein. 2. Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided for by law. 3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law. 4. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County. Failure to comply with this section shall be deemed a breach of the contact and enforceable as set forth in Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

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

3.33 PRIME CONTRACTOR

The vendor awarded the contract shall act as the prime contractor and shall assume full responsibility for successful performance of 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 each contract that exceeds One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand dollars ($195,000.00), any organization awarded a contract must execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that the wage rates and other factual unit costs are accurate, complete, and current, at the time of contracting. Any contract requiring this certificate shall contain a provision that the original contract price and any additions shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the contract.

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.

3.38 TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Due to the acknowledged hazards arising from exposure to tobacco products, and to protect the public and employees' health, safety, comfort and environment, tobacco use is prohibited on any County owned building and property. Tobacco products include both smoking and smokeless tobacco.

ITB TITLE: Park Landscape Maintenance and Related Services – Ancillary Parks

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:

The bidder must list below the dates of issue for each addendum received in connection with this ITB:

Addendum #1, Dated: 6-20-14

Addendum #2, Dated: 7-1-14

Addendum #3, Dated: _____

Addendum #4, Dated: _____

Part II:

☐ No Addendum was received in connection with this ITB.

PRICING SECTION

Group A - North Lake County	Weekly Detailed Mowing, Weedeating, Weeding, Edging, Trimming	Trash Pickup Daily (Monday through Sunday) and Blowing Off Daily (Monday through Friday)
Butler Street Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake George Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake Holly Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake Mack Park	30.00	40.00
McTureous Memorial Park (includes parking areas across the street)	60.00	40.00
Pearl Street Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
South Umatilla Park	20.00	40.00
Umatilla Veterans Hall	30.00	40.00
Total cost per week for all locations	$ 260.00	$ 320.00
Number of weeks per year	x 52	X 52
Total cost per year for all locations	$ 13,520.00	$ 16,640.00
Total for year (add all totals from line above):	$ 30,160.00	

Group B - Central Lake County	Weekly Detailed Mowing, Weedeating, Weeding, Edging, Trimming	Trash Pickup Daily (Monday through Sunday) and Blowing Off Daily (Monday through Friday)
Lake Dalhousie Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake Idamere Park	80.00	~~100.00~~ due 40.00
Lake Jem Park & Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake Joanna Park	30.00	40.00
Lake Saunders Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake Yale Boat Ramp East	30.00	40.00
Lake Yale Boat Ramp West	30.00	40.00
Marsh Park & Boat Ramp	80.00	40.00
Mt. Plymouth Park	30.00	40.00
Scott Park	30.00	40.00
Sorrento Park	80.00	40.00
Sylvan Shores Park	80.00	40.00
Trout Lake Park	30.00	40.00
Total cost per week for all locations	$ 590.00	$ 580.00
Number of weeks per year	x 52	X 52
Total cost per year for all locations	$ 30,680.00	$ 27,040.00
Total for year (add all totals from line above):	$ 57,720.00	

Group C - South Lake County	Weekly Detailed Mowing, Weedeating, Weeding, Edging, Trimming	Weekly Cost for Trash Pickup Daily (Monday through Sunday) and Blowing Off Daily (Monday through Friday)
Arnold Brothers Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Astatula Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Carlton Village Park	30.00	40.00
Haynes Creek Park	30.00	40.00
John's Lake Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Lake Thomas Cove Park	30.00	40.00
Palatlakaha River Park & Boat Ramp	50.00	40.00
Sparks Village Boat Ramp	30.00	40.00
Spring Lake Park	30.00	40.00
Twin Lakes Park	60.00	40.00
Total cost per week for all locations	$ 350.00	$ 400.00
Number of weeks per year	x 52	X 52
Total cost per year for all locations	$ 18,200.00	$ 20,800.00
Total for year (add all totals from line above):	$ 39,000.00	

Mandatory Site Visit Group A:

Vendor has completed the mandatory site visits to all locations - ✓ yes _____ no

Mandatory Site Visit Group B:

Vendor has completed the mandatory site visits to all locations - ✓ yes _____ no

Mandatory Site Visit Group C:

Vendor has completed the mandatory site visits to all locations - ✓ yes _____ no

By Signing this Bid the Bidder Attests and Certifies that:

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

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): Astatula FL
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: Our shop is located in Astatula, FL.

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 Bid Signature:

Firm Name: Helping Hand Lawn Care

Street Address: 14810 CR 48 Astatula, Fl 32776

Mailing Address (if different): PO Box 1704 Sorrento Fl 32776

Telephone No.: 407-221-0593 Fax No.: _____ E-mail: hhlawncare@hotmail.com

FEIN No. 20 - 0089577 Prompt Payment Terms: 0 % 0 days, net 30

Signature: _____ Date: 7-7-14

Print Name: Elder Ripper Title: President

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: Sandra Rogers Date: 08-26-14

Printed name: Sandra Rogers Title: Contracting Officer

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED

Attachment 1: Work References
Attachment 2: Florida Friendly Best Management Practices

WORK REFERENCES

Agency	Lake County Parks
Address	421 W. Main Street
City,State,ZIP	Tavares, Fl 32776
Contact Person	Bobby Banilla
Telephone	352-253-4950
Date(s) of Service	2011 to Present
Type of Service	Landscape Maintenance
Comments:	

Agency	Lake County Facilities
Address	421 W. Main Street
City,State,ZIP	Tavares, Fl. 32778
Contact Person	Don Glessner
Telephone	352-742-6507
Date(s) of Service	2007 to Present
Type of Service	Landscape Maintenance
Comments:	

Agency	Altamonte Springs
Address	950 Calabria Cove
City,State,ZIP	Altamonte Springs, Fl 32701
Contact Person	Mike Insley
Telephone	407-571-8882
Date(s) of Service	2012 to Present
Type of Service	Landscape Maintenance
Comments:	