



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

### Lawn Maintenance and Related Services

<b>RFP Number:</b>	16-0415	<b>Contracting Officer:</b>	Sandra Rogers
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	January 20, 2016	<b>Pre-Proposal Conference Date:</b>	See Section 1.4
<b>Proposal Due Time:</b>	3:00 PM	<b>RFP Issue Date:</b>	December 22, 2015

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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:	See Section 1.16
Indemnification/Insurance:	See Section 1.7
Pre-Proposal Conference/Walk-Thru:	See 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 select a qualified contractor to provide for the **TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY** of **FULL LAWN CARE SERVICES**, portal to portal (ie; no additional charges above established unit pricing for travel costs) to various Lake County Government facilities throughout the County. This scope of services is a performance based specification requiring the selected contractor to assume all responsibility for mowing, edging, weeding, mulching, trimming of bushes and trees, irrigation maintenance and repair, lawn fertilization, and herbicide and pest control treatment in a fully satisfactory manner.

*This scope of services represents the minimum standards required. The ultimate responsibility of the selected Contractor is to provide lawns that are at all times attractive and uniformly manicured, which will reflect favorably upon the County and the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for the replacement of turf, including all labor and material costs, damaged as a result of the following, but not limited to: inadequate irrigation, fertilization, pest control, weeding, and/or disease control.*

**Note:** Some locations do not require all services. See the Lawn Care Pricing Section contained in Section 4 for information regarding specific responsibilities at each site to be serviced. The selected contractor will be responsible for furnishing adequate and appropriate labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and supervision for the performance of the projected services.

Vendors are advised that this procurement action will be formalized by contract. A sample contract is provided in Attachment 6 of 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, CPPB, Senior 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**

Award will be made to the vendor who submits the overall proposal that is judged to provide the best value to the County. Proposals will be evaluated based upon the following criteria, which are listed in order of descending importance:

1. Experience in full service lawn care services as required by this RFP and with similar type projects.
2. Licensed in the State of Florida as required to provide lawn fertilization, herbicide and pest control treatment.
3. Have proper equipment needed to complete the project. A list of the proposed equipment to accomplish tasks shall be included with response. See Section 5, Attachment 4.
4. Proposed costs / fee schedule.
5. Overall quality of service based on Contractor-supplied references and independent research by the County.
6. Reports from direct and indirect references.
7. Responsiveness and completeness of the written proposal to these instructions with regard to the Scope of Services.
8. Other relevant criteria.

**Section 1.4: Site Visit**

Prior to submitting its offer, the vendor must make visits to the sites of the proposed work and become familiar with any conditions which may in any manner affect the work to be done or affect the equipment, materials and labor required. No additional allowances will be made because of lack of knowledge of these conditions. Submission of bid will indicate the vendor has made the required site visits, thoroughly understands, and is familiar with all conditions which may in any manner affect the services to be performed or affect the equipment, materials and labor required. *In addition, alternate key numbers have been supplied. It is suggested that the vendor, in addition to the site visit, visit the Lake County Property Appraiser's website to view property locations, descriptions, and boundaries from the provided maps.*

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

The contract to be awarded shall be effective following the date of execution by the County and shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months.

**Section 1.6: Option to Renew for Four (4) 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 the contract for four (4) additional twelve (12) month periods under the same terms and conditions. Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the County may consider an adjustment to price based on changes in the following pricing index: CPI-W. 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 sixty (60) 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 may be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County.

**Section 1.7: 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 subcontractor providing such insurance.

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

Neither approval by the County of any insurance supplied by the vendor 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 1.8: Bonding Requirements**

Not applicable to this solicitation.

### **Section 1.9: Completion and Acceptance of Services**

The services rendered as a result of an award from this solicitation shall not be deemed complete, until accepted by the County and shall be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.

In the event that the services do not conform to the specifications, the County reserves the right to terminate the contract and will not be responsible to pay for any service.

### **Section 1.10: Warranty**

As specified in Attachment 6, Sample contract.

**Section 1.11: Materials Shall be New and Warranted Against Defects**

As specified in Attachment 6, Sample contract.

**Section 1.12: Delivery and Completion 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 1.13: Completion Requirements for Request For Proposal (RFP)**

**One (1) original proposal and one (1) complete copy of the proposal submitted by the vendor shall be sealed and delivered to the Office of Procurement Services no later than the official proposal due date and time. Any proposal 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 vendor in responding to this RFP including, without limitation, costs for product and/or service demonstrations if requested. When you submit your proposal, you are making a binding offer to the County.

#### **A. Economy of Presentation**

Each proposal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the conditions and requirements of this RFP. Fancy bindings, colored displays, and promotional material are not desired. The County emphasizes that the proposer concentrate on accuracy, completeness, and clarity of content.

#### **B. Proposal Guidelines**

To facilitate analysis of its proposal, the proposer shall prepare its proposal in accordance with the instructions outlined in this section. If the proposal deviates from these instructions, such proposal may, in the County's sole discretion, be rejected.

Page Size and Format - Page size shall be 8.5 x 11 inches, not including foldouts. Pages shall be single-spaced. The text size shall be 11 point or larger. Use at least one (1) inch margins on the top and bottom and three-quarter (3/4) inch side margins. Pages shall be numbered sequentially by section.

Legible tables, charts, graphs and figures shall be used wherever practical to depict organizations, systems and layouts, implementation schedules, plans, etc. These displays shall be uncomplicated, legible and shall not exceed eleven (11) by seventeen (17) inches in size. Foldout pages shall fold entirely within the section, and may only be used for large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams, and schematics.

Binding and Labeling - All Sections of the proposal should be identified by section tabs, A cover sheet should be bound in each separate proposal copy, clearly marked as to RFP title, solicitation number, copy number, and the Proposer's name.

#### **C. Proposals shall be organized into the following major sections:**

To standardize responses and simplify the comparison and evaluation process, all proposals shall be organized in the manner set forth below, separated into sections, with each section titled appropriately.

- Tab A. County’s RFP Cover Sheet Completed (page 1 of the RFP)
- 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. 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: Proposed Approach and Process
1. Provide a concise description of the approach and process the vendor will employ to successfully complete work assignments, including any specific staffing or equipment resources that will be employed by the vendor.
  2. Each proposer shall provide a complete list of equipment being utilized as per the proposed work. This shall include the manufacturer, model and year. See Attachment 4.
  3. Exceptions – clearly describe any exceptions the vendor may have in regards to any requirements stated in the RFP document or associated addendums.
- Tab D. References, Vendor Profile and Similar Projects
1. References Form: Complete form with at least three verifiable references. Examples should best illustrate current qualifications relevant to the type of work to be performed under this contract. Make copies of this form as needed. See Attachment 1.
  2. Vendor Profile Form: Complete the Vendor Profile Form and attach proof of license to practice in Florida. Make copies of this form as needed. See Attachment 2.
  3. Similar Projects: 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. Examples

should best illustrate current qualifications relevant to the type of work to be performed under this contract. Make copies of this form as needed. See Attachment 3.

- Tab E. Pricing/Certifications/Signature:
1. Provide a complete Section 4 of this solicitation.
  2. Provide a complete Attachment 5, Pricing Section, with all entries completed.
  3. All addendums shall be included in this tab.
- Tab F. Provide two (2) complete and original signed sample contracts. See Attachment 6.
- 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. If a subcontractor or joint venture arrangement is being proposed, provide similar information for those participants in the proposal. Provide clear and succinct information that will provide insight to the County about the financial qualifications, fitness and stability of the proposer.

#### **Section 1.14: Additional Facilities May be Added**

As specified in Attachment 6, Sample contract.

#### **Section 1.15: Licensing**

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 (pest control/herbicide) issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (“FDACS”) qualifying said person, firm, corporation or joint venture to perform the services proposed. If work for other trades is required in conjunction with this solicitation and will be performed by a sub-Contractor(s) or Contractor(s) hired by the prime/responding Contractor, an applicable Certificate of Competency/license issued to the sub-contractor(s)/hired Contractor(s) shall be submitted with the prime/responding Contractor’s offer; provided, however, that the County may at its option and in its best interest allow the prime/responding Contractor to supply the sub-contractor(s)/hired Contractor(s) certificate/license to the County during the offer evaluation period. The prime/responding

Contractor is responsible to ensure that all required licenses, permits, and fees (to include any inspection fees) required for this scope of services are obtained and paid for, and shall comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, and building or other code requirements applicable to the services contemplated herein. Damages, penalties, and/or fines imposed on the County or the Contractor for failure to obtain required licenses, permits, inspection or other fees, or inspections shall be borne by the Contractor.

**Section 1.16: 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 subcontractor 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 subcontractor 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 1.17: Demonstration of Equipment:**

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

The equipment used for the demonstration shall be well maintained and in good condition. Accordingly, the equipment used in the demonstration shall create an express warranty that the actual equipment to be provided by the Contractor during the contract period shall conform to the equipment used in the demonstration. The Contractor shall be required to provide adequate restitution to the County, in the manner prescribed by the County, if this warranty is violated during the term of the contract.

The County shall retain from the compensation to be paid to Contractor the above described sum. Any Contractor that is in default for not completing the work within the time specified will be removed from the bidder's list, at the option of the County, and not permitted to bid work for Lake County until the project is complete and the liquidated damages sum is satisfied.

**Section 1.18: Deletion of Facilities**

As specified in Attachment 6, Sample contract.

**Section 1.19: Furnish and Install Requirements**

As specified in Attachment 6, Sample contract.

**Section 1.20: Key Contractor Personnel**

In submitting a proposal, the vendor 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 vendor must be able to promptly provide a qualified replacement. In the event the vendor wishes to substitute personnel, the vendor 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 1.21: Key Control**

The Contractor shall require its supervisor to sign for and be responsible for each key to gain entry to work areas.

The Contractor shall be responsible for any lost keys, card keys and any inherent damages (i.e., re-keying of whole facility). This cost shall be withheld from payment(s). The decision to re-key the whole facility is solely that of the County.

The Contractor shall immediately notify the County's Project Manager in the event that a key/card key is lost.

Upon completion of the contract, final payment shall be withheld until all issued keys are returned to the County's Project Manager.

The use of keys by any person other than approved employees of the Contractor may result in termination of contract.

**Section 1.22: Purchase of Other Items Not Listed Within this Solicitation Based on Price Quotes**

As specified in Attachment 6, Sample contract.

**Section 1.23: 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.

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**General:**

No section or portion of this scope shall be construed or interpreted to preclude the County from accomplishing any services listed herein, or otherwise undertaking any operation, tasks or project utilizing its own work force.

All vehicles and machinery used shall be in good operating condition and provided with all needed maintenance to sustain this condition for the duration of the contract. Vehicles must be properly registered and insured in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Laws of Florida and in compliance with all federal, state and local safety regulations. Equipment may be subject to inspection and approval prior to award.

Although weather may prevent the Contractor from completing scheduled work on the designated workday, the Contractor shall be expected to complete the necessary work on the first fair workday following.

Special landscaping and mowing services may be required for special scheduled County activities. The County will make arrangements with the Contractor a minimum of ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled activity. Fees for these additional services will be negotiated and documented on a case-by-case basis, but shall not exceed the fees charged for similar services charged in this scope.

The Contractor will be responsible for providing the following services in the following manner:

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**Initial Repair of Facilities:** Within 30 days after a notice to proceed has been issued, the Contractor shall prepare a detailed quote, in pdf format, of all items (plants, sod, mulch, etc.) needed to be replaced at all locations under contract to put each site into first class condition, as defined by the County. The quote shall contain unit costs for the various items and shall be broken down by location. If all recommendations are taken, the Contractor shall assume **ALL RESPONSIBILITY**, as well as, **ALL COSTS** required to keep the facilities in the same condition for the duration of the contract. If the Contractor fails to maintain the site in first class condition the County reserves the right to hire an independent contractor to restore the site. The cost for this restoration shall be deducted from the Contractor's regular monthly payment(s). The County also reserves the right to find the Contractor in default and terminate the contract. If recommendations for a particular facility are not taken, the Contractor shall assume **ALL RESPONSIBILITY**, as well as, **ALL COSTS** required to keep the facilities in the same condition as when initiated.

**Mowing:** The cut edge of the Bahia and St. Augustine turf shall be maintained at three inches (3") above the ground, with a maximum height of four and a half inches (4.5"). The Contractor shall not remove more than 1/3 of the height of the leaf blades at any one mowing. The Contractor shall provide a cut that is clean and sharp, with no streaks or scalping, and with a uniform distribution of cuttings at all times for areas mowed. The cutting edges of all mowing equipment used in the performance of work shall be kept in sharp condition. Bruising or rough cutting of grass will not be accepted. The accumulation or piling of grass shall not be accepted. All turf areas shall remain well-manicured at all times. ***The Contractor shall be responsible for the replacement of turf, including all labor and material costs, damaged as a result of the following, but not limited to: inadequate irrigation, fertilization, pest control, weeding, and/or disease control.***

**Edging:** The Contractor shall edge all plant beds, sidewalks, driveways 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, concrete or wood surfaces into vegetative areas only. Edging with herbicides shall not be allowed.

**Weeding:** The Contractor shall **manually** remove all weeds and extraneous vegetation from all beds and planted areas as needed so as not to detract from the overall appearance of the landscape. All debris from weeding and edging shall be removed from the area and disposed of properly.

**Mulching:** The Contractor shall provide clean treated cedar mulch or match existing, as determined by the Project Manager, and the spreading thereof to ensure that a minimum depth of 2" is maintained at all times in all plant beds. Artificial or synthetic mulch products (recycled plastic, tire, or other non-woody materials) will not be acceptable.

**Raking:** The Contractor shall be responsible for raking and properly disposing of leaves from trees, bushes, shrubbery, etc. Plant beds shall not be used to dispose of fallen leaves.

**Casual Shrub Trimming:** The Contractor shall perform a casual trimming of all shrubs to ensure that each shrub maintains its basic shape and dead or dying branches are removed at least once every three (3) months. All new shoots two (2) inches long or greater shall be trimmed from the shrub. The shrub shall not be trimmed down to bare limb. The Contractor shall also be responsible for trimming of any and all limbs that make contact with buildings. Limbs shall maintain a minimum of 1' clearance from buildings at all times.

**Tree Overhang Trimming:** The Contractor shall trim all branches from trees that hang or intrude into a walkway or parking space on each mowing visit. These areas shall be trimmed so that no vegetation is lower than 7' from any ground, walking, or parking surface. Trimming shall also include a minimum distance of 7' from flag poles, signage, lighting, fencing, and other objects. The Contractor shall also be responsible for trimming dead palm tree fronds and for trimming of any and all branches that make contact with buildings. Branches shall maintain a minimum of 7' clearance from buildings in all directions.

**Plant Material Damage, Removal, and Replacement:** Dead plant material shall be promptly removed. The Contractor shall document by photograph and send electronically to the County's Project Manager within 24 hours of removal. Trees and shrubs may periodically need to be replaced as a result of vandalism, freezing conditions, disease, or malformation. The County may request a written quotation for labor and material cost for removal and replacement of trees and shrubs from the Contractor, but, the County always reserves the right to either perform the action with its own staff or to use another contractor.

**Litter/Debris/Branch Removal:** The Contractor shall be responsible for pick-up, removal, and disposal of all litter, debris, plant cuttings, branches, etc. from County property at each site visit. Items such as, but not limited to, bottles, cans, wood, tires, concrete, cigarettes, paper, etc. that would be torn, ripped, scattered, or further broken-up by the mowers resulting in an undesirable appearance shall be included. Any item or equipment utilized to transport litter shall be constructed in a manner to preclude further distribution or loss of litter. All litter and debris shall be disposed of in a legal and appropriate manner.

**Minimum mowing schedule:** This Scope of Services is a performance based. As such the Contractor's schedule is to be determined by the Contractor based on need, temperature, rainfall, or other conditions that impact growth. The Contractor shall at all times adhere to guidelines enforced under the Lake County Code and Land Development Code. The ultimate responsibility of the Contractor is to provide lawns that are at **all times** attractive and uniformly manicured, which will reflect favorably upon the County and the Contractor.

## **IRRIGATION**

**Initial Repair of Irrigation:** Within 30 days after a notice to proceed has been issued the Contractor shall provide a detailed quote, via e-mail in pdf format, of all items that are needed to be repaired or replaced at all locations under contract. The quote shall contain unit costs for the various items and shall be broken down by location. After the systems are repaired, the Contractor shall assume **ALL RESPONSIBILITY**, as well as, **ALL COSTS** required to keep

the systems up to date and properly working for the duration of the contract or the Contractor may be found in default and the contract terminated. The County also reserves the right to assess liquidated damages per the liquidated damages section if the irrigation is not functioning as intended.

**Irrigation:** The Contractor assumes **ALL RESPONSIBILITY** for inspection services, maintenance, repair, alteration, and **ALL COSTS** required to keep the irrigation systems operating as they were intended and to ensure adequate coverage, proper application rates and frequencies for the County's facilities. The Contractor shall operate and inspect the systems a minimum of once every two weeks (or at the next regularly scheduled visit) to ensure that they meet the stated requirements. The Contractor shall also promote efficient irrigation use and provide for the protection of water resources. The Contractor shall be responsible for **ALL** irrigation components necessary to operate the systems in the manner in which they were designed. These items shall include, but not be limited to, controllers/timers, fittings, filters, risers, sensors, sprinkler heads, rotors, backflow preventers, piping, misters, valves, valve boxes, bubblers, manifolds, wiring, rain sensors, etc. The Contractor shall not be responsible for the electrical circuit from the controller/timer connection back to the electric panel.

### **CHEMICAL LAWN**

**Fertilization and Pest Control Program for Turf and Shrubs:** The Contractor shall be responsible for complete and total chemical lawn treatment including **ALL COSTS** incurred to perform all work needed. The chemical lawn maintenance service shall cover the application of fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides. The chemicals used shall be applied only in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. It is the Contractor's responsibility to perform any and all necessary treatments required to provide for a green lustrous landscape free of disease and pests. All products are to be applied in such a manner as to insure public safety. The Contractor shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health and other local and federal regulations and shall be responsible for any damages caused by its spraying or broadcasting. The Contractor is responsible for year round treatment for chinch bugs, ants of all types including fire ants, web worms, mole crickets, etc. at all building facilities, as well as, herbicide treatment as needed to maintain a healthy green grass free of weeds. The scope of this work applies to St. Augustine and Bahia grass.

**Shrubs, Palms, and Ornamentals:** All shrubs, palms, and ornamentals shall be fertilized with a complete fertilizer. Insect control shall be done as needed during the year. Disease control/prevention applied to new growth only. Must identify plant, pest and what type of pesticide used at all times. Sago Palms are to be treated for Asian Cycad Scale as needed. Lichens and Spanish moss and Ball moss treated on an as needed basis. Damaged plants and vegetation due to improper herbicide or pesticide shall be replaced at the Contractor's expense.

**Weeding:** The Contractor shall ensure that all concrete, paver, and asphalt walkways and driveways are kept free of vegetation at all times. Non staining temporary tracer dye shall be used in all herbicides when used on hardscape areas only. **Weeds shall be manually pulled and disposed of once dead.** All debris from weeding shall be removed from the area and disposed of at no extra cost to the County.

**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 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 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 regard 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 born 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 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 contract 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 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 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.

**RFP TITLE: Lawn Maintenance 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

<b>Part I:</b>
<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>
<b>Part II:</b>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> No Addendum was received in connection with this RFP.</p>

**PRICING SECTION**

This is an indefinite quantity contract with no guarantee 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 Request for Proposal.

**Vendor’s Certification of Site Visitation:** By checking this space: \_\_\_\_\_, the vendor certifies that the vendor has visited the sites where the work is to be performed, and confirms full compliance with Section 1.4 of this Request for Proposal.

See Attachment 5 for Pricing Section.

**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 1: Work References**

**Attachment 2: Vendor Profile Form**

**Attachment 3: Similar Projects Form**

**Attachment 4: Equipment List**

**Attachment 5: Pricing Section**

**Attachment 6: Sample contract**

**ATTACHMENT 1 - 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	
Address	
City,State,ZIP	
Contact Person	
Telephone	
Date(s) of Service	
Type of Service	
Comments:	

**ATTACHMENT 2 - VENDOR PROFILE FORM**

<p>1. Bidder Name &amp; Address:</p>	<p>1d. Licensed to do business in the State of Florida?                  _____ Yes _____ No</p>
<p>1a. FEIN #                  _____</p>	<p>1e. Name, Title &amp; 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?                  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>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Typed or Printed Name) <span style="margin-left: 200px;">(Title)</span></p>	





**ATTACHMENT 5 - PRICING SECTION**

No.	Building Name	Street	Alt. Key	Notes	Lawn Care Cost/Month	Irrigation Cost/Month	Chemical Lawn Cost/Month	Total Monthly Cost
<b>Altoona</b>								
1	Fire Station 11	47544 SR 19	1246555	N/A		N/A		
2	Fire Station 14	42700 SR 19	1224799	N/A		N/A		
<b>Astatula</b>								
3	Fire Station 77	13431 Ohio Street	1605920	N/A		N/A		
4	Tower-Astatula	26312 CR 561	1441781	See Note 2		N/A		
<b>Astor</b>								
5	Fire Station 10	23023 SR 40	2987898	N/A		N/A		
6	Tower-Astor	23025 SR 40	2987898	See Note 2		N/A		
<b>Clermont</b>								
7	Cagan's Crossings Library	16729 Cagan Oaks	3815905	N/A				
8	Fire Station 109	11630 Lakeshore Dr.	2603968	N/A		N/A		
9	Fire Station 110	6234 County Rd 561	2945168	N/A		N/A		
10	Fire Station 112	16240 County Rd 474	3799038	N/A				
11	Sheriff's South Lake Substation	15855 SR50	3815486	See Note 1				
12	Tower-Buckhill	21923 S. Buckhill Rd	3781402	See Note 2		N/A		
13	Tower-Minneola	18250 Scrub Jay Lane	3824094	See Note 2		N/A		
14	Tower-Orange Mountain	8325 N. Bradshaw Rd	1462436	See Note 2		N/A		
15	Tower-Progress Energy	14237 SR 50	1648203	See Note 2		N/A		
16	Tower-Station 112	16300 CR 474	3799038	See Note 2		N/A		
<b>Deland</b>								
17	Forest Hills Community Center	31039 Lake Mack Rd	2540427	N/A		N/A		
<b>Eustis</b>								
18	Fairgrounds	2101 County Rd 452	1122767	N/A				
19	Fire Station 21	25100 County Rd 44A	2910208	N/A		N/A		
20	Fire Station 27	19212 SR 44	2598859	N/A		N/A		
21	Tower-Royal Trails	30301 Seagrape Ave	1785251	See Note 2		N/A		
<b>Ferndale</b>								

22	Fire Station 83	15303 Ferndale Community Rd - 12' wide path along the road on the lot next to the FS83	1590787	N/A		N/A		
<b>Fruitland Park</b>								
23	Fire Station 53	2505 Spring Lake Rd	2585196	N/A		N/A		
<b>Groveland</b>								
24	Fire Station 111	8805 Bay Lake Rd (CR 565)	3793530	N/A				
25	Fleet Maintenance & Communications Maintenance Facility - Includes the retention pond	20423 Independence Blvd	1390885	N/A				
26	Marion Baysinger Library	756 W. Broad St	1523729	N/A				
27	Tourist Welcome Center and Retention Pond	20763 US HWY 27	3612132	N/A		N/A		
28	Tower-Groveland	12331 Dry Fork Rd	2822317	See Note 2		N/A		
29	Transportation Bldg.	2440 US Hwy 441/27	1523729	N/A		N/A		
<b>Lady Lake</b>								
30	Fire Station 52	306 W. Hermosa St	1120845	N/A		N/A		
31	Fire Station 54	6200 Lake Griffin Rd	3343620	N/A		N/A		
32	Tower-Lady Lake	1113 Teal Lane	1771391	See Note 2		N/A		
<b>Leesburg</b>								
33	Area I Road Maintenance	2310 W. Griffin Rd	1171245	N/A		N/A		
34	Area III Road Maintenance	19720 East 5th St	1171245	N/A				
35	BCC Warehouse/Clerk's Office	32400 County Rd 473	1184517	N/A				
36	Fire Station 59	1201 Lewis Rd	2851830	N/A		N/A		
37	Fire Station 70	531 Sunnyside Dr.	2664410	N/A		N/A		
38	Fire Station 70 (Lot behind station)	531 Sunnyside Dr.	2664428	N/A		N/A		
39	Fire Station 71	11305 Park Av	1180503	N/A		N/A		
40	Fire Station 72	12340 County Rd 44	2562650	N/A		N/A		
41	Fire Station 82	24939 US Hwy 27	2841567	N/A				
42	Leesburg Tag Office	1720 N. Citrus Blvd.	1204763	N/A				
43	Tower-Leesburg DOT	548 S. 14th St	1398525	See Note 2		N/A		

44	Tower-Leesburg Mall Water	10399 US Hwy 441	2856688	See Note 2		N/A		
Minneola								
45	Area II Road Maintenance	609 Diston Ave.	1659388	N/A		N/A		
Mt. Dora								
46	Fire Station 78	16345 CR 448	3844903	N/A				
47	Tower-Mt Dora Water Treatment	1870 SR 46	1048460	See Note 2		N/A		
48	Triangle Tax Office	15733 Dora Ave.	3695372	See Note 1				
Okahumpka								
49	Tower-Leesburg Water Treatment	1550 CR 470	1038413	See Note 2		N/A		
Paisley								
50	Fire Station 13	25250 CR 42	3874357	N/A				
51	Fire Station 13 (field on left side of fire station)	25250 CR 42	2606690	N/A		N/A		
52	Tower-Station 13	25250 County Rd 42	2606690	See Note 2		N/A		
Pine Lakes								
53	Fire Station 15	40601 Palm Dr.	1536715	N/A		N/A		
Sorrento								
54	East Lake Library	31340 County Rd 437	1598061	N/A				
55	East Lake Library (Lot Behind)	31341 County Rd 437	3347561	N/A		N/A		
56	Fire Station 39	31431 Walton Health	1361842	N/A		N/A		
57	Tower-Sorrento	27020 CR 46A	3433688	See Note 2		N/A		
Tavares								
58	323 N Sinclair Ave	323 N Sinclair Ave	1497469	N/A				
59	350 N Sinclair Ave	350 N Sinclair Ave	1497469	N/A				
60	418 Building	418 Alfred St	1277337	N/A				
61	Central Energy Plant 2009	445 W. Alfred St.	1277434	See Note 1				
62	County Administration Building	315 W. Main St.	1276489	See Note 1				
63	Courthouse	550 W. Main St.	1277353	See Note 1				
64	Courthouse Right of Ways	551 W. Main St.	1277353	N/A				

65	Detention Center	551 W. Main St.	1686083 & 2749245 & 1375088	See Note 1				
66	Detention Center Right of Ways and Corner of Main & Sinclair	551 W. Main St.	1686083 & 2749245 & 1375088	N/A				
67	Emergency Communications and Operations Center (ECOC)	425 W. Alfred St.	1277353	See Note 1				
68	Environmental Lab	13100 County Landfill Rd	1441421	N/A				
69	Fuel Station	12835 County Landfill Rd	1111935	N/A		N/A		
70	Historic Courthouse	317 W. Main St.	1276471	See Note 1				
71	Historic Courthouse Right of Ways	318 W. Main St.	1276471	See Note 1				
72	Library Services	2401 Woodlea Rd	3378695	N/A				
73	Mosquito Control	401 S. Bloxham Ave.	1376742	See Note 1		N/A		
74	Parking Garage	200 N. Sinclair Ave.	2534770	See Note 1				
75	Probation Office	518 W. Alfred St.	1822807	N/A		N/A		
76	Property Appraiser / Tax Collector	320 W. Main St.	3890281	See Note 1				
77	Property Appraiser / Tax Collector Right of Ways	321 W. Main St.	3890281	See Note 1				
78	Property Records Storage	313 S. Bloxham Ave.	1376742	See Note 1				
79	Public Defender	123 N. Sinclair Ave.	1277353	See Note 1				
80	Road Operations Center	12901 County Landfill Rd	1111935	N/A				
81	Sheriff's Administration Building	360 Ruby St.	1276471	See Note 1				
82	Tower-Tavares Water	316 N. Ingraham Ave	1277680	See Note 2		N/A		
83	Traffic Operations	28127 CR 561	3701259	N/A		N/A		
84	Traffic Operations Annex (TOPS)	28129 CR 561	3701241	N/A		N/A		
85	WMFO	12835 County Landfill Rd	1441421	N/A				
Yalaha								

86	Church St Water Plant	38736 Church St.	1461979	N/A		N/A		
87	Fire Station 19 and Retention Pond	38816 Carroll St	2945117	N/A		N/A		
88	Fire Station 20	37711 SR 19	1428459	N/A		N/A		
89	Jamestown Water Plant	Jamestown St	2506946	N/A		N/A		
90	Tower-Umatilla SBA	19430 E. 3rd St	3457404	See Note 2		N/A		
Yalaha								
91	Fire Station 76	8819 County Rd 48	2788453	N/A		N/A		
							Grand Total	\$

**Note 1:** The sites shall include all services listed under lawn care except mowing and edging as these services are performed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office mow crew.

**Note 2:** Tower sites shall include mowing, hand weeding, and tree/shrub trimming (as applicable) of the entire area inside the fencing and 3' around the perimeter of the fenced area. Tower sites shall also include mowing and tree/shrub trimming of the driveway from the main paved road to the tower location in order to provide access for vehicles at all times.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**FOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**RFP #** \_\_\_\_\_

This is an Agreement between Lake County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, herein referred to as COUNTY, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ corporation, its successors and assigns, herein referred to as CONTRACTOR.

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the COUNTY publicly submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) # \_\_\_\_\_ seeking firms or individuals qualified to \_\_\_\_\_; and

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR desires to perform such services subject to the terms of this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of such services will benefit the parties and the residents of Lake County, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual terms, understandings, conditions, promises, covenants and payment hereinafter set forth, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1. Recitals**

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Article 2. Purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is for CONTRACTOR to \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the "Project/Service."

**Article 3. Scope of Professional Services**

**3.1** On the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, COUNTY hereby engages CONTRACTOR to provide all labor, materials and equipment to complete the Project/Service in accordance with the Scope of Services, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Attachment A**, as modified or clarified by Addendum(s) #\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Attachment B**. It is understood that the Scope of Services may be modified by change order as the Project/Service progresses, but to be effective and binding, any such change order must be in writing, executed by the parties, and in accordance with the COUNTY's Purchasing Policies and Procedures. A copy of these policies and procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request.

**3.2** The term of this Agreement shall be as follows (*please check box*):

- The parties acknowledge that this is a project specific agreement and that the single Project/Service shall be completed by the CONTRACTOR within \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) **calendar days** after the Notice to Proceed is issued.
- The CONTRACTOR and COUNTY acknowledge that this Agreement is for a twelve (12) month term and that the CONTRACTOR shall complete the work as specified in the Scope of Services. The COUNTY has the option to renew this Agreement for four (4) additional one (1) year period(s). The prices set forth in this Agreement shall prevail for the full duration of the initial contract term unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this document. Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the COUNTY may consider an adjustment to price based on changes in the following pricing index: CPI. It is the CONTRACTOR's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment in writing under this provision. The CONTRACTOR's written request for adjustment should be submitted thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the then current contract term and 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 CONTRACTOR, the COUNTY will assume that the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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's prerogative, and not a right of the CONTRACTOR. This prerogative will be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the COUNTY.

All work shall be performed in accordance with good commercial practice. The work schedule and completion dates shall be adhered to by the CONTRACTOR except in such cases where the completion date will be delayed due to acts of God, strikes, or other causes beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR. In these cases, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY of the delays in advance of the original completion so that a revised delivery schedule can be appropriately considered by the COUNTY. No additional days shall be granted for rain delays.

**3.3** The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for obtaining all necessary approvals and permits to complete the Project/Service.

**3.4** The CONTRACTOR shall remain appropriately licensed and/or employ the services of a subcontractor who is appropriately licensed throughout the course of the Project/Service. Failure to maintain all required licenses shall entitle the COUNTY, at its option, to terminate this Agreement.

**3.5** Although this Agreement identifies specific facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency facility may be added to this Agreement at the option of the County. When required by the pricing structure of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall be invited to submit price quotes for these additional facilities. The additional site(s) shall be added to this Agreement by formal modification. The COUNTY may obtain price quotes for the additional facilities from other vendors in the event that fair and reasonable pricing is not obtained from the CONTRACTOR or for other reasons at the County's discretion. Although this Agreement identifies specific facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency may delete service for any facility when such service is no longer required, upon fourteen (14) calendar days written notice.

**3.6** The CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it has sufficient understanding of the nature and location of the work; the general and local conditions, including but not limited to, those bearing upon transportation, disposal, handling and storage of materials; availability of labor, water, electric power, and roads; and uncertainties of weather or similar physical conditions at the site; the character of equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the completion of the Project/Service. The CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that the CONTRACTOR has satisfied itself as to the character, quality and quantity of surface and subsurface materials, obstacles or conditions of the site. Any failure by the CONTRACTOR to acquaint itself with any aspect of the work or with any of the applicable conditions shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for adequately evaluating the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work required, nor shall it be considered a basis for any claim for additional time or compensation. The COUNTY assumes no responsibility for any conclusions or interpretations made by the CONTRACTOR on the basis of the information made available by the COUNTY. The COUNTY also assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representations made by its officers or agents during or prior to the execution of this contract, unless such understanding or interpretations are made in writing and incorporated herein by reference.

**3.7** If required, the Contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting. Whether or not there is a mandatory or non-mandatory pre-bid, the contractor shall be required to carefully examine any supplied drawings and/or specifications and be thoroughly aware regarding any and all conditions that may in any manner affect the work to be performed under the contract. If a pre-bid meeting is not required the Contractor shall visit the site to familiarize themselves with the Project/Service, see existing conditions, and take measurements. No additional allowances will be made for lack of knowledge of these conditions.

**3.8** In the event of any conflict between the drawings and specifications contained within this Agreement, the following shall govern:

A. Addenda shall supersede all other contract documents to the extent specified in the addenda. Subsequent addenda shall supersede prior to addenda only to the extent specified therein.

B. Drawings and specifications are intended to agree and be mutually complete. Any item not contained within the drawings, but contained in the specifications, or vice-versa, shall be provided and/or executed as shown in either the drawing or specification at no extra costs to the COUNTY. Should anything not included in either the drawing and/or the specifications be necessary for the proper construction and/or operation of the Project/Service as herein specified, or should any error or disagreement between the specifications and drawings exist or appear to exist, the CONTRACTOR shall not derive unjust benefit thereby, or use such disagreement counter to the best interests of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the COUNTY's Project Manager of any discrepancy and await the Project Manager's direction before proceeding with the work in question.

**3.9** CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that CONTRACTOR 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:

A. All persons employed by the CONTRACTOR during the term of this Agreement to perform employment duties within Lake County; and

B. All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the CONTRACTOR to perform work pursuant to the contract.

**3.10** CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that, in accordance with Section 255.099, Florida Statutes, if the Project/Service assigned to CONTRACTOR is being supported in whole or in part by State funding the CONTRACTOR shall give preference to the employment of state residents in the performance of the work on the Project/Service if state residents have substantially equal qualifications to those of non-residents. If the CONTRACTOR is required to employ state residents, the CONTRACTOR shall contact the Department of Economic Opportunity to post the employment needs in the State's job bank system. However, in work involving the expenditure of federal aid funds, this section may not be enforced in such a manner as to conflict with or be contrary to federal law prescribing a labor preference to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, or prohibiting as unlawful any other preference or discrimination among the citizens of the United States.

#### **Article 4. Payment**

**4.1** The COUNTY shall pay and CONTRACTOR shall accept, as full and complete payment for the timely and complete performance of its obligations hereunder as provided in the Pricing Schedule which is attached as **Attachment C** to this Agreement and which is made a part of this Agreement by reference.

A fixed lump sum price represents the CONTRACTOR'S base bid plus the optional portion of the Project/Service, including all applicable taxes, materials, labor, supervision, fuel, permits, licenses, management and overhead, unless a duly authorized change order has been issued in accordance with the COUNTY's purchasing policies and procedures.

Any hourly rate quoted shall be deemed to provide full compensation to the CONTRACTOR for labor, supervision, equipment use, travel time, and all other costs associated with providing the services needed to satisfactorily complete all work provided. This rate is assumed to be at straight-time for all labor, except as otherwise noted.

**4.2** CONTRACTOR shall submit progress invoice no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of each month to Facilities and Fleet Management Department, 32400 C.R. 473, Leesburg, Florida 34788. All invoices shall contain the bid number, date and location of delivery or service, purchase order number, confirmation of acceptance of the goods or services by the appropriate COUNTY representative, and a detailed description of services provided. Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment, and the CONTRACTOR may be considered in default of contract and its contract may be terminated. Final invoices shall include an original, completed "Certification of Payment to Subcontractors and Suppliers" form, if applicable.

*Project/Service \$25,000 and Under: The COUNTY shall provide a lump sum payment when all Project/Service tasks are completed by the CONTRACTOR and approved by the COUNTY. In order for the COUNTY to provide payment, the CONTRACTOR shall submit a fully documented invoice that provides the basic information set forth herein. If requested, the COUNTY may allow progress payments, but is under no obligation to do so and the specifics of the progress payments shall be at the sole discretion of the COUNTY.*

*Project/Service Greater than \$25,000: The Contractor may receive periodic payments on a thirty (30) day interval for Project/Service tasks completed during that period by the Contractor and approved by the County's Project Manager. Retention of funds shall be held in accordance with Florida Prompt Payment Act. In order for the County to provide payment, the Contractor shall submit a fully documented invoice that provides the basic information set forth below.*

**4.3** The COUNTY shall make payment on all undisputed invoices in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes. The COUNTY shall not make payment on partial delivery of supplies, services, or materials.

**4.4** In the event any part of this Agreement or the Project/Service, is to be funded by federal, state, or other local agency monies, the CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to cooperate with the COUNTY in order to assure compliance with all requirements of the funding entity applicable to the use of the monies, including providing access to and the right to examine relevant documents related to the Project/Service and as specifically required by the Federal or state granting agency, and receiving no payment until all required forms are completed and submitted. A copy of the requirements shall be supplied to the CONTRACTOR by the COUNTY upon request.

#### **Article 5. County Responsibilities**

**5.1** COUNTY shall designate a County staff member to act as COUNTY'S Project Manager. It is agreed to by the parties that the COUNTY'S 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 COUNTY'S Project Manager may appoint representatives as desired that will be authorized to inspect all work done and all materials furnished.

**5.2** COUNTY shall pay in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Agreement.

**5.3** COUNTY retains the right to inspect all work to verify compliance with the contract documents. Such inspection may extend to all or any part of the work and to the manufacture, preparation or fabrication of the materials to be used.

#### **Article 6. Construction Provisions**

**6.1** Intent of the Contract Documents.

A. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "contract documents" includes all bid documents, drawings, the Statement of Work, attachments to this Agreement, and provisions within this Agreement, along with any change orders or amendments to this Agreement.

B. It is the intent of the contract documents to describe a functionally complete Project/Service which defines the scope of work. 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/Service, 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 performed, unless specifically stated otherwise herein.

C. The contract documents and all referenced standards cited therein are essential parts of the contract requirements. A requirement occurring in one is binding as though occurring in all.

**6.2** Errors and Omissions. The CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the COUNTY in writing of such errors or omissions. In the event the CONTRACTOR knows or should have known of any error or omission and failed to provide such notification, the CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to have waived any claim for increased time or compensation the CONTRACTOR may have had and the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the results and the costs of rectifying any such error or omission.

**6.3** Contractor Personnel.

A. The CONTRACTOR shall assure that all personnel are competent, careful and reliable. All personnel must have sufficient skill and experience to perform their assigned task properly and satisfactorily and to operate any equipment involved, and shall make due and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the contract documents.

B. When the COUNTY determines that any person is incompetent, unfaithful, intemperate, disorderly or insubordinate, such person shall be immediately discharged from the Project/Service and shall not again be employed on the Project/Service without the written consent of the COUNTY. Should the CONTRACTOR fail to remove such person or persons, the COUNTY may withhold all payments which are or may become due, or may suspend the work with approval of the COUNTY until such orders are complied with.

C. The CONTRACTOR shall at all times have at the Project/Service as its agent a competent superintendent capable and thoroughly experienced in the type of work being performed, who shall receive instructions from the COUNTY. The superintendent shall supervise all trades, direct all Project/Service activities, establish and maintain installation schedules, and provide the COUNTY's Project Manager with progress reports as requested. The superintendent shall have full authority to execute the orders or directions of the COUNTY, and if applicable to supply promptly any materials, tools, equipment, labor and incidentals which may be required. Such superintendent shall be furnished regardless of the amount of work sublet. The CONTRACTOR's superintendent shall speak, write, and understand English and shall be on the job site during all working hours.

D. No alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted on any COUNTY properties. Evidence of alcoholic beverages or drug use by an individual will result in immediate termination from the job site.

E. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain a dress code for their employee's with a minimum of shirts, pants, and work shoes/boots, in decent condition, at all times while the work is being performed. Additionally, there may be times in which the COUNTY will require all workers on a particular individual Project/Service to wear ID badges. The COUNTY shall supply the ID badges. If ID badges are necessary, the CONTRACTOR will ensure that all workers employed for that particular Project/Service, whether employed by the CONTRACTOR or a subcontractor, are scheduled, prior to assignment, for an appointment during the COUNTY'S normal working hours with the COUNTY'S Project Manager, to process and receive ID badges. All new workers must be assigned an ID badge prior to starting work for that Project/Service. The CONTRACTOR shall be aware that it may take up to one (1) week to receive ID badges after required information has been received and pictures have been taken.

F. If required by the COUNTY for the Project/Service, the CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY with a complete list of personnel, subcontractors, and representatives of the CONTRACTOR that shall be utilized for the Project/Service. The list shall include a full name, address, telephone number, copy of social security card, and a copy of driver's license/State of Florida identification card/valid

passport/valid work visa. Background checks may be performed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office at no expense to the CONTRACTOR, on a Task by Task basis. At no time shall any person associated with the CONTRACTOR be granted access to perform work on COUNTY property prior to a completed background check. All decisions related to the approval of background checks shall be made by the Lake County Sheriff's Office. All decisions are final. The CONTRACTOR must remove any employee, with access to COUNTY facilities, from COUNTY service who is convicted of a felony crime during the time this Agreement is in effect. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to obtain background checks if specified may result in termination of this Agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to require immediate removal of any employee from COUNTY property it deems unfit for service for any reason. This right is non-negotiable and the CONTRACTOR agrees to this condition by accepting this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall have enough qualified people with current background checks so as to be able to provide a replacement within twenty-four (24) hours.

#### **6.4 Subcontractors.**

A. Within five (5) calendar days after the award of any subcontract, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver to the COUNTY a statement setting forth the name and address of the subcontractor, a summary description of the work subcontracted and a copy of the subcontract.

B. The CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible to the COUNTY for the acts and omissions of the CONTRACTOR's subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them.

C. All subcontractors, for as long as the subcontractor is working on the job site, shall have at least one supervisor/foreman on the job site that shall speak and understand English.

D. The CONTRACTOR shall cause its subcontractors and suppliers to comply with the Project/Service schedule and applicable sub-schedules.

E. Releases of liens from subcontractors shall be required before final payment will be released.

**6.5 Completion of the Scope of Services.** The CONTRACTOR shall give the work the attention necessary to assure the scheduled progress and shall cooperate fully with the COUNTY and with other contractors on the job site. All work shall be done in accordance with the contract documents. 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.

**6.6 Emergencies.** If required by the Scope of Scopes, the CONTRACTOR shall have a responsible person available at, or reasonably near, the Project/Service 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 CONTRACTOR'S responsible person for supervision of emergencies shall speak and understand, both verbally and in writing, the English language. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the COUNTY'S Project Manager, the phone numbers and names of personnel designated to be contacted in cases of emergencies. Included in this list shall be a twenty-four (24) hour contact phone number 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 Agreement.

In the event of an emergency affecting the safety or protection of persons, or the work or property at the Project/Service site or adjacent thereto, the CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from the COUNTY is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. The CONTRACTOR shall contact the COUNTY as soon as possible by telephone and with written notice as soon as feasible thereafter, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the occurrence of the emergency, if the CONTRACTOR believes that any significant changes in the work or variations from the contract documents has occurred. If the COUNTY determines that a change in the contract documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a change order request shall be issued to document the consequences of the changes or variations. If the CONTRACTOR fails to provide written notice within the twenty-four (24) hour limitation noted above, the CONTRACTOR 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.

## **6.7**     Safety.

A.       The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work and for complying with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and any other industry, federal, state or local government standards, including the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to persons or property. The CONTRACTOR shall be aware that while working for the COUNTY, representatives from agencies such as OSHA are invitees and need not have warrants or permission to enter the work site. Any fines levied by the above-mentioned authorities for failure to comply with these requirements shall be borne solely by the CONTRACTOR.

B.       CONTRACTOR certifies that all material, equipment, etc. to be used in an individual Project/Service meets all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. The CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR. 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 CONTRACTOR and its employees

C.       All safety devices installed by the manufacturer on equipment utilized by the CONTRACTOR on the jobsite shall be in place and in proper working order at all times. If the COUNTY determines that the equipment is deficient in safety devices, the CONTRACTOR shall be notified immediately. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately repair, or remove the equipment from service until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the COUNTY.

D.       The COUNTY may periodically monitor the work site for safety. Should there be safety and/or health violations, the COUNTY shall have the authority, but not the duty, to require the CONTRACTOR to correct the violation in an expeditious manner. If there is any situation that is deemed unsafe by the COUNTY, the Project/Service will be shut down immediately upon notice and will not resume work until the unsafe condition has been remedied.

E.       Should the work site be in a hazardous area, the COUNTY shall take reasonable actions to furnish the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR in the planning of a safe work site. The CONTRACTOR retains the ultimate responsibility to ensure all work is performed in a manner consistent with all applicable safety standards and directives.

F. CONTRACTOR shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and contract performance, safeguards for safety and protection such as barricades, danger signs, a construction fence, and other warnings against hazardous conditions.

G. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the removal of all surplus material and debris from the Project/Service site at the end of each work day. All costs associated with clean-up and debris removal shall be included in the lump sum price stated elsewhere herein. The Contractor shall leave the site clean and neat. All work must be cleaned up prior to the next day of business. At no time shall the specified work interfere with the regular operating hours of Lake County. The Contractor must have ample cleaning supplies and a minimum of two (2) vacuum cleaners on-site for clean-up. At no time shall the Contractor use County cleaning supplies or equipment. Upon final completion, the CONTRACTOR shall thoroughly clean-up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the COUNTY'S Project Manager. **PLEASE NOTE: If at any time the Contractor fails to clean up the work area to acceptable levels the County shall retain outside cleaning services and the actual costs for this service shall be deducted from the Contractor's final payment with the minimum cost of \$50.00 to offset County time for securing services to properly clean and inspect the site.**

H. CONTRACTOR shall confine all equipment, materials and operations to the Project/Service site and areas identified in the Contract documents. CONTRACTOR shall assume all responsibility for any damage to any such area resulting from the performance of the work.

I. CONTRACTOR is responsible for notifying the COUNTY of any hazardous materials used on the work site and providing the COUNTY a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). Any spillage of hazardous chemicals and/or wastes by the CONTRACTOR shall be reported immediately to the COUNTY and cleaned up in accordance with all State and Federal Regulations. The cost of cleanup of any spillage of hazardous chemicals and/or wastes caused by the CONTRACTOR shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY shall share no responsibility of these costs. A copy of the complete report showing compliance with local, state, and federal agencies shall be given to the COUNTY. If any hazardous chemicals or conditions are discovered during the normal operation, it is the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to immediately contact the COUNTY with a description and location of the condition. 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.

J. The CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'S Superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing to the COUNTY'S Project Manager. All communications to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR.

#### **6.8** Traffic Maintenance.

A. In the event that any of the work is conducted within any public right of way the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for proper Maintenance of Traffic (MOT). Unless otherwise specified, the standard specifications to be used for the work shall be as promulgated by the Florida Department of Transportation (F.D.O.T).

B. Maintenance of traffic shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR, is part of the CONTRACTOR'S proposal price, and shall conform to F.D.O.T.'s most current editions of "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION," 2015 edition (or latest edition), or FDOT "ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC DESIGN STANDARDS," 2015 (or latest edition), or FDOT "MANUAL OF UNIFORM MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS," 2015 (or latest edition), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) "MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD)," 2015 (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](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/mapsandpublications).

C. All costs associated with MOT must be included in the CONTRACTOR'S proposal price. No separate line items for MOT will be included in the cost estimate. If the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR to cease operation until deficiencies are corrected. In addition, no road closures shall be allowed except in the case of emergencies.

D. If the CONTRACTOR feels that assistance from an off duty police officer is needed, it shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR'S sole cost and expense, to hire and pay for this service.

E. All lane closures shall have the prior approval of the COUNTY.

F. The foregoing requirements are to be considered as minimum and the CONTRACTOR'S compliance shall in no way relieve the CONTRACTOR of final responsibility for providing adequate traffic control devices for the protection of the public and CONTRACTOR'S employees throughout the work area.

G. The use of public roads and streets by the CONTRACTOR shall provide a minimal inconvenience to the public and traffic. Furthermore, if the CONTRACTOR 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.

**6.9** 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 CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. 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.

**6.10** General Inspection Requirements.

A. Due to the nature of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall at the time of establishment of need, require the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR on that individual Project/Service.

B. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with every reasonable accommodation for ascertaining whether the work performed and materials used are in accordance with the requirements and intent of the contract documents. If the COUNTY so requests, the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR shall restore the uncovered portions of the work to the standard required by the specifications. Should the work so exposed or examined prove unacceptable in the opinion of the COUNTY, the uncovering or removal, and the replacing of the covering or making good of the parts removed, shall be at the CONTRACTOR's expense. However, should the work thus exposed or examined prove acceptable in the opinion of the COUNTY, the uncovering or removing and the replacing or the covering or making good of the parts removed, shall be paid for as unforeseen work.

C. If, during or prior to construction operations, the COUNTY 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 COUNTY's later rejection when such defect is discovered, nor obligate the COUNTY to final acceptance or payment, and the CONTRACTOR shall make no claim for losses suffered due to any necessary removals or repairs of such defects.

D. If, during or prior to construction operations, the COUNTY rejects any portion of the work on the grounds that the work or materials are defective, the COUNTY shall give the CONTRACTOR notice of the defect, which notice may be confirmed in writing. The CONTRACTOR shall then have seven (7) calendar days from the date the notice is given to correct the defective condition. If the CONTRACTOR fails to correct the deficiency within the seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice, the COUNTY may take any action necessary, including correcting the deficient work utilizing another contractor, returning any non-compliant goods to the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR's expense or terminating the contract. The CONTRACTOR shall not assess any additional charge(s) for any conforming action taken by the COUNTY. The COUNTY will not be responsible to pay for any product or service that does not conform to the contract specifications.

E. Should the CONTRACTOR fail to remove and renew any defective materials used or work performed, or to make any necessary corrections in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the contract requirements, within the time indicated in writing, the COUNTY shall have the authority to cause the unacceptable or defective materials or work to be corrected as necessary at the CONTRACTOR's

expense. Any expense incurred by the COUNTY, whether direct, indirect or consequential, in making said repairs, removals, or renewals shall be paid for out of any monies due or which may become due to the CONTRACTOR. A change order shall be issued, incorporating the necessary revisions to the contract documents, including an appropriate decrease to the contract amount. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, costs of repair and replacement of work destroyed or damaged by correction, removal or replacement of the CONTRACTOR's defective work and additional compensation due the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed an extension of the contract time because of any delay in performance of the Project/Service attributable to the exercise by the COUNTY of the COUNTY's rights and remedies hereunder. If the CONTRACTOR fails to honor the change order, the COUNTY may terminate the contract for default.

F. All work performed and all materials furnished shall be in reasonably close conformity with the tolerances indicated in the specifications. In the event the COUNTY'S 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 COUNTY'S Project Manager will then make a determination if the work shall be accepted and remain in place. In this event, the COUNTY'S Project Manager will document the basis of acceptance by a Change Order that will provide for an appropriate deduction as needed in the contract price for such work or materials as the COUNTY'S Project Manager deems necessary to conform to the determination based on the COUNTY'S Project Manager's professional judgment.

G. When the United States Government or the State of Florida is to pay a portion of the cost of construction, 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.

#### **6.11 Project/Service Materials and Storage.**

A. Unless otherwise specified within the contract documents, all materials to be used to complete the Project/Service, except where recycled content is specifically requested, shall be new, unused, of recent manufacture, and suitable for its intended purpose. All goods shall be assembled, fully serviced and ready for operation when delivered. In the event any of the materials supplied by the CONTRACTOR are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications: (1) the materials may be returned to the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR's expense and the contract cancelled or (2) the COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to replace the materials at the CONTRACTOR's expense.

B. Materials shall be placed to permit easy access for proper inspection and identification of each shipment. Any material which has deteriorated, become damaged, or is otherwise unfit for use, as determined by the COUNTY, shall not be used in the work, and shall be removed from the site by the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR's expense. Until incorporated into the work, materials shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR shall not be paid for such materials until incorporated into the work. If any chemicals, materials or products containing toxic substances are to be used at any time, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish a Material Safety Data Sheet to the COUNTY prior to commencing such use.

C. All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the premises at the end of each workday and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

## **6.12** Time for Completion and Extensions.

A. Purchase orders shall be issued for Project/Services to the Contractor. Issuance of a purchase order is not a directive to begin work unless otherwise specified. A written notice to proceed is required for the Contractor to schedule or begin work. Email notice is acceptable.

B. The CONTRACTOR shall diligently pursue the completion of the work and coordinate the work being done on the Project/Service by its subcontractors and material suppliers, as well as coordinate the CONTRACTOR's work with the work of other contractors so that the CONTRACTOR's work or the work of others shall not be delayed or impaired. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures, as well as coordination of all portions of the work under the contract documents. The time for completion requirements are contained in Article 3.2 above.

C. Should the CONTRACTOR be obstructed or delayed in the completion of the work as a result of unforeseeable causes beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR, and not due to the CONTRACTOR's fault or neglect, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the COUNTY in writing within twenty-four (24) hours after the commencement of such delay, stating the cause or causes thereof, or be deemed to have waived any right which the CONTRACTOR may have had to request a time extension.

D. If the CONTRACTOR complies with the twenty-four (24) hour notice requirement, the COUNTY shall ascertain the facts and the extent of the delay being claimed and recommend an extension to the contract time when, in the COUNTY's sole judgment, the findings of fact justify such an extension. The CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with the COUNTY's investigation of the delays 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 only for those delays which impact the CONTRACTOR's construction schedule. Extensions of contract time, if approved by the COUNTY, must be authorized by written change order.

## **6.13** Changes in the Scope of Services.

A. The COUNTY may at any time, by written change order, in accordance with the COUNTY's Purchasing Policy and Procedures, increase or decrease the scope of the work. For changes in work requested by CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR shall prepare and submit change order requests for COUNTY approval. Each change order shall include time and monetary impacts of the change, whether the change order is considered alone or with all other changes during the course of the Project/Service. Both the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR shall execute the change order.

B. The value of such extra work or change shall be determined by the contract unit values, if applicable unit values are set forth in this Agreement. The amount of the change shall be computed from such values and added to or deducted from the contract price.

C. If the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR are unable to agree on the change order for requested change, the CONTRACTOR shall, nevertheless, promptly perform the change as directed in writing by the COUNTY. If the CONTRACTOR disagrees with the COUNTY's adjustment determination, the CONTRACTOR must make a claim pursuant to the Claims and Disputes section herein, or else be deemed to have waived any claim on this matter the CONTRACTOR might have otherwise had.

D. For work not contemplated by the original Agreement, the amount of an increase shall be limited to the CONTRACTOR's reasonable direct labor and material costs and reasonable actual equipment

costs as a result of the change (including allowance for labor burden costs) plus a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the COUNTY. In such case, the CONTRACTOR shall keep and present to the COUNTY an itemized accounting together with appropriate supporting data. In the event such changed work is performed by a subcontractor, a maximum ten percent (10%) markup for all overhead and profit for all subcontractors' direct labor and material costs and actual equipment costs shall be permitted, with a maximum five percent (5%) markup thereon by the CONTRACTOR for all of its overhead and profit, for a total overall maximum markup of fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of changed work. All compensation due the CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor or sub-subcontractor for field and home office overhead is included in the markups listed above.

E. The COUNTY shall not be liable to the CONTRACTOR for any increased compensation in the absence of a written change order executed in accordance with COUNTY policy. The payment authorized by such a change order shall represent full and complete compensation to the CONTRACTOR for labor, materials, incidental expenses, overhead, profit, impact costs and time associated with the work authorized by such change order.

F. Execution by the CONTRACTOR of a properly authorized change order shall be considered a waiver of all claims or requests for additional time or compensation for any activities prior to the time of execution related to items included in the change order.

G. Upon receipt of an approved change order, changes in the Scope of Services shall be promptly performed. All changes in work shall be performed under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### **6.14 Claims and Disputes.**

A. Claims by the CONTRACTOR shall be made in writing to the COUNTY within two (2) business days, unless another provision of this Agreement sets forth a different time frame, after the commencement of the event giving rise to such claim or the CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to have waived the claim. All claims shall be priced in accordance with the section in this document entitled "Changes in Work".

B. The CONTRACTOR 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.

C. Claims by the CONTRACTOR shall be resolved in the following manner: (1) Upon receiving the claim and supporting data, the COUNTY shall within fifteen (15) calendar days respond to the claim in writing stating that the claim is either approved or denied. If denied, the COUNTY shall specify the grounds for denial. The CONTRACTOR 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. (2) 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 CONTRACTOR may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction in and for Lake County, Florida.

D. Claims by the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR shall be made in writing to the CONTRACTOR as soon as the event leading to the claim is discovered by the COUNTY. Written supporting data shall be submitted to the CONTRACTOR. All claims shall be priced in accordance with

the provisions of the section in this document entitled "Changes in Work". The CONTRACTOR shall respond in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the claim. If the claim cannot be resolved, the COUNTY shall have the option to submit the matter to mediation as set forth in (C) above.

E. Arbitration shall not be considered as a means of dispute resolution.

F. **NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES OR ANY CLAIM OTHER THAN FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME SHALL BE MADE OR ASSERTED AGAINST THE COUNTY BY REASON OF ANY DELAYS.** No interruption, interference, inefficiency, suspension or delay in the commencement or progress of the work shall relieve the CONTRACTOR of its duty to perform or give rise to any right to damages or additional compensation from the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR expressly acknowledges and agrees that the CONTRACTOR shall receive no damages for delay. However, this provision shall not preclude recovery or damages by the CONTRACTOR for hindrances or delays due solely to fraud, bad faith or active interference on the part of the COUNTY. Otherwise, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to extensions of the contract time as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delay, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided above.

**6.15** Acceptance of the Work and Final Payment. The work delivered and services rendered under this Agreement shall remain the property of the CONTRACTOR and shall 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 under this Agreement may be tested/inspected for compliance with the specifications listed.

A. Final Inspection. When all materials have been furnished, all work has been performed, and the construction contemplated by the contract has been satisfactorily completed, the COUNTY shall make the final inspection. The final inspection shall be completed within five (5) business days of receipt of notification from the CONTRACTOR that the Project/Service is ready. The COUNTY shall notify the CONTRACTOR if necessary of any deficiencies with the Project/Service, and the CONTRACTOR shall correct all deficiencies before final acceptance and payment is made.

B. Maintenance of Work. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain all work in as-new condition until the final inspection is completed and the work is accepted by the COUNTY. All insurance shall be maintained until final acceptance by the COUNTY.

C. Final Acceptance. When the Project/Service or any portion thereof, as designated by the COUNTY, is ready for its intended use, the COUNTY and any other invited parties shall make an inspection of the Project/Service, to verify its completeness and develop a punch list of items needing completion or correction before final payment will be made. The CONTRACTOR shall have ten (10) calendar days to correct all deficiencies. An eighty dollar (\$80.00) re-inspection fee shall be applied for the third inspection and any required re-inspection thereafter. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from those portions of the work designated as complete after the inspection; provided, however, that the CONTRACTOR will have reasonable access for the time allotted by the COUNTY to complete or correct items on the punch list.

When the work provided for under this Agreement has been completely performed by the CONTRACTOR, and the final inspection has been made by the COUNTY, a final invoice will be prepared by the CONTRACTOR. The amount of this invoice, less any sums that may have been deducted or retained under the provisions of this Agreement, will be paid to the CONTRACTOR in accordance with Article 4 of this Agreement, and after the CONTRACTOR has agreed in writing to accept the balance due, as determined

by the COUNTY, as full settlement of the account under the contract and of all claims in connection therewith. Occupancy by the COUNTY alone does not constitute final acceptance.

D. Waiver of Claims. The CONTRACTOR's acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full waiver of any and all claims by the CONTRACTOR against the COUNTY arising out of the contract or otherwise related to the Project/Service, except those previously made in writing and identified by the CONTRACTOR as unsettled at the time the final estimate is prepared. Neither the acceptance of the work nor payment by the COUNTY shall be deemed a waiver of the COUNTY's rights to enforce any continuing obligations of the CONTRACTOR or to the recovery of damages for defective work not discovered by the COUNTY at the time of final inspection.

E. Termination of Contractor's Responsibilities. This Agreement will be considered complete when all work has been completed and accepted by the COUNTY and all warranty periods have expired. The CONTRACTOR will then be released from further obligation except as set forth in this Agreement.

F. Recovery Rights Subsequent to Final Payment. The COUNTY reserves the right, should an error be discovered in the invoice, or should proof of defective work or materials used by or on the part of the CONTRACTOR be discovered after the final payment has been made, to claim and recover from the CONTRACTOR 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 COUNTY.

**6.16 Warranties.** All warranties shall begin on the date of the COUNTY'S acceptance and shall last for a period of twelve (12) months unless otherwise specified in the scope of services, plans or specifications. The CONTRACTOR shall obtain and assign to the COUNTY all express warranties given to the CONTRACTOR or any subcontractors by any material suppliers, equipment or fixtures to be incorporated into the Project/Service. The CONTRACTOR warrants to the COUNTY that any materials and equipment furnished under the contract documents shall be new unless otherwise specified, and that all work shall be of good quality, free from defects and in conformance with the contract documents. The CONTRACTOR further warrants to the COUNTY that all materials and equipment furnished under the contract documents shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricators, suppliers or processors except as otherwise provided for the contract documents. This warranty requirement shall remain in force for the full period identified above, regardless of whether CONTRACTOR is still under contract at the time of the defect. These warranties are in addition to those implied warranties to which the COUNTY is entitled as a matter of law. Further, a specific warranty period is included as a requirement as follows:

A. If sod is used as part of an individual Project/Service, it shall be warranted to be free of noxious and invasive weeds, disease, and insects. If pests and/or noxious weeds manifest themselves within sixty (60) days of placement of the sod, the CONTRACTOR shall treat the affected areas. The process for treating these areas shall be approved by the COUNTY. If the sod does not meet any of the required specifications, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to replace it at no expense to the COUNTY. It shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to insure that the sod is sufficiently established as described as specified in the scope of services, plans, or specifications. If the sod dies or does not become established the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the replacement at no cost to the COUNTY.

B. Correcting Defects Covered Under Warranty. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for promptly correcting any deficiency, at no cost to the COUNTY, within five (5) calendar days after the

COUNTY notifies the CONTRACTOR of such deficiency in writing. If the CONTRACTOR fails to honor the warranty and/or fails to correct or replace the defective work or items within the period specified, the COUNTY may, at its discretion, notify the CONTRACTOR in writing that the CONTRACTOR may be debarred as a COUNTY vendor, and/or become subject to contractual default if the corrections or replacements are not completed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the notice. If the CONTRACTOR fails to satisfy the warranty within the period specified in the notice, the COUNTY may (a) place the CONTRACTOR in default of its contract and/or (b) procure the products or services from another source and charge the CONTRACTOR for any additional costs that are incurred by the COUNTY for this work or items, either through a credit memorandum or through invoicing.

**6.17 Liquidated Damages.** Unless otherwise agreed to, weather events are specifically excluded as excused cause for delay under this agreement and no additional days shall be given for rain days. If the deficiencies have been noted and the remedies have not been completed within the contracted time, the COUNTY may send out a notification notifying CONTRACTOR of assessment of Liquidated Damages that can be applied for any day over the time allowed under this Agreement.

The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR recognize that, since time is of the essence for this agreement, the COUNTY will suffer financial loss if the work is not completed within the time specified. The COUNTY will be entitled to assess, as Liquidated Damages, but not as a penalty, for each calendar day after the scheduled completion date the Project/Service continues. The Project/Service shall be deemed to be completed on the date the work is considered complete to the satisfaction of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR hereby expressly waives and relinquishes any right which it may have to seek to characterize the Liquidated Damages as a penalty. The parties agree that the Liquidated Damages sum represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the COUNTY’S actual damages at the time of contracting if the CONTRACTOR fails to complete the work in a timely manner. The Liquidated Damages shall be as follows:

<u>Specific Project/Service Amount</u>	<u>Daily Charge Per Calendar Day</u>
\$5,000 and under.....	\$ 25
Over \$5,000 but less than \$10,000.....	\$ 65
\$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000 .....	\$ 91
\$20,000 or more but less than \$30,000 .....	\$121
\$30,000 or more but less than \$40,000 .....	\$166
\$40,000 or more but less than \$50,000 .....	\$228
\$50,001 or more	\$250

COUNTY shall retain from the compensation to be paid to CONTRACTOR the above described sum. Any CONTRACTOR that is in default for not completing the work within the time specified, at the option of the COUNTY, may not permitted to perform work for the COUNTY until the Project/Service is complete and the liquidated damages sum is satisfied.

**6.18 Sanitation.** If the Project/Service does not involve interior work, the CONTRACTOR shall be required to provide and maintain adequate sanitary conveniences for the use of persons employed for the Project/Service. 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 COUNTY’S Project Manager’s approval. All such facilities shall be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

**6.19** Submittals and Equal Products.

A. Submittals of products required for the Project/Service assigned to the CONTRACTOR hereunder, shall be supplied to the COUNTY for pre-approval prior to the start of the work. These documents shall be provided to the COUNTY at least one (1) week before the installation.

B. If a product or service requested by the COUNTY for the Project/Service has been identified in the specifications by a brand name, and has not been notated as a “No Substitute,” item, such identification is intended to be descriptive and not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of product or service that will be acceptable. If the CONTRACTOR offers an alternate product or service for consideration, such product must be clearly identified by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall make a determination whether the alternate meets the salient characteristics of the specifications. An alternate product will not be considered for any item notated “No Substitute.”

C. Unless the CONTRACTOR clearly indicates in its response that it is proposing an alternate product, the response shall be considered as offering the same brand name referenced in the specifications. If the CONTRACTOR proposes to furnish an alternate product or service, the brand name of the product or service to be furnished shall be clearly identified. A formal submittal for the alternate/shop drawings shall be submitted. The evaluation of the alternate and the determination as to acceptability of the alternate product or service shall be the responsibility of the COUNTY and will be based upon information furnished by the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY will not be responsible for locating or securing any information which is not included in the CONTRACTOR’S response. To ensure that sufficient information is available, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish as part of the bid or proposal all descriptive material by providing the manufacturer specification sheets so the COUNTY can make an informed determination whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics required by the specifications. Failure to do so will require the use of the specified products.

**6.20** Fees. The following is a list of fees that may be assessed to the CONTRACTOR during the term of this Agreement. These fees are assessed to help offset the additional costs associated with COUNTY labor and vehicle usage required for unnecessary inspections or missed appointments. The fees, if any, shall be deducted from the final invoices.

A. Failure to respond to emergency calls	\$250.00/day
B. Late to emergency calls	\$36.00/hour
C. Failure to provide documents or reports	\$75.00/day

Any re-inspection fee charged to the COUNTY by other agencies having jurisdiction over the Project/Service, shall additionally be charged back to the CONTRACTOR.

**Article 7. Special Terms and Conditions**

**7.1** Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by the COUNTY upon ten (10) calendar days advance written notice to the other party; but if any work, service or task hereunder is in progress but not completed on the date of termination, then this Agreement may be extended upon written approval of the COUNTY until said work, service or task is completed and accepted.

A. Termination for Convenience. In the event this Agreement is terminated or cancelled upon the request and for the convenience of COUNTY with the required ten (10) calendar day advance written notice, COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR for actual work satisfactorily completed.

B. Termination for Cause. Termination by COUNTY for cause, default, or negligence on the part of CONTRACTOR shall be excluded from the foregoing provision. Termination costs, if any, shall not apply. The ten (10) calendar day advance notice requirement is waived in the event of termination for cause.

C. Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years. When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, this Agreement shall be canceled and the CONTRACTOR shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the supplies or services/Tasks delivered under this Agreement.

**7.2** Assignment of Agreement. This Agreement shall not be assigned except with the written consent of the COUNTY'S Procurement Services Director. No such consent shall be construed as making the COUNTY a party to the assignment or subjecting the COUNTY to liability of any kind to any assignee. No assignment shall under any circumstances relieve the CONTRACTOR of liability and obligations under this Agreement and all transactions with the COUNTY must be through the CONTRACTOR. Additionally, unless otherwise stipulated herein, the CONTRACTOR shall notify and obtain prior written consent from the COUNTY prior to being acquired or subject to a hostile takeover. Any acquisition or hostile takeover without the prior consent of the COUNTY may result in termination of this Agreement for default.

**7.3** Insurance.

A. The CONTRACTOR shall purchase and maintain at all times during the term of this Agreement, without cost or expense to the COUNTY, policies of insurance as indicated below, with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and which are acceptable to the COUNTY, insuring the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR under the terms and provisions of the Agreement. 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.

*Project/Services Greater than \$25,000:* The parties agree that the policies of insurance and confirming certificates of insurance shall insure the CONTRACTOR is in accordance with the following minimum limits:

- (i) 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

- (ii) 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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- (iii) 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.

- (iv) Employers Liability with the following minimum limits and coverage:

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

- (v) 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.



*Project/Service \$25,000 and Under:* The parties agree that the policies of insurance and confirming certificates of insurance shall insure the CONTRACTOR is in accordance with the following minimum limits:

- (i) 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

- (ii) 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

- (iii) 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.

(iv) Employers Liability insurance with the following minimum limits and coverage:

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

(v) 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.

(vi) 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. 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 all applicable policies.

C. 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 required insurance.

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

E. Certificate 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 by the COUNTY.

F. 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

G. 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 CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related claims expenses.

H. 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 CONTRACTOR and/or subcontractor providing such insurance.

I. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for subcontractors and their insurance. Subcontractors are to provide Certificates of Insurance to the COUNTY evidencing coverage and terms in accordance with the Contractor's requirements.

J. 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.

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

**7.4 Indemnity.** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold COUNTY and its agents, officers, commissioners or employees harmless for any damages resulting from failure of CONTRACTOR to take out and maintain the above insurance. Additionally, CONTRACTOR agrees for good and valuable consideration in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) to indemnify, and hold the Board of County Commissioners, Lake County, Florida, and its officers, commissioners, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities resulting from the negligent act, error or omission of CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees or representative, in the performance of CONTRACTOR's duties set forth in this Agreement.

**7.5 Independent Contractor.** CONTRACTOR, and all its employees, agree that they shall be acting as an independent contractor and shall not be considered or deemed to be an agent, employee, joint venturer, or partner of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall have no authority to contract for or bind COUNTY in any manner and shall not represent itself as an agent of COUNTY or as otherwise authorized to act for or on behalf of COUNTY. Additionally, CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

**7.6 Return of Materials.** Upon the request of the COUNTY, but in any event upon termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall surrender to the COUNTY all memoranda, notes, records, drawings, manuals, computer software, and other documents or materials pertaining to the services hereunder, that were furnished to the CONTRACTOR by the COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement.

**7.7 Public Entity Crimes.** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction of a public entity crime may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statutes, section 287.017 for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

**7.8 Conflict of Interest.** CONTRACTOR agrees that it will not engage in any action that would create a conflict of interest in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, or which would violate or cause others to violate the provisions of Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, relating to ethics

in government. Further, CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of COUNTY has any material interest either directly or indirectly in the business of CONTRACTOR conducted here and that no such person shall have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement unless approved by the COUNTY.

**7.9** Retaining Other Contractors. Nothing herein shall be deemed to preclude the COUNTY from retaining the services of other persons or entities undertaking the same or similar services as those undertaken by the CONTRACTOR or from independently developing or acquiring materials or programs that are similar to, or competitive with, the services provided under this Agreement.

While the COUNTY has listed all major items which are utilized by County departments in conjunction with their operations, there may be similar or ancillary items that must be purchased by the COUNTY during the term of this Agreement. Under these circumstances, a County representative will contact the CONTRACTOR to obtain a price quote for the similar or ancillary items. The COUNTY reserves the right to award these ancillary items to the CONTRACTOR, another vendor based on the lowest price quoted, or to acquire the items through a separate solicitation.

**7.10** Accuracy. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion and coordination of all the services furnished hereunder. The CONTRACTOR shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions or other deficiencies in resulting from the services provided herein.

**7.11** Additional Services. Services not specifically identified in this Agreement may be added to the Agreement upon execution of a written amendment. The COUNTY reserves the right to award any additional services to the CONTRACTOR or to acquire the items from another vendor through a separate solicitation.

**7.12** 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) complete calendar 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. This provision is hereby considered to be included within, and applicable to, any subcontractor agreement entered into by the CONTRACTOR in performance of any work 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) calendar days, from presentation of the COUNTY's audit findings to the CONTRACTOR.

**7.13** Public Records.

A. All electronic files, audio and/or video recordings, and all papers pertaining to any activity performed by the contractor 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 CONTRACTOR's office or facility. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain the files and papers for not less than three (3) complete calendar years after the Project/Service has been completed or terminated, or in accordance with any grant requirements, whichever is longer. Prior to the close out of the contract, the CONTRACTOR shall appoint a records custodian to handle any records request and provide the custodian's name and telephone number(s) to the Contracting Officer.

B. Any copyright derived from this Agreement shall belong to the author. The author and the CONTRACTOR shall expressly assign to the COUNTY nonexclusive, royalty free rights to use any and all information provided by the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR will not be eligible for any compensation.

C. Pursuant to Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the 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 subsection shall be deemed a breach of the contract and enforceable as set forth in Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes.

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

**7.15 Business Hours of Operation.** Unless otherwise specified in the technical specifications, all work performed shall be accomplished between the hours of 8:00 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 CONTRACTOR and approval, in writing, has been granted by the COUNTY. Request for permission to work must be received by the COUNTY 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; and Christmas Day.

Special schedules may be established if necessary because of problems with noise or similar difficulties affecting other County facilities, County operations, or citizens in homes or buildings/rooms adjacent to the work being completed. When the CONTRACTOR requests and is approved for Saturday, Sunday or Holiday work, the COUNTY may assess the CONTRACTOR 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.

**7.16 Minimum Wage.** The wage rate paid to all laborers, mechanics and apprentices employed by CONTRACTOR for the work under the Agreement shall not be less than the prevailing wage rates for similar classifications of work as established by the federal government and enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Wages and Hours Division, and Florida's Minimum Wage requirements in Article X, Section 24(f) of the Florida Constitution and enforced by the Florida Legislature by statute or the State Agency for Workforce Innovation by rule, whichever is higher.

**7.17 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 CONTRACTOR during the term of this contract, and the CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for repairing or replacing damaged property to the satisfaction of the COUNTY which is damaged by reason of the CONTRACTOR's operation on the property. In the event the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR. All items damaged as a result of CONTRACTOR or subcontractor operations belonging to third parties, such as but not limited to: sidewalks, irrigation, curbs, pipes, drains, water mains, pavement, mail boxes, turf, signs, or other property shall either be repaired or replaced by the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR'S expense, in a manner prescribed by, and at the sole satisfaction of the COUNTY.

Furthermore, if the Project/Service is to be completed within COUNTY facilities, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for repairing or replacing any portion of any COUNTY facility, whether interior or exterior, damaged by reason of the CONTRACTOR's operation within the property. In the event the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR. All items within a facility belonging to third parties, or to commissioners, officers, employees, leasees, invitees, or agents of the COUNTY, including but not limited to personal items and/or furniture shall either be repaired or replaced by the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR'S expense, in a manner prescribed by, and at the sole satisfaction of the COUNTY.

**7.18 Risk of Loss.** CONTRACTOR assumes the risk of loss of damage to the COUNTY'S property during possession of such property by the CONTRACTOR, and until delivery to and acceptance of that property to the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR 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 otherwise, of the CONTRACTOR or a third party.

**7.19 Accident Notification.** If in the course of completing work as part of this Agreement there is an accident that involves the public, the CONTRACTOR shall as soon as possible inform the COUNTY of the incident by telephone. The CONTRACTOR shall follow up in writing within two (2) business days of the incident. If Law Enforcement was involved and has written a report, the CONTRACTOR shall forward a copy of the report to the COUNTY.

## **Article 8. Miscellaneous Provisions**

**8.1** This Agreement is made under, and in all respects shall be interpreted, construed, and governed by and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any legal action resulting from this Agreement shall lie in Lake County, Florida.

**8.2** Neither party may assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement to any other party unless specific written permission from the other party is obtained.

**8.3** The captions utilized in this Agreement are for the purposes of identification only and do not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

**8.4** This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties and of their respective successors and permitted assigns.

**8.5** This Agreement may not be amended, released, discharged, rescinded or abandoned, except by a written instrument duly executed by each of the parties hereto.

**8.6** The failure of any party hereto at any time to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement 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 this Agreement.

**8.7** During the term of this Agreement CONTRACTOR assures COUNTY 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 CONTRACTOR does not on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or marital status, discrimination in any form or manner against CONTRACTOR employees or applicants for employment. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that this Agreement is conditioned upon the veracity of this statement of assurance.

**8.8** CONTRACTOR shall at all times comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations.

**8.9** The employee(s) of CONTRACTOR shall be considered at all times its employee(s) and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of COUNTY. 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.

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

**8.11** With the consent of CONTRACTOR, other agencies may make purchases in accordance with the contract. Any such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein with the exception of the change in agency name. In addition, although this solicitation is specific to a County Department, it is agreed and understood that any County department may avail itself of this contract and purchase any and all items specified herein at the contract price(s) established herein. A contract modification shall be issued by the County identifying the requirements of the additional County department(s).

**8.12** CONTRACTOR shall act as the prime contractor for all required items and services and shall assume full responsibility for the procurement and maintenance of such items and services. CONTRACTOR shall be considered the sole point of contact with regards to all stipulations, including payment of all charges and meeting all requirements of this Agreement. All subcontractors will be subject to advance review by the COUNTY in terms of competency and security concerns. No change in subcontractors shall be made without consent of the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR 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.

**8.13** The CONTRACTOR 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.

**8.14** The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Agreement shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions were omitted.

**8.15** Wherever provision is made in this Agreement for the giving, service or delivery of any notice, statement or other instrument, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given, served and delivered, if delivered by hand or mailed by United States registered or certified mail or sent by facsimile, addressed as follows:

If to CONTRACTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If to COUNTY:

County Manager  
County Administration Building  
315 West Main Street, Suite 308  
Post Office Box 7800  
Tavares, Florida 32778-7800  
Fax: 352-343-5618

Each party hereto may change its mailing address by giving to the other party hereto, by hand delivery, United States registered or certified mail notice of election to change such address.

### **Article 9. Scope of Agreement**

**9.1** This Agreement is intended by the parties hereto to be the final expression of their Agreement, and it constitutes the full and entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject hereof, notwithstanding any representations, statements, or agreements to the contrary heretofore made. Any items not covered under this contract will need to be added via written addendum, and pricing negotiated based on final specifications.

9.2 This Agreement contains the following Attachments, all of which are incorporated herein:

Attachment A	Scope of Services
Attachment B	Addendum(s)
Attachment C	Pricing

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: COUNTY through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by and through its Chair and by CONTRACTOR through its duly authorized representative.

**CONTRACTOR**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company, Corp, etc.

License #: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY**

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Neil Kelly, Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Lake County, Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Conner  
Chairman

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Approved as to form and legality:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Melanie Marsh  
County Attorney

**ATTACHMENT A: SCOPE OF SERVICES**

*{Plans and Specifications Included on Attached CD}*

**ATTACHMENT B: ADDENDUM**

**ATTACHMENT C: PRICING**