

THIS CONTRACT ("Contract") is made this ____day of _____, 2016, by and between the **CITY OF NORTH PORT**, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "City" and **FLORIDA DESIGN CONTRACTORS, INC.**, a Florida corporation, 1326 South Killian Drive, Lake Park, Florida 33403, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

WITNESSETH:

That the parties to this Contract, in consideration of their mutual agreements and promises hereinafter contained, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the agreements and bid documents executed between the parties, and do hereby further agree as follows:

1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONTRACTOR:

A. Responsibility for and Supervision: The Contractor shall supervise and direct the work to the best of his/her ability, give it all the attention necessary for such proper supervision and direction and not employ for work on the project any person without sufficient skill to perform the job for which the person was employed.

The Contractor assumes full responsibility for acts, negligence, or omissions of all his/her employees on the project, for those subcontractors and their employees, and for those of all other persons doing work under a contract with him/her. All contracts between the Contractor and any such subcontractor as the Contractor shall hire, shall conform to the provisions of the Contract and bid documents and shall incorporate in them the relevant portions of this Contract.

B. Furnishing of Labor and Materials: The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, and equipment, including tools, construction equipment and machinery, and all transportation and all other facilities and services necessary for the proper completion of the work in strict conformity with the provisions herein contained, and with the Request For Bid No. 2016-33, including the plans and specifications, addendums and with the proposal submitted by the Contractor and on file with the City. The foregoing Request For Bid (RFB), specifications, and proposal submitted by the Contractor, are hereby specifically made a part of this Contract and are incorporated herein.

The Contractor represents and warrants to the City that all equipment and materials used in the work, and made a part of the structures thereon, or placed permanently in connection therewith, will be new unless otherwise specified in the Contract and bid documents, of good quality, free of defects, and in conformity with the Contract and bid documents. It is understood between the parties thereto that all equipment and materials not in conformity are defective.

C. Incorporation of Bid Documents: The **Request For Bid No. 2016-33**, including the plans, specifications, permits, attachments and addendums, and Contractor's response to RFB, are specifically made a part of this Contract and are incorporated herein. In the event of a conflict between or among the documents or any ambiguity or missing specifications or instruction, the following priority is established:

1. First, this Contract (Contract No. 2016-33) and any attachments
2. Second, Request for Bid, including any and all attachments and addenda
3. Third, Contractor's response to this solicitation.
4. Fourth, specific direction from the City Manager

D. Public Records Law: In accordance with F.S. §119.0701, Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

- 1) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
- 2) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the City would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119 or as otherwise provided 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 City 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 City in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

Failure of the Contractor to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Contract.

2. CONTRACT PRICE:

In consideration of the foregoing services, work, labor and materials to be furnished by the contractor as per said plans, specifications and addendums, the City agrees to pay and the Contractor **\$333,000.00**.

The **CONTRACT PRICE is THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND AND ZERO CENTS (\$333,000.00)**.

3. PAYMENT:

Two (2) original requests for payment must be submitted to the City of North Port on a form approved by the City. Each pay request must be accompanied by an updated work schedule to reflect progress of work. Payment shall be accompanied by either written approval and direction of the surety, or receipt of updated affidavits of payment by subcontractors and/or suppliers, in accordance with F.S. §255.05(11). Price shall be net and all invoices payable according to the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act (F.S. ch. 218). Upon certification and approval by the City or its duly authorized agent, progress payments may be made to the Contractor upon its application for all services or work completed or materials furnished in accordance with the Contract. Prior to fifty percent (50%) completion, the Contractor will be paid monthly the total value of the work completed and accepted during the preceding month, less ten percent (10%) retainage. After fifty percent (50%) completion of the construction services purchased pursuant to the

Contract, the City must reduce to five percent (5%) the amount of retainage withheld from each subsequent progress payment made to the Contractor upon request of the Contractor. For purposes of this subsection, the term "fifty percent (50%) completion" is the point at which the City has expended fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the construction services purchased as identified in the Contract together with all costs associated with existing change orders and other additions or modifications to the construction services provided for in the Contract. The City shall inform the Contractor's Surety of any reduction in retainage. Contractor must update each new pay request in accordance with any changes made to the previous submittal. The City or its duly authorized administrative agent, shall approve final payment for all work, materials or services furnished under this Contract retainage may be reduced upon issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion by the City if, in the sole opinion of the City, sufficient progress on the schedule has been accomplished, all required affidavits have been provided, and the City has retained adequate coverage for the project through the achievement of Final Completion.

4. CONTRACT TIME:

The Contractor specifically agrees that it will commence operations within a mutually agreed upon time following notification by the City to commence work and that all work to be performed under the provisions of this Contract shall be completed in not more than **120 calendar days** from the notice to proceed; subject only to delays caused through no fault of the Contractor or acts of God. The work will be substantially complete within **100 calendar days**; with final completion within **20 calendar days** after attaining Substantial Completion. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.

5. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

The work shall be completed within the Contract time specified. The Contract time shall include the preparation, submittal, review and approval of submittals, delivery of materials, and construction, assembly, adjustment and placement into service for beneficial use of all facilities covered under this Contract.

The City shall issue a Notice of Substantial Completion when it has determined that the work identified in the Contract has been substantially completed; record drawings have been submitted and approved by the City and that the facility is operating satisfactorily. The Contract time also includes up to fourteen (14) calendar days for the review of submittals, excluding pay requests, by the City. The City shall provide the Contractor a punch list within two (2) calendar days after the Notice of Substantial Completion is issued. The punch list will identify the remaining items that must be addressed to the satisfaction of the City by the Contractor to meet his/her obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall complete the items on the punch list to the satisfaction of the City within twenty (20) additional calendar days of the issuance of the Final Punch List or Notice of Substantial Completion, whichever is later, and prior to submittal of the application for reduction of retainage or final payment. Any cost incurred by the City (i.e. inspection time) after the twenty (20) calendar day period shall be charged to the Contractor.

The City and the Contractor hereby agree that time is of the essence on this Contract and the City will suffer damages if the work is not substantially completed within the Contract time, plus any extensions thereof allowed by Change Order. It is further recognized and agreed by the City and the Contractor that the determination of the exact value of the damages the City would suffer due to a delay in the Substantial Completion of the work would be a difficult, time consuming and costly process. It is therefore hereby agreed by the City and the Contractor that it is in their mutual interest to establish a figure of **(\$884.00)** as Liquidated Damages (but not as a penalty) to be paid by the Contractor to the City for each calendar day that Substantial Completion is delayed beyond the Contract Time. It is mutually agreed by the City and the Contractor that neither shall make any claim to increase or reduce the amount to be paid under

Liquidated Damages as the result of any calculation of actual damages suffered by the City as the result of delay in the Substantial Completion of the work.

6. PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:

The successful bidder shall provide the required performance and payment bond or other acceptable security to the City within **ten (10) business days of being awarded the bid. Failure by the successful bidder to provide the bond within ten (10) business days shall be considered a default.** Such default shall only be curable at the option of the City. In addition, the Contractor shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record Performance and Payment Bond with Sarasota County Clerk's Office. Receipt of said recording and certified copy of the bond shall be furnished to the Purchasing Department at the time of the pre- construction meeting. Such default shall only be curable at the option of the City.

In addition, the Contractor shall be responsible and bear all costs associated to record Performance and Payment Bond with Sarasota County Clerk's Office. Receipt of said recording and certified copy of the bond shall be furnished to the Purchasing Department at the time of the pre-construction meeting. Such default shall only be curable at the option of the City.

Upon such default the City may immediately award the bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder, and recover from the original successful bidder the difference in cost between the original winning bid and the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT BOND REQUIREMENTS:

The Contractor shall provide a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, in the form prescribed in Florida Statutes Section 255.05 each in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount, the costs of which are to be paid by the Contractor. The bonds will be acceptable to the City only if the following minimum conditions are met:

The Surety Company:

- a. is licensed to do business in the State of Florida;
- b. holds a certificate of authority authorizing it to write surety bonds in this state;
- c. has twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the invitation to bid is issued;
- d. is otherwise in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code; and
- e. holds a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under 31 U.S.C. §§ 9304-9308.
- f. a current rating of at least Excellent (A or A-) as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc., of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038;
- g. with an underwriting limitation of at least two times the dollar amount of the contract.

If the Surety Company for any Bond furnished by the Contractor files for bankruptcy, has a receiver appointed, is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, has an assignment made for the benefit of

creditors, has its right to do business terminated in the State of Florida, or ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall, within five (5) calendar days thereafter, substitute another Bond and Surety Company, both of which shall be subject to the City's approval.

By execution of these bonds, the Surety Company acknowledges that it has read the surety qualifications and surety obligations imposed by the Contract documents and hereby satisfies those conditions.

7. INSURANCE:

Before performing any Contract work, the Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, the following types of insurance coverage and shall furnish certificates representing such insurance to the City. The policies of insurance shall be primary and written on forms acceptable to the City and placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the Insurance Department in the State of Florida and meet a minimum financial AM Best and Company rating of no less than "A- Excellent: FSC VII." No changes are to be made to these specifications without prior written approval by the City Manager or designee. The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon agreement with Contractor.

A. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE (PER CHAPTER 440, FLORIDA STATUTES): The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Contract Worker's Compensation insurance for all his employees to be engaged in work on the project under this Contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation insurance for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by protection afforded by the Contractor's Workers Compensation insurance. For additional information contact the Department of financial Services, Workers' Compensation Division at 850.413.1601 or on the web at www.fldfs.com.

In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work on the project under this Contract is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, Employer's Liability Insurance for the protection of such of his employees not otherwise protected under such provisions. The minimum liability limits of such insurance shall not be less than herein specified or in that amount specified by law for that type of damage claim.

Proof of such insurance shall be filed by the Contractor with the City within ten (10) days after the execution of this Contract. Coverage is to apply for all employees in the statutory limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws. The policy must include Employers' Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident; \$1,000,000 each employee; and \$1,000,000 policy limit for disease.

B. COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY: The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain during the life of this Contract, a comprehensive general liability policy, including, but not limited to, 1) Independent Contractor's liability; 2) products and completed operations liability; 3) contractual liability; 4) broad form property damage liability; and 5) personal injury liability. The minimum shall be no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed ops; and \$100,000 fire damage. The City of North Port shall be named as an additional insured.

C. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY: The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain, during the life of this Contract, automobile liability insurance including all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles. The minimum combined single limit per occurrence shall be no less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage liability. This shall include owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, as well as employee's non-ownership. The City of North Port shall be named as additional insured.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: The Commercial General Liability and Business Auto insurance policy shall name the "City of North Port", a Florida municipality, as an "additional insured." This MUST be written in the description of operations section of the insurance certificate, even if there is check-off- box on the insurance certificate. Any costs for adding the City as "additional insured" shall be at the Contractor's expense. All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the City before commencement of any work activities under this Contract.

Any and all deductibles to the above referenced policies are to be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor's insurance is considered primary for any loss regardless of any insurance maintained by the City. The Contractor is responsible for all insurance policy premiums, deductibles, SIR (self-insured retentions) or any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy.

All insurance policies must be issued by companies of recognized responsibility licensed to do business in Florida and must contain a provision that prohibits cancellation unless the City is provided notice as stated within the policy. It is the Contractor's responsibility to provide notice to the City.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION: All required insurance policies, with the exception of Workers Compensation, are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or thru other means, agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers, and the City's insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these policies that arises from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Contractor for the City. It is the Contractor's responsibility to notify their insurance company of the Waiver of Subrogation and request written authorization or the proper endorsement. Additionally, the Contractor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and any subcontractors, agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the City and its insurance carriers for any losses paid, sustained or incurred, but not covered by insurance, that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed. This waiver also applies to any deductibles or self-insured retentions the Contractor or its agents may be responsible for.

POLICY FORM:

1. All policies, required by this Contract, with the exception of Workers Compensation, or unless specific approval is given by Risk Management through the City's Purchasing Office, are to be written on an occurrence basis, shall name the City of North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Contract. Insurer(s), with the exception of Professional Liability and Workers Compensation, shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City of North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees, or volunteers.

2. Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of the Contractor, shall be provided by or on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Contract. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to subcontractors.

3. Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall:
 - a. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - b. Be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided or cancelled by either party except after notice is delivered in accordance with the policy provisions. The Contractor is to notify the City Purchasing Office by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
4. The City shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
5. The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. The extent of Contractor's liability for indemnity of the City shall not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between the Contractor and its carrier.
6. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Contract and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the City is an insured under the policy.
7. Claims Made Policies will be accepted for professional and hazardous materials and such other risks as are authorized by the City's Purchasing Office. All Claims Made Policies contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements herein shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, the Contractor agrees to purchase the extended reporting period on cancellation or termination unless a new policy is affected with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.
8. Certificates of Insurance evidencing Claims Made or Occurrences form coverage and conditions to this Contract, as well as the contract number and description of work, are to be furnished to the City's Purchasing Office (4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286) prior to commencement of work AND a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the insurance contract when applicable. All insurance certificates shall be received by the City's Purchasing Office before the Contractor will be allowed to commence or continue work. The Certificate of Insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier shall certify compliance with the insurance requirements provided herein.

8. INDEMNITY:

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its Commissioners, officers, and employees, from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs (including attorneys' fees and court costs, whether such fees and costs are incurred in negotiations, collection of attorneys' fees or at the trial level or on appeal), which may arise out of any negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor (or Contractor's Officers, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, materialmen, or the employees, or agents of any one of them, if any) in the performance or the failure to perform

under the terms of the Contract. In the event of a claim, the City shall promptly notify the Contractor in writing by prepaid certified mail (return receipt requested), or by delivery through any nationally recognized courier service (such as Federal Express or UPS) which provides evidence of delivery, at the address provided in Section 18. Notification may also be provided by fax transmission to the number provided in Section 18, if provided.

The City shall provide all available information and assistance that the Contractor may reasonably require regarding any claim. This agreement for indemnification shall survive termination or completion of this Contract. The insurance coverage and limits required in this Contract may or may not be adequate to protect the City and such insurance coverage shall not be deemed a limitation on the Contractor's liability under the indemnity provided in this section. In any proceedings between the parties arising out of or related to this Indemnity provision, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees through all proceedings (at both trial and appellate levels).

9. CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT:

When all work contemplated by this Contract has been completed, and has been inspected and approved by the City, or its duly authorized agent, the Contractor shall furnish to the City, a Contractor's Affidavit in a form acceptable to the City. Signed affidavits of payment will also be required by the City from any and all subcontractors hired by the Contractor, unless payment is approved by the surety in accordance with F.S. §255.05(11). The affidavits shall state whether the subcontractor(s) has been paid in full or whether there are payments remaining. A list of all subcontractors shall be furnished to the City prior to any payments against the Contract.

10. TERMINATION AND DEFAULT:

The City Manager or designee shall have the right at any time upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor to terminate the services of the Contractor and, in that event, the Contractor shall cease work and shall deliver to the City all documents (including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and all other data) prepared or obtained by the Contractor in connection with its services. Upon delivery of the documents, the City shall pay the Contractor in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under the Contract, as determined by the City, less payments already made to the Contractor, and any amounts withheld by the City to settle claims against or to pay indebtedness of the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

- A. Funding in Subsequent Fiscal Years: It is expressly understood by the City and the Contractor that funding for any subsequent fiscal year of the Contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the City Commissioners. In the event that funds are not available or appropriated, the City reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The City will be responsible for payment of any outstanding invoices and work completed by the Contractor prior to such termination.
- B. In the event that the Contractor has abandoned performance under this Contract, then the City Manager or designee may terminate this Contract upon three (3) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor indicating its intention to do so. The written notice shall state the evidence indicating the Contractor's abandonment.
- C. The Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Contract only in the event of the City failing to pay the Contractor's properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the City's Administrative Agent, or if the project is suspended by the City for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.

- D. The City Manager or designee reserves the right to terminate and cancel this Contract in the event the Contractor shall be placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed for the Contractor or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.
- E. In the event Contractor breaches this Contract, the City shall provide written notice of the breach and Contractor shall have ten (10) days from the date the notice is received to cure. If Contractor fails to cure within the ten (10) days, the City Manager or designee shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and, if necessary, may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to Contractor due to:
1. The quality of a portion or all of the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
 2. The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's Payment Request, or otherwise;
 3. The Contractor's rate of progress being such that, in the City's opinion, substantial or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
 4. The Contractor's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid the Contractor by the City, to pay Contractor's project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
 5. Claims made, or likely to be made, against the City or its property;
 6. Loss caused by the Contractor;
 7. The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of the obligations to the City, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure as set forth above.
 8. Violation of any local, state or federal law in the performance of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.
 9. In the event that the City makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the City as contemplated in the clause, the Contractor shall promptly comply with such demand. The City's rights hereunder survive the term of this Agreement, and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.

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11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:

The Contractor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent or servant of the City. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Contractor's sole direction, supervision, and control. The Contractor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Contractor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the City shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees or agents of the City. The Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the City in any promise, agreement or representation other than as specifically provided for in this Contract. The Contractor shall not pledge the City's credit or make it a guarantor of payment of surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien or any form of indebtedness. The Contractor further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

12. SUBCONTRACTORS:

A list of all subcontractors shall be furnished to the City prior to any payments against the Contract. All subcontractors are subject to City approval.

13. LICENSES AND PERMITS/LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

The Contractor shall pay all taxes required by law in connection with the activity in accordance with this Contract including sales, use, and similar taxes, and unless mutually agreed to in writing to the contrary, shall secure all licenses and permits necessary for proper completion of the work, paying any fees therefore. Violation of any local, state or federal law in the performance of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this contract. The Contractor shall comply with all laws and ordinances, and the rules, regulations, and orders of all public authorities relating to the performance of the work herein. If any of the Contract documents are at variance therewith, the Contractor shall notify the City promptly on the discovery of such variance.

14. AMENDMENT:

This Contract constitutes the sole and complete understanding between the parties and supersedes all agreements between them, whether oral or written with respect to the subject matter. No amendment, change or addendum to this Contract is enforceable unless agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into this Contract. The City Manager or designee may agree to amendments that do not increase compensation to Contractor. The City Commission shall approve all increases in compensation under this Contract

15. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The City of North Port, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will ensure that in any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit replies in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

16. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

The City of North Port does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services. Pursuant to F.S. §287.134(2)(a), an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies 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.

17. ASSIGNMENT:

The Contractor shall not assign any interest in this Contract and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written consent of the City Manager or

designee, except that claims for the money due or to become due the Contractor from the City under this Contract may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy. Notice shall be promptly given to the City.

18. NOTICES:

Any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted hereunder shall be sent by certified mail or e-mail, return receipt requested, and shall be mailed to:

As to CITY

Project Manager
City of North Port Utilities Department
6644 Price Blvd.
North Port, Florida 34291
Tel: 941.240.8000
Fax: 941.240.8022

As to CONTRACTOR

Thomas H. Clarke, President
Florida Design Contractors, Inc.
1326 S. Killian Drive
Lake Park, Florida 33403
Tel: 561.845.1233
Fax: 561.848.5992

Notices shall be effective when received at the addresses specified above. Changes in the respective addresses which such notice is to be directed may be made from time to time by either party by written notice to the other party. Facsimile transmission is acceptable notice effective when received, however, facsimile transmissions received after 5:00 pm or on weekends or holidays, will be deemed received on the next business day. The original of the notice must additionally be mailed as required herein. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of Contractor and City.

19. WAIVER:

No delay or failure to enforce any breach of this Contract by either City or Contractor shall be binding upon the waiving party unless such waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach shall not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.

20. ATTORNEY'S FEES:

In any proceedings between the parties arising out of or related to this Contract, the prevailing party shall be reimbursed all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees through all proceedings, at both trial and appellate levels.

21. GOVERNING LAW, VENUE AND SEVERABILITY:

The rights, obligations and remedies of the parties under this Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and the exclusive venue for any legal or judicial proceedings in connection with the enforcement or interpretation of this Contract shall be in Sarasota County, Florida. The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the contract. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract and the balance of the Contract shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void.

22. PARAGRAPH HEADINGS:

Paragraph headings are for the convenience of the parties and for the reference purposes only and shall be given no legal effect.

23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Contract (with all referenced plans, attachments, addenda and provisions incorporated by reference) embodies the entire agreement of both parties, superseding all oral or written previous and contemporary agreements between the parties relating to matters set forth in this Contract. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Contract and the RFB or Contractor's bid, this signed Contract (excluding the RFB and Contractor's bid) shall take precedence, followed by the provisions of the RFB, and then by the terms of the Contractor's bid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto caused the execution of these documents, the year and date first above written.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FL

Attest: _____
Helen Raimbeau, City Clerk, MMC

By: _____
Jonathan R. Lewis, ICMA-CM, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
Mark Moriarty, City Attorney

Witness: _____

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

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