

CONTRACT NO. 2018-06 WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE 115 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

This Contract ("Contract") is made this _____ day of _____, 2017, by and between the CITY OF NORTH PORT, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "City" and V & H Construction, Inc., a Florida corporation, 6385 Presidential Ct. Suite 202, Ft. Myers, FL 33919, 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 the Contractor's 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 the Contractor's employees on the project, for those subcontractors and their employees, and for those of all other persons doing work under a contract with the Contractor. All contracts between the Contractor and any such subcontractor the Contractor hires, 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. 2018-06, including the plans and specifications, permits, addendums, grants and with the bid submitted by the Contractor and on file with the City. The foregoing Request for Bid ("RFB"), specifications, addendum, permits, grants and bid 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. The parties understand that all equipment and materials not in conformity are defective.

C. Incorporation of Bid Documents: The Request for Bid No. 2018-06, including the plans, specifications; addendum, permits, grants and addenda, and the 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. 2018-06 approved by the City Commission and any attachments;
2. Second, Request for Bid, including any and all attachments and addenda;

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3. Third, the Contractor's response to this solicitation; and
4. Fourth, specific direction from the City Manager.

D. Public Records Law: In accordance with Florida Statutes 119.0701, the Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
 - a. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
(See <http://dos.dos.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).
 - b. "Public records" means and includes those items specified in Florida Statutes Section 119.011(12), as amended from time to time, and currently defined as: All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the City. The Contractor's records under this Contract include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, e-mails and all other documentation generated during this Contract.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City, at no cost, with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided for by law. All records kept electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format compatible with the information technology systems of the City.
3. Ensure that project records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and, if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City following completion of the contract, for the time period specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in the Contractor's possession or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon the completion of the contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records.
5. **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS,**

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**4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286,
941.429.7063 OR HOTLINE 941.429.7270; E-MAIL:
padkins@cityofnorthport.com.**

6. Failure of the Contractor to comply with these requirements shall be a material breach of this Contract. Further, the Contractor may be subject to penalties under Florida Statutes Section 119.10.

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 **\$1,064,496.00**. The **CONTRACT PRICE is One Million Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Zero Cents.**

3. PAYMENT:

Two (2) original requests for payment must be submitted to the City of North Port on a City-approved form. 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 Florida Statutes Section 255.05(11). Price shall be net and all invoices payable according to the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Florida Statutes chapter 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. The 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.

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Florida Statutes Sections 218.70, et seq., Contractor's payments shall be due (20) business days after receipt of invoice. Overdue amounts shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month on the unpaid balance. Contractor must invoice City for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment.

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 not more than (Three hundred sixty) **360 calendar days** from the notice

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to proceed; subject only to delays caused through no fault of the Contractor or acts of God. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract. The Contract time includes up to fourteen (14) calendar days for the City and/or City's Engineer of Record to review each submittal and resubmittal. There shall be no extension of time provided for modification and corrections or re-submittals to address deficiencies therein identified during the review by the City and/or the City's Engineer of Record.

The work will be substantially completed within three hundred and thirty **(330) calendar days**; with completion within **thirty (30) calendar days** after attaining Substantial Completion. The City shall provide the Contractor with a punch list after the City issues Substantial Completion. The punch list shall identify the remaining items that the Contractor must address to the City's satisfaction to meet the Contractor's obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall complete all items on the punch lists to the satisfaction of the City prior to submittal of the application for final payment.

All extensions to the Contract time for permitted delays shall be by Change Order and signed by the City.

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 City's review of submittals, excluding pay requests. The City shall provide the Contractor a punch list within **two (2) calendar days** after the City issues Notice of Substantial Completion. The punch list shall identify the remaining items that the Contractor must address to the City's satisfaction to meet the Contractor's obligations under the Contract. The Contractor shall complete the items on the punch list to the satisfaction of the City within **thirty (30) 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-eight (28) 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. The City and the Contractor further recognize and agree 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. The City and the Contractor therefore hereby agree that it is in their mutual interest to establish a figure of **One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and no cents (\$1,584.00)** 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.

The City and the Contractor mutually agree 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.

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6. BONDS:

- A. **Bond Requirements:** 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 under Sec. 2-404 of the City of North Port Administrative Code.** 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. 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 the Performance and Payment Bond with Sarasota County Clerk's Office. The Contractor shall furnish the receipt of said recording and certified copy of the bond to the Purchasing Department at the time of the pre-construction meeting. Such default shall only be curable at the option of the City.

- B. **Performance and Payment Bond:** The Contractor shall provide a Performance and Payment Bond, in the form prescribed in Florida Statutes Section 255.05 in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract amount, the costs of which are to be paid by the Contractor. The bond will be acceptable to the City only if the Surety Company:

1. Is licensed to do business in the State of Florida;
2. Holds a certificate of authority authorizing it to write surety bonds in this state;
3. Has twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the invitation to bid is issued;
4. Is otherwise in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code;
5. Holds a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under 31 U.S.C. §§ 9304-9308;
6. 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; and
7. 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 this bond, the Surety Company acknowledges that it has read the surety qualifications and surety obligations imposed by the Contract documents and hereby satisfies those conditions.

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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 the City Manager or designee's prior written approval. The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon agreement with the Contractor.

A. Required Policies:

1. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance (per Florida Statutes chapter 440):

The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this Contract Workers' Compensation insurance for all the Contractor's 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 Workers' 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 Workers' Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, Employer's Liability Insurance for the protection of the Contractor's 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.

The Contractor shall file proof of such insurance with the City within **ten (10) calendar 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.

2. 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 limits shall be no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed operations; and \$100,000 damage to rented premises.

3. 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

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damage liability. This shall include owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, as well as employee's non-ownership.

B. Special Requirements:

1. Occurrence Basis: All policies required by this Contract, with the exception of Workers' Compensation, or unless Risk Management through the City's Purchasing Office gives specific approval, are to be written on an occurrence basis. Claims Made Policies will be accepted for professional and hazardous materials and such other risks only as the City's Purchasing Office authorizes. 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.
2. Additional Insured: All policies required by this Contract, with the exception of Workers' Compensation, or unless Risk Management through the City's Purchasing Office gives specific approval, shall name the City of North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insureds as their interest may appear under this Contract. This MUST be written in the description of operations section of the insurance certificate, even if there is a check-off-box on the insurance certificate. Any costs for adding the City as "additional insured" shall be at the Contractor's expense.
3. Certificates of Insurance: All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the City before commencement of any work activities under this Contract. All certificate(s) of insurance required herein must be accompanied by a copy of the additionally insured documents/endorsements (CG 20101185 or combination of CG 2010370704 and CG 20370704). 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. The Certificate of Insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier shall certify compliance with the insurance requirements provided herein.
4. Premiums and Deductibles: 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 retention to which such policies are subject, whether or not the City is an insured under the policy. 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.
5. Waiver of Subrogation: All required insurance policies are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or thru other means, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, agents, employees, affiliates 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 each insurance company

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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, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, agents, employees, affiliates and volunteers, and the City's 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 for which the Contractor or its agents may be responsible.

C. Other Policy Requirements:

1. 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.
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 apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
4. Each insurance policy required by this Contract shall 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 shall notify the City Purchasing Office by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
5. The City shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
6. The procuring of required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit the Contractor's liability nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract. The extent of the 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.

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 the 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.

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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. The City also requires that signed affidavits of payment be provided to the City from any and all subcontractors hired by the Contractor, unless payment is approved by the surety in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 255.05(11). The affidavits shall state whether the subcontractor(s) has been paid in full or whether there are payments remaining. The Contractor shall furnish a list of all subcontractors 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 the City withheld 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:** The City and the Contractor expressly understand that funding for any subsequent fiscal year of the Contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the City Commission. 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 City suspends the project 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.

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- E. In the event the Contractor breaches this Contract; the City shall provide written notice of the breach and the Contractor shall have **ten (10) calendar days** from the date the notice is received to cure. If the Contractor fails to cure within the **ten (10) calendar 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 the 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; and/or
 7. The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of its obligations under this Contract to the City.

Violation of any local, state or federal law in the performance of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

In the event that the City makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts the City previously paid as contemplated in the clause, the Contractor shall promptly comply with such demand. The City's rights hereunder survive the term of this Contract, and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.

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.

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12. SUBCONTRACTORS:

The Contractor shall furnish to the City a list of all subcontractors prior to any payments against the Contract. All subcontractors are subject to the City's 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 upon 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 changes which do not increase compensation to the 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 Florida Statutes Section 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.

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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 to 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, return receipt requested, and shall be mailed to:

As to the City: Elizabeth Wong, Public Works Engineering
City of North Port Public Works Department
1100 Chamberlain Blvd.
North Port, Florida 34286
Tel: 941.240. 8321
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Notices shall be effective when received at the addresses specified above. Changes to the addresses 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. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of the Contractor and the City.

19. WAIVER:

No delay or failure to enforce any breach of this Contract by either the City or the 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.

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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 the Contractor's bid, this signed Contract (excluding the RFB and the 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: _____

By: _____

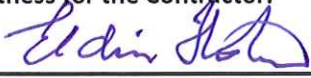
Patsy C. Adkins, City Clerk, MMC

Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

By: _____
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Witness for the Contractor:



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CONTRACTOR

By: 
RADE VOJAKOVIC, PRESIDENT