

City of North Port



Request for Bid No. 2024-21

**RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING AND LITTER
REMOVAL**



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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BID SPECIFICATIONS

RFB NO. 2024-21

ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING, AND LITTER REMOVAL

The City of North Port is requesting sealed bids to secure the services of an experienced, professional, licensed, and qualified contractor services of a Contractor capable of performing mowing of road and drainage rights-of-way and drainage retention areas at the locations as described within this bid document. The work will include mowing, trimming and litter removal. The City of North Port is requesting sealed bids from licensed, experienced contractor.

BID OPENING: JUNE 12, 2024 at 2:00 PM

4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, ROOM 337A, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286

*****ALL BIDS ARE DATE AND TIME STAMPED IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SUITE 337 FIRST AND THEN ARE OPENED IN SUITE 337A*****

Information regarding this project may be viewed and downloaded from Demandstar's website at www.demandstar.com. The only place to obtain the addenda is on www.demandstar.com. Links to DemandStar are also available from the City website at www.Northportfl.gov. Bid specifications, attachments/exhibits are posted on the City FTP site at <https://www.northportfl.gov/files/share> (***select the Purchasing Folder and scroll to Project RFB 2024-21***). If you have any questions, concerns, or problems accessing the bid package using the link, please contact Geoff Thomas, Contract Administrator I at 941.429.7102. Requests for additional information or clarification regarding the specifications must be sent via email to purchasing@northportfl.gov. No verbal requests will be honored. All questions and clarifications must be submitted via e-mail by **JUNE 5, 2024**

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.

PUBLISH DATES: MAY 14, 2024

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1. Maps
2. Excel Bid Schedule

STATEMENT OF NON-SUBMITTAL

If you **do not** intend to submit a bid on this service, please return this form (see information below) immediately.

We, the undersigned, have declined to submit a bid on the requested Request for Bid **2024-21 Right-of-way Mowing, Trimming, and Litter Removal**.

- Insufficient time to respond to the Request for Bid.
- We do not offer this product/service.
- Our schedule would not permit us to perform.
- Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements.
- Specifications are unclear (explain below).
- OTHER (please specify below).

REMARKS:

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Note: "Statement of No Bid" may be faxed or e-mailed to the Purchasing Division at purchasing@Northportfl.gov.

SECTION I. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

THESE CONDITIONS ARE STANDARD FOR ALL BIDS FOR COMMODITIES/SERVICES ISSUED BY THE CITY OF NORTH PORT. THE CITY OF NORTH PORT MAY DELETE, SUPERSEDE OR MODIFY ANY OF THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR A PARTICULAR CONTRACT BY INDICATING SUCH CHANGE IN SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO BIDDERS OR IN THE BID SHEETS. ANY AND ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY VARY FROM THE GENERAL CONDITIONS SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE. BIDDER AGREES THAT THE PROVISIONS INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST FOR BID SHALL PREVAIL OVER ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS WITHIN ANY STANDARD FORM CONTRACT OF THE BIDDER REGARDLESS OF ANY LANGUAGE IN BIDDER'S CONTRACT TO THE CONTRARY.

DEFINITIONS: Terms used in these Instructions to Bidders are defined and have the meanings assigned to them.

- **Addenda:** a written change to a solicitation
- **Bid:** any offer submitted in response to this request for Bid.
- **Bidder:** One that submits a bid in response to this Request for Bid.
- **Bid Documents:** Includes the General Terms and Conditions: Special Conditions: Technical Specifications, the Bid Form: Non-Collusive Affidavit: Public Entity Crime Form: Certificate(s) of Insurance, if required: Payment and Performance Bonds, if required: Corporate Resolution: Bid Bond, if required: Local Business Affidavit, Scrutinized Company Affidavit and Certification and all Addendums issued prior to receipt of bids.
- **City:** Shall refer to City of North Port, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida.
- **Contract:** The agreement to perform the services set forth in this solicitation. The Contract will be comprised of the Bid documents signed by both parties including any addenda and other attachments specifically incorporated.
- **Responsible:** Refers to a Bidder that has the capacity and capability to perform the work required under a Request for Bid and is otherwise eligible for award.
- **Responsive:** Refers to a bid that contains no exceptions or deviations from the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in the Request for Bid.
- **Request for Bid (RFB):** Shall mean this solicitation document, including any and all addenda. A RFB contains well-defined terms, conditions, and specifications, and is awarded to the lowest priced responsive and responsible Bidder.
- **Solicitation:** The written document requesting either bids or proposals from the marketplace.
- **Successful Bidder(s):** The lowest responsive, responsible Bidder(s) to whom City (on basis of City's evaluation) makes an award.
- **Vendor or Contractor:** A general reference to any entity responding to this solicitation or performing under any resulting Contract.

The City has established for purposes of this Request for Bid (RFB) that the words "shall," "must," or "will" are equivalent and indicate a mandatory requirement or condition, the material deviation from which shall not be waived by the City. A deviation is material if, in the City's sole discretion, the deficient response does not substantially satisfy this RFB's mandatory requirements. The words "should" or "may" are equivalent in this RFB and indicate very desirable conditions, or requirements that are permissive in nature.

1. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDER: It is intent to the City to award this Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder, qualified by experience and solvency, with proven reliability and the ability to provide the services or items required under this Contract within a reasonable time frame acceptable to the City. Bidder may be required to supply information in writing at the request and discretion of the City prior to award of bids, in order to verify above requirements.

B. EXAMINATION OF BID DOCUMENTS: Prior to submission of a bid form, Bidders shall carefully examine the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, and all other related bid documents, including all modifications thereof, incorporated in the bid package, plus fully informing themselves as to all existing conditions and

limitations that effect the work to be performed under this Contract.

Discrepancies, omissions, or questions about the intent of the documents should be submitted to the Purchasing Division in written form as a request for interpretation no later than five business (5) days prior to bid opening (or shall be verbally addressed at the pre-bid conference, if applicable).

It shall be the responsibility of the Bidder, prior to submitting their response, to either visit www.demandstar.com to view the solicitation and download all issued addenda or contact Purchasing to determine if addenda were issued.

Examination of site: Prior to submitting a bid form, each Bidder may examine the site and all conditions thereon. All bid forms shall be presumed to include all such existing conditions as may affect any work to be done on this project. Failure to familiarize himself with such conditions will in no way relieve the successful Bidder from the necessity of furnishing any materials or performing any work that may be required to complete the work in accordance with the drawings and Specifications.

C. CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Discrepancies, omissions, or questions about the intent of the documents will be submitted to the City of North Port Purchasing Manager, or his/her designee in written form as a request for interpretation no later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening (or may be verbally addressed at the pre-bid meeting, if applicable).

Interpretations made will be in the form of an addendum to the documents, which will be forwarded to all Bidders. Receipt by each Bidder must be acknowledged on the bid form, indicating the addendum number and date of issue, therein becoming part of the Contract. No oral explanations shall be binding. The City will attempt to notify all prospective Bidders of addenda issued to the bid documents: however, it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder, prior to submitting their bid, to contact the Purchasing Manager, or his/her designee, to determine if addenda were issued, acknowledging and incorporating it into their bid.

D. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: Bid modifications will be accepted from a Bidder only if received in writing, properly signed by an officer of the Bidder, and received prior to the opening of bids. Bid modifications must be identified as such and will be opened with the Bidder's bid form.

Bids may be withdrawn by request of the Bidder prior to the time fixed for opening. Error or negligence on the part of the Bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened.

E. NO BID: A respondent who is on the bid notification list and decides not to submit a response is requested to complete the Statement of Non-Submittal Form and return it to the City.

F. CONFLICTS WITHIN SOLICITATION: Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Bid Form, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Form, 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 purchasing representative prior to the bid or proposal response date.

G. PROMPT PAYMENT: It is the policy of the City that payment for all purchases by the City 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 Local Government Prompt Payment Act. The Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments: however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation.

2. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BID FORM

Bid Form: Bids shall be made on forms supplied by the City, or as otherwise specified. Each bid must state the name of the Bidder, the Bidder's full business address and state the type of business entity, followed by the original signature and designation of the officer or other person authorized to bind the corporation. Any erasures or other corrections in the bid form must be explained or noted over the signature of the Bidder. Bid forms containing any conditions, omissions, unexplained erasures, alterations, or irregularities of any kind may

be rejected by the City.

Bid Bond: Each bid must be accompanied by a Bidder's bond or Cashier's check with their bid in the amount of NOT LESS THAN 5% of their total amount of the bid. This security shall ensure that the Bidder does not revoke the bid after bid opening or fails to execute any necessary additional documents. Cashier's checks will be returned to all Bidders after award of bid. If using a bid bond use the City of North Port bid bond form.

Bid Documents: Bid documents and forms shall be submitted sealed to the City of North Port, Purchasing, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, Florida 34286. The envelope/package shall be clearly marked with the Bid Number, Name and Business Address of the Bidder. All interested firms are required to submit one (1) original and one (1) copy of their completed bid offer.

Submission of a response constitutes a binding offer and shall be subject to all terms and conditions specified in the solicitation.

For your bid to be acceptable, ***all blank spaces*** must be completely annotated where and when requested. All bids must contain a **manual signature** of the authorized representative of the Bidder in the space provided on the Bid Certification Form.

Responsibility for getting this bid to the City on or before the specified date and time is solely and strictly the responsibility of the Bidder. The City will not be responsible for any delay, for any reason whatsoever. Bids must be received and stamped with the date and time on the outside of the envelope and must be in the City Purchasing Office by the date and time specified for opening.

Bids postmarked prior to said date and time but not received shall not be considered and will be returned to Bidder unopened.

Bid Guarantee: The bid form shall be signed where indicated constituting an agreement that the Bidder will not withdraw his/her bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of the bids.

Source of Supply and Subcontractors: Bidders are to complete the attached Source of Supply and subcontractors form. This form must be completed and included with the bid form. If Bidder does not have a source of supply or subcontractor, insert "to be determined". When source or subcontractor is determined, selection will be subject to City approval.

Bid Opening: All bids received by the date and time so specified shall be opened and **the name of each Bidder and total bid price of each Bidder** read aloud within the designated room at City Hall, at the bid opening. The opening and reading shall be in the presence of the City Clerk and the Purchasing Manager or their designees. Bidders and the general public are not required to be present but are invited to attend.

Late Bids: Bids received after the date and time of bid opening will not be considered and will not be opened. It will be the Bidder's responsibility to make arrangements for the return of the bid package at their expense.

3. **CITY RIGHTS:** The City of North Port reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission with or without cause and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the City. Also, the City reserves the right to accept all or any part of the bid and to increase or decrease quantities to meet additional or reduced requirement of the City. In the event the City receives only one response: the bid may be either accepted or rejected by the City depending on available competition and the timely needs of the City.
4. **AWARD OF BID:** The award of this RFB shall be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting or exceeding all of the specifications. Award of this bid may be **in total or in part by line item**, whichever the City

determines is in its best interest. Other considerations in the award of this bid shall be the number of days required to deliver after receipt of purchase order and local preference.

In addition, the bid evaluation shall consider previous performance, safety, reliability, and reference checks. Because of the hazardous nature of some products and the relatively short shelf life of others, consideration shall be given to the bidder's safety record, reliability, and previous performance.

The City reserves the right to reject the bid proposal of any bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or on time, contracts of similar nature; or who is not in a position to satisfactorily perform the contract.

5. **ERRORS:** For the purpose of the initial evaluation of bids, the following will be utilized in resolving arithmetic discrepancies found on the face of the bidding schedule as submitted by Bidders:
Obviously misplaced decimal points will be corrected.

In case of discrepancy between unit price and extended price, the unit price will govern. Apparent errors in extension will be corrected.

Apparent errors in addition of lump sum and extended prices will be corrected. For the purpose of bid evaluation, the City will proceed on the assumption that the Bidder intends his/her bid be evaluated on the basis of the unit prices, extensions, and totals arrived at by resolution of arithmetic discrepancies as provided above and the bid will be so reflected on the tabulation of bids.

6. **BID TABULATIONS:** Pursuant to Florida Statute §119.071(1)(b), all bid tabulations shall be posted in the City Hall, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida and on DemandStar's website at www.demandstar.com within thirty (30) days after bid opening or at such time as the agency provides notice of a decision or intended decision, whichever is earlier.
7. **WARRANTY:** All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the City for goods and services covered by this solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the vendor against factory and workmanship defects. At no expense to the City, 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.
8. **DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION:** Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Technical specifications, all equipment, materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this Contract are to be new and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Technical specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If the Bidder wishes to make a substitution to the specifications, the Bidder shall furnish the City the name of the manufacturer, the model number and other identifying data and information necessary to aid in the City in evaluating the substitution. Such substitution shall be subject to City approval. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the City to be equivalent to the specifications. A bid containing substitution is subject to disqualification if the City does not approve the substitution.
9. **TAXES/FREIGHT:** The bid shall include any freight, handling, delivery, surcharges or other incidental charges. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. The City is exempt from the payment of Federal and State taxes, including sales tax. The bid offer shall not include sales tax to be collected from the City. The City's sales tax exemption is not available to vendor for items vendor purchases, regardless of whether these items will be transferred to the City.

In the event the project is declared a sales tax recovery project by the City, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) The City representative shall make a recommendation to the Division of Procurement Services regarding the materials to be purchased:
- (b) When those materials are purchased by the City, all purchase orders shall be issued directly from Purchasing:
- (c) The City shall take title to those materials directly from the manufacturer/supplier and shall bear the risk of loss or damage to the materials which are delivered directly from the manufacturer/ supplier:
- (d) The City shall be invoiced directly for the materials from the manufacturer/supplier and shall pay the invoices directly to the manufacturer/supplier, presenting its sales tax exemption certificate at the time of payment.

The cost of any materials purchased through the sales tax recovery program shall be deducted from the Contract amount and the vendor shall no longer be responsible for providing those materials. A written change order shall be executed.

10. 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 City and the vendor, continue until completion without change to the then current prices, terms and conditions.

11. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

A. Termination With or Without Cause. The City Manager or designee may terminate the work under this Contract with or without cause, in whole or in part, whenever the City Manager or designee determines that termination is in the City's best interest.

- (1) Any termination must be effective by delivery to the Contractor of a written notice of termination at least thirty (30) calendar days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work is terminated and the date upon which the termination becomes effective.
- (2) Except as otherwise directed, the Contractor must cease all work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of the portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims.
- (3) The Contractor must 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.
- (4) The City must pay the Contractor in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under this Contract, as determined by the City, less payments already made to the Contractor, and any amounts withheld by the City to settle claims or to pay indebtedness of the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Contract. The City has no obligation under any circumstance to make any payment to the Contractor for services that have not been performed or that are performed after the termination date.

B. Termination for Non-Appropriation. The parties acknowledge and agree that the financial obligations of the City in this Contract, or any subsequent contract entered into or referenced when the City is a party, are subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 166.241, as amended, regardless of whether a

particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. Since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, the City's legal liability for the payment of any costs must not arise unless and until appropriations for the costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission; nor will liability arise if a request for the appropriations is excluded from the budget approved by the City Commission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Commissioner, officer, employee, director, member or other natural person or agent of the City will have any personal liability in connection with a breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by the City under this Section. This Contract does not constitute an indebtedness of the City nor an obligation of the City to levy or pledge any form of taxation nor an obligation for which the City has levied or pledged any form of taxation.

- C. Termination for Abandonment. If the Contractor abandons performance under this Contract, the City Manager or designee may terminate this Contract upon three (3) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor indicating the intention to do so. The written notice must state the evidence indicating the Contractor's abandonment.
- D. Contractor's Termination. The Contractor may terminate this Contract only in the event of the City failing to pay the Contractor's properly documented and submitted payment request 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.
- E. Court Proceedings. The City Manager or designee reserves the right to terminate this Contract in the event the Contractor is placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed for the Contractor, or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.
- F. Breach. In the event the Contractor is in breach of this Contract, the City must provide written notice of the breach and the Contractor will have ten (10) calendar days to cure, calculated from the date the Contractor receives the notice. If the Contractor fails to cure within the ten (10) calendar days, the City Manager or designee may immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to the Contractor due to:
- (1) The quality of a portion or all 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 is, in the City's opinion, whether substantial or final completion, or both, inexcusably delayed;

- (4) The Contractor's failure to pay the Contractor's project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers, materialmen, equipment, and other 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; or
 - (8) Violation of any local, state, or federal law in the performance of this Contract constitutes a breach of this Contract.
- G. Waiver. Any delay or failure to enforce any breach of this Contract by either the City or the Contractor will not be binding upon the waiving party unless the waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, the waiver will 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 must not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.
- H. Payment Adjustments. If the City makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the City, the Contractor must promptly comply with the demand. The City's rights hereunder survive the term of this Contract and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.
- I. E-Verify Violation.
- (1) If the City has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Florida Statutes Section 448.09(1), then this Contract may be terminated by the City.
 - (1) If the City has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Florida Statutes Section 448.09(1), but the Contractor has otherwise complied, then the City must promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate this Contract with the subcontractor.
 - (2) The Contractor must comply with Florida Statutes Section 448.095(2) for any challenge to termination of this Contract under this Section.
- J. Remedies. In the event of a default or breach of the Contract terms, the City may avail itself of every remedy specifically given to it now existing at law or in equity, and every remedy must be in addition to every other remedy so specifically given or otherwise so existing and may be exercised from time to time and as often and in the order as may be deemed expedient by the City. The exercise, or the beginning of the exercise, of one remedy must not be deemed to be a waiver of the right to exercise, at the same time or thereafter, any other remedy. The City's rights and remedies as set forth in this Contract are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies available to it in law or in equity.

- 12. PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, the Public Record Act. The Bidder should not submit any information in response to this solicitation which the Bidder considers proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the City in connection with this solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any protection from release of the submitted information unless such information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, and such information is marked as exempt. Failure to mark a trade secret as exempt waives the exemption.
- 13. 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.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to assure compliance with OSHA, EPA and/or other local, federal, or State of Florida rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

When applicable and as required by law, the Bidder will provide a material safety data sheet with each delivery of a toxic substance.

The vendor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence directly pertaining to or connected with the services under this Agreement which shall be available and accessible at the Vendor's offices for the purpose of inspection, audit, and copying during normal business hours by the City, or any of its authorized representatives. Such records shall be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of the services.

- 14. CODE OF ETHICS:** With respect to this bid, if any Bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such Bidder may be disqualified from furnishing the goods or services for which the bid is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future bids for goods or services for the City.
- 15. COLLUSION:** By offering a submission to this RFB, the Bidder certifies that the Bidder has not divulged to, discussed or compared his/her bid with other Bidders and has not colluded with any other Bidder or parties to this bid whatsoever. Also, Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to his/her own organization, that in connection with this bid: any prices and/or cost data submitted have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices and or cost data, with any other Bidder or with any competitor: any prices and/or data quoted for this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be closed by the Bidder prior to the scheduled opening directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor: no attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other person or firm to person or persons interested in this bid, principal or principals is/are named therein and that no person other than therein mentioned has any interest in this bid or in the Contract to be entered into: and no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee excepting bona fide employees of the Bidder.
- 16. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** In accordance with Florida Statutes Sec. 287.133(2)(a), "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/services to public entity, may not submit a bid on a Contract with a public entity for construction or repair of 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 Sections 287.017, for Category Two, for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list." By submitting a bid, vendor certifies that vendor is not currently prohibited from transacting business with the City due to the above statute. The vendor shall comply with the terms of this statute both before and during the term of this

Contract.

- 17. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE PREFERENCE:** The City has adopted a policy in observation of the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. Therefore, it is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substance in the City workplace.

The City requests that the attached Drug Free Workplace Affidavit accompany the bid response. This form has been adopted by the City in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act. The City will not disqualify any Bidder who does not sign the affidavit. The Drug Free Workplace Affidavit is primarily used as a tie breaker when two or more separate entities have submitted bids at the same price, terms and conditions, with preference given to the Bidder who has signed the affidavit.

- 18. 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.

- 19. 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.

- 20. DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORD:** Pursuant to Florida Statute §119.07(1)(b)(2), all bid documents are exempt from public record until such time as the City provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, whichever is earlier.

In accordance with Florida Statutes 119.0701, Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

20.1. 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.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).

b. "Public records" means and includes those items specified in Florida Statutes 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. 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.

20.2. 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 that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

20.3. 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 City following completion of the Contract, for the time period specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.

20.4. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in 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.

20.5. 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, 4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286, 941.429.7063 OR HOTLINE 941.429.7270: E-MAIL: publicrecordsrequest@Northportfl.gov.

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

21. FORCE MAJEURE:

1. Should performance of any obligation created under this Agreement become illegal or impossible by reason of:
 - (1) A strike or work stoppage, unless caused by a negligent act or omission of either party;
 - (2) An act of God, tornado, hurricane, flood, sinkhole, fire, explosion, landslide, earthquake, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, pestilence, or extremely abnormal and excessively inclement weather;
 - (3) An act of a public enemy, act of war, terrorism, effect of nuclear radiation, blockage, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, state of martial law, or national or international calamity;
 - (4) A declared emergency of the federal, state, or local government; or
 - (5) Any other like event that is beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing party;

then the performance of the obligation is suspended during the period of, and only to the extent of, the prevention or hindrance, provided that:

- (6) The non-performing party provides written notice within five (5) calendar days of the event of *force majeure*, describing the event in sufficient detail, including but not limited to: the nature of the

occurrence, a good faith estimate of the duration of the delay, proof of how the event has precluded the non-performing party from performing, and the means and methods for correcting the delay; and continues to furnish timely reports of all actions required for it to commence or resume performance of its obligations under this Contract;

(7) The excuse of performance is no greater in scope or duration than required by the event of *force majeure*;

1. No obligations of either party that arose before the *force majeure* are excused as a result of the event of *force majeure*; and

2. The non-performing party uses all reasonable diligence to remedy its inability to perform.

A. Economic hardship of a party does not constitute an event of *force majeure*. A party must not be excused from performance due to forces that it could have reasonably prevented, removed, or remediated prior to, during, or immediately after their occurrence.

B. The non-performing party's affected obligations under this Contract will be temporarily suspended during, but not longer than, the continuance of the event of *force majeure* and a reasonable time thereafter as may be required to commence or resume performance of its obligations. Notwithstanding the above, performance will not be excused under this Section for a period exceeding two (2) consecutive months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term.

C. The term of this Contract will be extended by a period equal to that during which the non-performing party's performance is suspended under this Section.

22. GOVERNING LAWS: The interpretation, effect, and validity of any Contract resulting from this RFB shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Florida. Exclusive venue of any court action shall be in Sarasota County, Florida.

23. SUBCONTRACTING: Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, the vendor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the City. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the City may result in termination of the Contract for default.

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 change order as appropriate. This presumes the modification itself is in compliance with all applicable City procedures.

25. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: The vendor shall not assign any interest in any Contract resulting from this solicitation and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation) without prior written consent of the City, except that claims for the money due or to become due to the vendor from the City under any Contract may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy without such approval from the

City. Notice of such transfer or assignment due to bankruptcy shall be promptly given to the City.

26. CONTRACTING WITH CITY EMPLOYEES OR BOARD MEMBERS: Any City employee, Board member or member of his or her immediate family seeking to Contract with the City shall seek a conflict-of-interest opinion from the purchasing manager or their designated representative prior to submittal of a response or application of any type to Contract with the City. The affected employee or Board member shall disclose his or her assigned function within the City and interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed Contract and the nature of the intended Contract.

Florida Statute §112.313(12) Standards of Conduct for Public Officers, Employees of Agencies, and Local Government Attorneys controls Contracting with City employees or board members, and provides as follows:

(12) EXEMPTION. --The requirements of subsections (3) and (7) as they pertain to persons serving on advisory boards may be waived in a particular instance by the body which appointed the person to the advisory board, upon a full disclosure of the transaction or relationship to the appointing body prior to the waiver and an affirmative vote in favor of waiver by two-thirds vote of that body. In instances in which appointment to the advisory board is made by an individual, waiver may be effected, after public hearing, by a determination by the appointing person and full disclosure of the transaction or relationship by the appointee to the appointing person. In addition, no person shall be held in violation of subsection (3) or subsection (7) if:

- (b) The business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest or best Bidder and:
 - 1. The official or the official's spouse or child has in no way participated in the determination of the bid specifications or the determination of the lowest or best Bidder:
 - 2. The official or the official's spouse or child has in no way used or attempted to use the official's influence to persuade the agency or any personnel thereof to enter such a Contract other than by the mere submission of the bid: and
 - 3. The official, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, has filed a statement with the Commission on Ethics, if the official is a state officer or employee, or with the supervisor of elections of the county in which the agency has its principal office, if the official is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, disclosing the official's interest, or the interest of the official's spouse or child, and the nature of the intended business.

27. TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATIONS CERTIFICATE: If applicable, execution and signature by the vendor of the Bid Form shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates and costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete, and current as of the date of the Contract.

For professional service Contracts, the original Contract price and any additions thereto will be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the City determines the Contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. The City shall exercise its rights under this "Certificate" within one (1) year following payment.

28. 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. A copy of the requirements shall be supplied to the vendor by the City upon

request.

29. **STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** Any Bidder required by Florida law to register to do business in this state shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, 608, 617, or 621, Florida Statutes, unless they are exempt. A copy of the registration/application may be required prior to award of a Contract. Any partnership submitting a bid in response to this RFB shall have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, Florida Statutes.
30. **NOTICE TO PROCEED/DELIVERY:** After award of bid, a Notice to Proceed shall be issued bearing the terms of delivery. Upon receipt of Notice to Proceed, successful Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of same by either fax or mail and shall commence prosecution of the order so that the agreed upon delivery date will be satisfied.
31. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:** At the end of the Contract, the receiving department may evaluate the successful Bidder's performance. This evaluation will become public record.
32. **PURCHASING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:** All Bidders submitting a response to this RFB agree that such response also constitutes a bid in accordance with the terms of the RFB to all political subdivisions of Sarasota County and the State of Florida, under the same conditions, for the same prices as this bid, unless otherwise stipulated by the Bidder.
33. **NONEXCLUSIVE CONTRACT:** Award of this Contract shall not require the City to use the Vendor for all work of this type, which may develop during the Contract term. This Contract is non-exclusive. The City reserves the right to concurrently Contract with other entities for similar work if it deems such action to be in the best interests of the City.
34. **AUDIT:** City shall have the right to audit Vendor's records that relate to this Contract. Records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment.
35. **UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS:** The City will not intentionally award publicly-funded Contracts to any Contractor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions contained in U.S.C. Section 1324a(e) [Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA")]. The City shall consider employment by any Contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the INA. Such violation by the Contractor of the employment provisions contained in Section 274A(e) of the INA shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement by the City.
36. **EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK:** If an owner, except a stockholder in a publicly traded corporation, or an employee of the Contractor has been convicted of any offenses requiring registration as a sexual offender or sexual predator, regardless of the location of conviction, the Contractor shall ensure that the offender's or predator's work on the project is consistent with the terms of their probation and registry requirements.
37. **PAYMENT:** One (1) original requests for payment must be submitted to the City of North Port on a form approved by the City. In lieu of the hard copies of the pay request submittal, scanned signed digital files of the requests for payments may be submitted as an attachment to an e-mail. Each pay request must be accompanied by written consent of the surety, when applicable, and an updated work schedule to reflect progress of work. Payment shall be subject to the approval and direction of the surety 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 his/her 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 five percent (5%) retainage. After fifty percent (50%) completion of the construction services purchased pursuant to the Contract, the City will not reduce 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 and 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, the surety does not object, and the City has retained adequate coverage for the project through the achievement of Final Completion.

- 38. MBE:** Contractors awarded construction Contracts who intend to subcontract material or service requirements of the project are encouraged to subcontract to certified minority business/women business enterprises firms or show good faith effort.
- 39. DBE Contract Assurance (IF APPLICABLE):** The Contractor, sub-recipient, or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT assisted Contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the recipient deems appropriate.
- 40. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** The successful Bidder shall be required to supply, at their cost, insurance coverage in form and amount as required by the City, as outlined in the bid specifications.
- 41. CONTACT PROHIBITION:** All prospective Bidders are hereby instructed **NOT** to contact any member of the City of North Port Commission, the City Manager, or City of North Port staff member other than the Authorized Contact Persons identified in this Solicitation regarding this solicitation package, Bidder's submittal package, City's Intent to Award, or City's Intent to Reject (if applicable) at any time prior to the FORMAL AWARD for this project. Any such contact shall be cause for rejection of your submittal.
- 42. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES:**
- A. As required by section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, for Contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or less, when submitting a bid or proposal, and prior to entering into a Contract with the City, every person or entity shall certify on a form provide by the City, that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.

B. As required by section 287.135(5), Florida Statutes, for Contracts of \$1,000,000.00 or more, when submitting a bid or proposal, and prior to entering into a Contract with the City, every person or entity shall certify on a form provided by the City, that all of the following are true:

1. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel: and
2. It is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan list or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Petroleum Energy Sector list, created pursuant to section 215.473, Florida Statutes: and
3. It is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

C. PENALTY:

1. If a false certification is submitted or the person or entity has been placed on one of the above-noted Lists of Scrutinized Companies or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, the person or entity will be in breach of the Contract terms and the City may terminate the Contract.
2. A person or entity that has been found to have provided a false certification may be subject to a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of the Contract, plus all reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including any costs for investigations that led to the finding of the false certification: and
3. A person or entity that has been found to have provided a false certification shall be ineligible to bid on any Contract with the City for three (3) years after the date the City determined that a false certification has been submitted.

43. LOCAL PREFERENCE: Bidder may claim Local Preference if Bidder qualifies under the definition below and in accordance with Ordinance 2009-10, as may be amended by the City of North Port.

A. Local Business Definition:

Preference shall be given to a "local business or North Port local business" in the purchase of commodities and services procured pursuant to this Section. Bidders desiring to receive preference as a local business will be required to affirmatively state and provide documentation as set forth in the solicitation in support of their status as a local business. Any Bidder who fails to submit sufficient documentation with their bid shall not be granted local preference consideration for the purpose of that specific Contract award.

"Local business" means a Bidder that maintains a physical business address located within the limits of Sarasota County, Charlotte County or Desoto County for a period of six (6) months or more before the bid submission date from which the Bidder operates or performs business and where at least fifty percent (50%) of the Bidder's employees are residents of the City. Post office boxes may not be used to establish a physical business address.

"North Port local business" means a local business that has its primary physical business address located within the limits of the City for a period of six (6) months or more before bid submission date, from which the Bidder operates or performs business and where at least fifty percent (50%) of the Bidder's employees are residents of the City. Post office boxes may not be used to establish a physical business address.

If requested by the City, the Bidder will be required to provide documentation substantiating the information given in this affidavit. City reserves the right to request supporting documentation as evidence to substantiate the information given in this affidavit. Failure to do so will result in the Bidder's submission being deemed non-responsive.

Any Bidder that misrepresents its status as a local business or North Port local business shall be barred from receiving any City Contracts for a period of three (3) years.

B. Local Price Match Option:

Each formal competitive bid solicitation shall clearly identify the criteria for award. When a responsive and responsible Bidder who is not a local business (hereafter, non-local business Bidder) submits the lowest bid price (hereafter, low bid), all responsive and responsible local business and North Port local business Bidders shall have five (5) business days to submit an offer to match the low bid, provided the original bid submitted by the local business Bidder is within ten percent (10%) of the low bid if the amount of the low bid is no more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the amount of the low bid is more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) but no more than 2 million dollars (\$2,000,000), local business and North Port local business Bidders within five percent (5%) shall have the opportunity to match the low bid. If the amount of the low bid is more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) but no more than 3 million dollars (\$3,000,000), local business and North Port local business Bidders within three percent (3%) shall have the opportunity to match the low bid. If the amount of the low bid is more than three million dollars (\$3,000,000), local business and North Port local business Bidders within two and one-half percent (2.5%) shall have the opportunity to match the low bid. The original lowest responsive and responsible North Port local business Bidder who matches the low bid shall receive the award. If no eligible North Port local business Bidder can match the low bid, the award shall be made to the original lowest responsive and responsible local business Bidder who matches the low bid. If no eligible local business Bidder can match the low bid, the award shall be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, regardless of local business status.

If there is a tie between a local business and a non-local business, the local business shall receive the award. If there is a tie between two North Port local businesses or two local businesses, the business with the higher percentage of employees who reside within the City shall receive the award.

44. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR BOARD MEMBERS: The Florida Code of Ethics regulates the ability of the City to Contract with its public officers (including board members), employees, and their immediate relatives. Respondents shall disclose any such potential conflicts on the provided Conflict of Interest Form. Respondents are responsible for reviewing Florida Statute §112.313 to determine whether they may have a conflict. If Respondent is in doubt as to their ability to Contract with the City, they shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the City Manager or his/her designated representative prior to submittal of a response.

45. RELEASE OF LIENS: The Contractor is required to pay all money due subcontractors and material dealers promptly. The Contractor shall submit releases of liens, satisfactory to the City, certifying that all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness incurred by the Contractor in connection with this project have been paid in full.

46. DIRECT PURCHASE: The City reserves the right, at the City's sole option, to utilize the Purchasing Department's direct purchase order system. Direct purchase orders may be issued for applicable supplies and equipment to utilize in this project in order to recover applicable sales tax on these purchase orders.

- 47. E-VERIFY:** The City, contractor and every subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the work authorization status of all new employees as required by Section 448.095, Florida Statutes. A contractor who enters into a contract with a subcontractor, must require that the subcontractor provides the contractor a certification by affidavit stating that at the time of such certification and during the term of the contract, the subcontractor does not and will not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, who is not authorized under federal law to be employed in the United States, as described in 8 U.S.C. S. 1324A(H)(3). The Contractor shall comply with all other federal laws pertaining to the subcontractor.
- 48. BUY AMERICA:** The City is committed to the procurement of products and services that are produced or manufactured in America. The city encourages all contractors and vendors to buy American made materials and products.
- 49. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERING SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING F.S. 287.05701:** Bidders are hereby notified of the provisions of section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, as amended, that the City will not request documentation of or consider a Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Bidder is a responsible Bidder. Bidders are further notified that the City's governing body may not give preference to a Bidder based on the Bidder's social, political, or ideological interests.

END OF SECTION I

SECTION II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. SCOPE OF WORK

1.1 *Intent of Contract:* Bid forms shall set forth firm bid unit prices for furnishing all necessary materials and completing all work, including but not limited to labor, transportation, supervision, installation, and all other work needed for a complete and operation Right of Way Mowing, Trimming and Litter Removal Services as described and shown in the documents attached herewith. The City reserves the right to establish the exact limits of work in the field and to add or delete from the Project, as it deems necessary.

1.2 *Definitions:*

1.2.1 For purposes of this Bid, the term “**Vendor**” or “**Bidder**” shall be defined as the company submitting the proposal and shall include all subsidiaries, affiliates, and subcontractors. As such, any requested documentation shall apply to all subsidiaries and affiliated companies as well as any subcontractors. If a company is using a subcontractor to either manufacture or deliver the product, the requested items (e.g., references, terminations, and safety incidents) shall apply to the subcontractor as well.

1.2.2 The Contract documents consist of the Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Forms, , General Provisions, Special Provisions, Insurance Requirements, and all other related documents, including all modifications thereof incorporated in the documents before their execution. These form the Contract.

1.2.3 Written notice shall be deemed to have been duly served three days after date of postmark, and upon receipt, if delivered to the individual or member of the firm or an officer of the corporation for whom it is intended.

1.2.4 Subcontractor(s), as employed herein, includes only those having a direct Contract with the Vendor and it includes one who furnishes material worked to a special design according to the plans and specifications of this work, but does not include one who merely furnishes material not so worked.

1.2.5 The term “work” of the Vendor includes labor or materials or both, equipment, transportation, or other facilities necessary to complete the Contract.

1.2.6 All time limits stated in the Contract documents are of essence to the Contract.

1.2.7 The words “furnish,” furnish and install,” “install,” and “provide” or words with similar meaning shall be interpreted, unless otherwise specifically stated, to mean “furnish and install complete in place and ready for use.”

2.1.1 *The City’s Right to Terminate Contract:* If the Vendor refuses or fails to complete the work within the time specified for this Contract, or any extension thereof, the City may terminate the Contractor’s right to proceed. In such event, the City may take over the work and prosecute the

same to completion by the Vendor or otherwise and the Contractor will be liable for any excess cost occasioned by the City. The City may take possession of and utilize in completing the work such materials and equipment as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore.

If the Vendor should be adjudged bankrupt, or should make a general assignment for the benefit of his/her creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed due to insolvency, or if he/she should refuse or fail, except in cases which a time extension is provided to supply enough workmen, or if he/she should fail to make payment to subcontractors for labor and/or material, or disregard laws, ordinances or the instructions of the City, or be guilty of a violation of a provision of the Contract, then the City may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving seven (7) calendar days' notice, terminate employment of the Vendor and possess materials, tools, and appliances thereon and finish work by methods it may deem expedient. Expenses incurred by the City and the damage incurred through the Vendor's default shall be borne by the Vendor.

In any circumstance, the City shall have the right to unilaterally cancel, terminate or suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, by providing the Vendor thirty (30) calendar days written notice by certified mail.

In the event of termination, the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered and costs incurred through the effective date of termination. All finished or unfinished documents, material, or work shall become the property of the City and shall be delivered to the City without reservation.

3.1 Control of Work:

3.1.1 Plans and Contract Documents: See attached.

3.1.2 Detail Drawings and Instructions: The City may furnish, with reasonable promptness, additional instructions by means of drawings or otherwise, necessary for the proper execution of the work. All such drawings and instructions shall be consistent with the Contract documents, true developments thereof, and reasonable inferable there from.

3.1.3 Order of Precedence: These documents are integral parts of the Contract, and a requirement occurring on one is as binding as though occurring in all. They are intended to be complementary and to describe and provide for a complete work. In cases of discrepancy, the governing order of documents shall be as follows:

3.1.3.1 Permits from Agencies as required by law

3.1.3.2 Change Orders

3.1.3.3 Contract Documents, including Special Provisions, Technical Specifications and Attachments

3.1.3.4 Construction Plans

3.1.3.4.1 Dimensions given in figures govern scaled dimensions.

3.1.3.4.2 Detail drawings govern over general drawings.

3.1.3.4.3 Addenda/Change order drawings govern over Contract documents.

3.1.3.5 FDOT Standard Plans for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition.

3.1.3.6 FDOT Standard Specifications, for Road & Bridge Construction, latest edition.

3.1.4 *Conformity of Work with Plans:* All work performed, and all materials furnished shall be in reasonably close conformity with lines, grades, cross sections, dimensions, and material requirements, including tolerances, shown on the Plans or indicated in the Technical Specifications or Special Provisions.

3.1.5 *Authority of the City:* All work shall be done under the supervision of the City or the City's representative and performed to its satisfaction. It is agreed by the parties hereto that the City shall decide all questions and disputes which may arise relative to the interpretation of the plans, construction, prosecution, and fulfillment of the Contract, and as to the character, quality, amount, and value of any work done, and material furnished, under or by reason of the Contract.

3.1.6 *City's Status:* The City and/or the City's Representative shall examine and inspect the work to assure compliance with the requirements of these Contract Documents. The City and/or the City's Representative shall determine the quality and acceptability of materials and workmanship relative to the requirements of the Plans and Technical Specifications.

The City Manager or his Designee has the authority to:

3.1.6.1 Stop the work whenever such stoppage may be necessary to insure the proper execution of the Contract.

3.1.6.2 Reject all work that does not conform to the Contract.

3.1.6.3 Resolve questions that arise in the execution of the work.

The City's Representative has the authority to:

3.1.6.4 Reject all work that does not conform to the Contract.

3.1.6.5 Resolve questions that arise in the execution of the work.

3.1.7 *Suspension of Work:* The City may at any time suspend work by giving ten (10) calendar day notice to the Contractor in writing. The City shall reimburse the Contractor for expenses incurred by the Contractor in connection with work under the Contract as a result of such suspension, unless such suspension was caused by actions of the Contractor. However, if the work or any part thereof shall be stopped by a notice in writing aforesaid, and if the City does not give written notice to the Contractor to resume work within thirty (30) calendar days of the date fixed in the written notice to suspend, then the Contractor will be entitled to the estimates and payment for all work done, unless such suspension was caused by actions of the Contractor.

3.1.8 *The City's Right to do Work:* If the Contractor should neglect to prosecute the work properly or fail to perform in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, the City, after three days written notice, may without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good any deficiencies and deduct from the payment due the Contractor.

3.1.9 *The City's Right to Terminate Contract:* If the Contractor refuses or fails to complete the work within the time specified for this Contract, or any extension thereof, the City may terminate the Contractor's right to proceed. In such event, the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by the Contract or otherwise and the Contractor will be liable for any excess cost occasioned by the City. The City may take possession of and utilized in completing the work such materials and equipment as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore.

If the Contractor should be adjudged a bankrupt, or should make a general assignment for the benefit of his/her creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed due to insolvency, or if he/she should refuse or fail, except in cases which time extension is provided to supply enough workmen, or if he/she should fail to make payment to subcontractors for labor and/or material, or disregard laws, ordinances or the instructions of the City, or be guilty of a violation of a provision of the Contract, then the City may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving seven (7) calendar days' notice, terminate employment of the Contractor and possess materials, tools, and appliances thereon and finish work by methods it may deem expedient. Expenses incurred by the City and the damage incurred through the Contractor's default.

In any circumstance, the City shall have the right to unilaterally cancel, terminate or suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, by providing the Contractor thirty (30) calendar days written notice by certified mail.

In the event of termination, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered and costs incurred through the effective date of termination. All finished or unfinished documents, material, or work shall become the property of the City and shall be delivered to the City without reservation.

3.1.10 *City May Stop the Work:* If the Work is defective, or the Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled supervisory personnel or workmen or suitable materials or equipment or the work area is deemed unsafe, the City may order the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the City to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the City to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other party. The City will not award any increase in Contract Price or Contract Time if the Work is stopped due to the circumstances described herein.

3.1.11 *City's Decision:* The City shall, within a reasonable time after their presentation, make decisions in writing on claims by the Contractor and on all other matters relating to the execution and progress of the work or the interpretation of the Contract Documents.

3.1.12 *Authority and Duties of City's Inspectors:* The City's Inspectors shall be authorized to inspect all work done and all materials furnished. They shall be authorized to call to the attention of the Contractor any failure of the work or materials to conform to the Technical Specifications and Contract. The presence of the Inspector shall in no way lessen the responsibility of the Contractor.

3.1.13 *Inspection of Work:* The City and its representative shall at all times have access to the work wherever it is in preparation or progress and the Contractor shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. If the Specifications/Conditions, the City's instruction, laws, ordinances, or any public authority require any work to be specially tested or approved, the Contractor shall give to the City timely notice of its readiness for inspection and, if the inspection is by an authority other

than the City, the date fixed for such inspection. Inspections by the City shall be promptly made and, where practicable, at the source of supply. If any work should be covered up without approval or consent of the City, it must, if required by the City, be uncovered for examination at the Contractor's expense. Re-examination of questioned work may be ordered, and the work must be uncovered by the Contractor.

3.1.14 Contractor's Supervision and Employees: The Contractor shall supervise, inspect, and direct the work completely and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequence, and procedures necessary for the orderly progress of the work, and to maintain all safety precautions and programs incidental thereto. The Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among his/her employees and shall not employ any unfit person or anyone unskilled in the work assigned to him/her. The Contractor shall be responsible to see that the completed work complies fully with the Contract Documents.

As the work progresses, the Contractor shall keep on the job at all times an English-speaking Superintendent or designee, technically qualified, who is an employee of the Contractor and who shall not be replaced without written notice and approval of the City. The Superintendent will be the Contractor's representative on the job and shall have authority to act on behalf of the Contractor. The Superintendent or his/her qualified designee shall be present at the job site and direct the work of subcontractors, as well as employees of the Contractor. This supervisor will be equipped with a communication device enabling him/her to contact suppliers, subcontractors or his/her office who in turn can convey necessary communications to others. All communications given to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor. The Contractor shall issue all communications to the City or his/her representative.

The Contractor's Superintendent shall be present on the job site at all times while work is in progress, and shall be available by phone for emergencies twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. Failure to observe this requirement shall be considered suspension of the work by the Contractor until such time as such Superintendent is again present on the job.

If the Contractor, in the course of the work, finds any discrepancy between the drawing and the physical conditions of the site, or any errors or omissions in drawing, or in the construction layout points and instructions, he/she shall immediately inform the City, in writing, and the City shall promptly verify same. Any work done after such discovery will be done at the Contractor's risk.

Neither party shall employ or hire any employee of the other party without the concurrence of each party.

3.1.15 Contractor's Understanding: It is understood and agreed that the Contractor has, by careful examination, satisfied himself/herself as to the nature and locations of the work, the conformation of the ground, the character, quality, and quantity of materials to be encountered, the character of equipment and facilities needed prior to and during prosecution of the work under this Contract. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent, or employee of the City, either before or after execution of this Contract, shall affect or modify the terms or obligations herein contained.

3.1.16 *Permits and Regulations:* Permits and licenses necessary for the prosecution of the work shall be secured and paid for by the City, unless otherwise specified. The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations bearing on the conduct of the work as drawn and specified. If the Contractor observes that the specifications and drawings are at variance therewith, he shall promptly notify the City in writing, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted as provided in the Contract for changes in the work. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and without such notice to the City, he/she shall bear all costs arising there from.

3.1.17 *Protection of Work and Property:* The Contractor shall continuously maintain protection of all his/her work from damage and shall protect the City's property from injury or loss arising in connection with this Contract. He/she shall adequately protect adjacent property as provided by law and the Contract Documents. He/she shall provide and maintain all passageways, guard fences, lights, and other facilities for protection required by public authority or local conditions. In an emergency affecting the safety of life or of the work, or of adjoining property, the Contractor, without special instruction or authorization from the City, is hereby permitted to act, at his discretion, to prevent such threatened loss or injury, and he/she shall so act, without appeal, if so instructed or authorized. Any compensation claimed by the Contractor on account of emergency work shall be determined by agreement between the Contractor and the City.

The Contractor shall not occupy private land outside of any easements or rights of way unless a written authorization has been signed by the property owner. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to provide these agreements prior to construction, if required. Prior to the use of private lands, the Contractor shall submit a copy of the agreement(s) to the City. In the event the Contractor uses private property for any purpose without first having obtained the necessary approvals from the property owner and provided the necessary agreements to the City, the City will direct the Contractor in writing to immediately cease using such property.

Prior to application for final payment, the Contractor shall provide documentation from the owner of each piece of private property for which an agreement for use was provided, or for which the City has issued written notification to the Contractor, that each owner is satisfied with the manner in which the Contractor has restored the property. Final payment or reduction in retainage shall not be paid until such documentation is received by the City.

3.1.18 *Changes in the Work:* The City, without invalidating the Contract, may order extra work or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the work, the Contract sum being adjusted accordingly. Such work shall be executed under the conditions of the original Contract. The change and amount of compensation must be agreed upon in writing in a document of equal dignity herewith prior to any deviation from the terms of this Contract.

In giving instructions, the City shall have authority to make minor changes in the work, not involving extra cost, and not inconsistent with the purposes of the work. Except in an emergency endangering life or property, no extra work or change shall be made unless in pursuance of a written order by the City; and no claim for an addition to the Contract sum shall be valid, unless ordered. Value of any such extra work or change shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:

- 3.1.18.1** By unit prices named in the contract.
- 3.1.18.2** By Change Order executed by City Manager.
- 3.1.18.3** By cost and percentage or by cost and a fixed fee.
- 3.1.18.4** By estimate and acceptance in a lump sum.
- 3.1.18.5** By Contingency Authorization (executed by City Manager).

If none of the previous methods are agreed upon, the Contractor, provided he/she receives an order as above, shall proceed with the work. In such case and also under case, he/she shall keep amendment in such form as the City may direct, a correct amount of the net cost of labor and materials, together with vouchers. The City shall certify to the amount, including reasonable allowance for overhead and profit, due to the Contractor. Pending final determination of value, no payment on changes shall be made. When requiring a change in the scope of services the Contractor shall notify the City by written notice that a change order is requested within five (5) days of any occurrence.

3.1.19 *Deductions for Uncorrected Work:* If the City deems it inexpedient to correct work injured or done not in accordance with the Contract, an equitable deduction from the Contract price shall be made thereof.

3.1.20 *Delays and Extension of Time:* If the Contractor should be delayed at any time in the progress of work by any act of neglect of the City or of its employees or by any other Contractor employed by the City, or by changes ordered in the work, or by such causes beyond the Contractor's control, or by delay authorized by the City, or by any cause which the City shall decide to justify the delay, then the time of completion shall be extended for such reasonable time as the City may decide. However, no time delay shall be allowed if judged by the City to be caused by the Contractor's negligence.

No such extension shall be made for delay occurring more than seven (7) calendar days before claim therefore is made in writing to the City. In the case of a continuing cause of delay only one (1) claim is necessary. This article does not exclude the recovery of damages for delay by either party under other provisions in the Contract Documents.

3.1.21 *Correction of Work Before Final Payment:* All work, materials, whether incorporated in the work or not, all processes of manufacturer, and all methods of construction shall be at all times and places subject to the inspection of the City who shall be the final judge of quality and suitability of the work, materials, processes of manufacture, and methods of construction for the purposes for which they are used. Should they fail to meet City's approval; they shall be forthwith reconstructed, made good, replaced, and/or corrected, as the case may be, by the Contractor at his/her own expense. Rejected material shall be immediately removed from the site. If, in the opinion of any portion of the work injured or not performed in accordance with the Contract Documents, the compensation to be paid to the Contractor hereunder shall be reduced by such amount as in the judgment of the City to be equitable.

3.1.22 Contractor Right to Stop Work or Cancel Contract: If the work should be stopped under an order of any court or other public authority for a period of three (3) months through no act or fault of the Contractor or of anyone employed by him, or if the City fails to pay the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days of maturity and presentation of any sum certified by the City, then the Contractor may, upon seven (7) calendar days written notice to the City, stop work and terminate this Contract.

3.1.23 Removal of Equipment: In the case of annulment of this Contract before completion from any cause whatever, the Contractor, if notified to do so by the City, shall promptly remove any part or all of his equipment and supplies from property of the City and/or site of work, failing which the City has the right to remove such equipment and supplies at the Contractor's expense.

3.1.24 Use of Completed Portions: The City has the right to take possession of and use any completed or partially completed portions of the work, notwithstanding the time for completing the entire work of such portions may not have expired, but taking possession and use shall not be deemed an acceptance of any work not completed in accordance with the Contract Documents. If such prior use increases the cost of or delays the work, the Contractor shall be compensated as the City may determine and the City approves.

3.1.25 Payments Withheld: The City may withhold payment to the Contractor from defective work or poor Right-of-Way Mowing, Trimming and Litter Removal Services.

3.1.26 Damages: Any claim for damage arising under this Contract shall be made in writing to the party liable within a reasonable time of the first observance of such damage and not later than the time of final payment, except as expressly stipulated otherwise in the case of faulty work and shall be adjusted by agreement.

3.1.27 Assignment: Neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract or sublet it as a whole without the written consent of the other, nor shall the Contractor assign any monies due or to become due to him/her hereunder without the previous written consent of the City.

3.1.28 Right of Various Interests: Before work being done by the City's forces or by other Contractor's forces, contiguous to work covered by this Contract, the respective rights of the various interests involved shall be established by the City before such commencement, to secure the completion of the various portions of the work in general harmony.

3.1.29 Separate Contracts: The City reserves the right to let other Contracts in connection with this work. The Contractor shall afford other Contractors reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of their materials and execution of the work and shall properly connect and coordinate his/her work with theirs. If any part of the Contractor's work depends on proper execution or results upon the work of any other Contractor, the Contractor shall inspect and promptly report to the City any defects in such work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. His/her failure to so inspect and report shall constitute an acceptance of the other Contractors, work as fit and proper for the reception of his work, except as to defects, which may develop on the other Contractor's, work after execution of his work.

3.1.30.1 Subcontractors: The Contractor shall provide a list of Subcontractors with his/her proposal for approval. The Contractor agrees that he/she is as fully responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of his/her Subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them as he/she is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him/her. Nothing contained in the Contract documents shall create any Contractual relationship between any Subcontractor and the City.

Substitutions must be submitted in writing and shall be subject to the approval by the City. To ensure proper execution of his/her subsequent work, the Contractor shall measure work already in place and shall at once report to the City any discrepancy between the executed work and the drawings.

3.1.31 Horizontal and Vertical Control: Unless noted otherwise in the Contract documents, the Contractor shall be responsible for the layout of all Contract work. The Contractor shall employ or retain any/all professional services that are required by the Contract to complete the work. The Contractor shall carefully preserve benchmarks, reference points and stakes, and, in case of willful or careless destruction, be responsible for any mistakes that may be caused by their unnecessary loss or disturbance.

3.1.32 Lands for Work: The City shall provide the lands upon which the work under this Contract is to be done, except that the Contractors shall provide land required for the erection of temporary construction facilities and storage of material, together with the right of access to same. Any restoration to the previous condition of the "staging areas" will be the responsibility of the Contractor. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such restoration, and payment to Contractor may be withheld until such work is completed.

3.1.33 Cleaning Up: The Contractor shall, at such times as may be required by the City, remove from the City's property and from all public and private property, at his/her own expense, all temporary structures, used materials and equipment, rubbish and waste materials resulting from his/her operations. All damaged areas will be restored by the Contractor to their original conditions and approved by the City. By submission of a bid, the Contractor assumes full responsibility for the associated expenses. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal, and payment to Contractor may be withheld until such work is completed.

3.1.34 Guarantee: The Contractor shall warrant all equipment furnished and work performed by him/her for a period of one (1) year from the date of written acceptance of the work, final completion by the City or as may be otherwise specified. Any faulty work or equipment will be fully corrected at no cost to the City and restored work will be warranted for one year from the date of acceptance, or as may be otherwise specified. This will not release additional warranties required by other sections or provided by individual suppliers.

The making and acceptance of final payment shall not waive any claim for faulty work appearing after final payment or for failure to adhere strictly to the Contract documents. If any part of the project is guaranteed for a longer period, such longer period shall prevail. Except as otherwise specified, all work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects resulting from use of inferior materials, equipment or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of completion or written acceptance by the City, whichever is later.

3.1.35 Responsibility Regarding Existing Utilities and Structures: The existence and location of underground utilities indicated on the plans are not guaranteed and shall be investigated and verified in the field by the Contractor before submitting a bid. Excavation in the vicinity of existing structures and utilities shall be done by hand. The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to, and for maintenance and protection of, existing utilities and structures from any damage resulting from said excavation. The Contractor is to include within his line item bid prices the costs to protect, support and/or move (whether shown or not shown on the proposed project set of plans) all underground utilities, which may be in conflict with the construction of the proposed project.

3.1.36 Accidents: The Contractor shall provide equipment and medical facilities as necessary to supply first aid to anyone who is injured in connection with the work. The Contractor must promptly report in writing to the City accidents arising out of, or in conjunction with the performance of the work, whether in, or adjacent to, the site, which causes death, personal injury, or property damages, giving full details and statements of witnesses. If death or serious injuries or serious damages are caused, the accident shall be reported immediately by telephone or messenger to the City. If a claim is made by anyone against the Contractor or Subcontractor on account of an accident, the Contractor shall promptly report the facts in writing to the City, giving full details of the claim.

3.1.37 Stage Plans: Stage plans of structural alterations, cofferdams, dredging, furnished or approved by the City, shall be adhered to unless objected to in writing by the Contractor, but the submission or approval of stage plans by the City shall not relieve the Contractor of full responsibility for the work.

3.1.38 Measurement of Quantities: The quantities of work performed will be computed by the City on the basis of measurement taken by the City or its assistants, and these measurements shall be final and binding. All work computed under the Contract shall be measured by the City according to the United States Standard Measurement and Weights. The City does not assume any responsibility that the final quantities will remain in accord with estimated quantities, nor shall the Contractor claim misunderstanding or deception because of such estimate of quantities.

The estimated quantities of work to be done and material to be provided may be increased, decreased, or omitted, as provided herein. Any increase in quantities shall be approved by the City prior to any work.

3.1.39 Reference to Other Specifications: Where reference is made to specifications such as ASTM, FDOT, AWWA or AASHTO, the latest edition shall be used.

3.1.40 Sanitary Facilities: The Contractor shall provide and maintain, in a sanitary condition, facilities for his/her employees as are required by local and state boards of health.

3.1.41 Quality of Equipment and Materials: To establish standards of quality, the City may, in the specifications, refer to products by name and/or catalog number. This procedure is not to be construed as eliminating from competition other products of equal quality by other manufacturers where fully suitable in design.

3.1.41.1 The Contractor shall furnish a complete list of proposed desired substitutions prior to signing of the Contract together with such engineering and catalog data as the City may require.

3.1.41.2 The Contractor shall abide by the City's judgment when proposed substitute items of equipment are judged unacceptable and shall furnish the specified item of equipment in such case. All proposals for substitutions shall be submitted in writing by the General Contractor. The City will approve or disapprove proposed substitutions in writing within a reasonable time.

3.1.42 Codes and Laws: The successful bidder shall comply with all Federal, State, Local Laws and Ordinances that affect the Contract in any way.

3.1.43 Traffic Control: The Contractor shall comply with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control and Devices" and maintain safe conditions and access to motorist and pedestrians to residences and businesses at all times. Any proposed road closures will have to be approved by the City at least a week in advance of the closure date.

3.1.44 Exploration and Reports: If reference is made to identification of reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been used in preparing the Contract documents, it should be understood that these reports are not part of the Contract documents. The Contractor shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions at the site. Technical data, made available only at the Contractor's request, may not be sufficient for construction purposes. Additional investigations may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the construction project. If the Contractor desires additional subsurface investigation, it will be done at his/her expense, prior to bidding. Limited Subsurface reports for this project are available through the Utility Department.

If the Contractor has elected not to make subsurface investigation prior to bidding, he/she shall not be entitled to any extra compensation or Contract change orders due to conditions encountered.

3.1.45 Existing Structures: Drawing of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures which are at or contiguous to the site that have been utilized by the consultant and/or the City in preparation of the Contract documents. The Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawing but not for the completeness thereof for the purpose of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as previously indicated, the Contractor shall have full responsibility with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.

3.1.46 Report of Differing Conditions: If the Contractor believes that any technical data on which he/she relies is inaccurate, or if any physical conditions uncovered or revealed at the site differ materially from that indicated, reflected, or referred to in the Contract documents, the Contractor shall promptly, after becoming aware and before performing any work in connection therewith (except in emergency situations), notify the City in writing about the inaccuracy of difference. The City will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise the City in writing (with a copy to the Contractor) of the City's findings and conclusion.

3.1.47 Not Shown or Indicated: If an underground facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the site, which was not shown or indicated and of which the Contractor could not reasonably have been expected to be aware, the Contractor shall promptly, before performing any work (except in emergencies), identify the owner of such underground facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to the City. The Contractor will review the underground facility to

determine the extent to which the documents should be modified to reflect and substantiate the consequences of the existence of the underground facility. With City approval, the Contract documents will be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, the Contractor shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such underground facility. The Contractor shall be allowed an increase or an extension of time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable.

3.1.48 Progress Meeting: Progress meetings will be conducted weekly or as required if requested by Contractor or the City.

4.0 Storage of Materials

4.1 Contractor shall, at its expense, receive, unload, store in a secure place, and deliver from storage to the construction site all materials and equipment required for the performance of the Contract.

4.2 Contractor is not entitled to payment for same except for those materials which in City's discretion are properly stored and are going to be installed or incorporated into the construction of the Project within thirty (30) days of delivery to the construction site.

4.3 The storage facilities and methods of storing shall meet City's approval and shall be in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, or City will not be obligated to pay for same.

4.4 Materials and equipment subject to degradation by outside exposure shall be stored in a weather tight enclosure provided by Contractor at its expense.

4.5 City may at its discretion require material to be stored in an air-conditioned location.

4.6 Provided the above conditions are met, the stored materials may be included in a subsequent Application for Payment if the Contractor also complies with the following:

4.6.1.1 An applicable purchase order is provided listing the materials in detail and identifying the Contract Documents, by name, with verification that the total value of the purchase order amount reconciles with the corresponding application for payment stored materials line-item value.

4.6.1.2 Evidence that proper storage security is provided.

4.6.1.3 The City is provided legal title (free of liens or encumbrances of any kind) to the material that is stored or stockpiled.

4.6.1.4 The Contractor and/or its Subcontractor have provided insurance for the Stored Materials against loss, damage (from whatever source), or disappearance, including loss

or theft prior to incorporation into the Work. By execution of the Contract, Contractor releases City from any responsibility for Stored Materials and assumes all liability for and risk of loss or damage, by whatever means, including City's alleged negligence, regardless of whether the City has paid for said Stored Materials.

4.6.2 Once any Stored Material is paid for by City, it shall not be removed from the designated storage area except for incorporation into the Work or upon subsequent written approval by City.

4.6.3 No Applications for Payment shall be submitted, nor payments made based on the value of materials stored at locations other than the Project, unless otherwise approved in writing by the City.

4.6.4 It is further agreed between the parties that the transfer of title and the City's payment for any Stored Material pursuant to the Contract Documents shall in no way relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for providing and installing such material in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

4.6.5 The Contractor warrants that title to all of the Work or Stored Materials covered by the Application for Payment will pass to the City either by incorporation in the Project or upon receipt of payment by the Contractor, whichever occurs first, free and clear of all liens, claims, security, interest or encumbrance; and that none of the Work and none of the Stored Materials covered by the Application for Payments will have been acquired by the Contractor, or by any other person performing the Work at the site or providing materials and equipment to the Project, subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor or such person.

4.6.6 In the event stored materials which City is paying for in advance of their being installed or incorporated into the Project pursuant to this Paragraph are not installed or incorporated into the Project within thirty (30) days of when they are delivered to the site, Contractor shall not be entitled to payment for any future stored materials on this Project and the amounts previously approved for payment for said materials shall be deducted from the Contractor's next application for payment.

4.7 Existing Structures: Drawing of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures which are at or contiguous to the site that have been utilized by the consultant and/or the City in preparation of the Contract documents. The Contractor may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawing but not for the completeness thereof for the purpose of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as previously indicated, the Contractor shall have full responsibility with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.

4.8 Guarantee: The Contractor shall warrant all equipment furnished and work performed by him/her for a period of one (1) year from the date of written acceptance of the work, final

completion by the City or as may be otherwise specified. Any faulty work or equipment will be fully corrected at no cost to the City and restored work will be warranted for one year from the date of acceptance, or as may be otherwise specified. This will not release additional warranties required by other sections or provided by individual suppliers.

The making and acceptance of final payment shall not waive any claim for faulty work appearing after final payment or for failure to adhere strictly to the Contract documents. If any part of the project is guaranteed for a longer period, such longer period shall prevail. Except as otherwise specified, all work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects resulting from use of inferior materials, equipment, or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of completion or written acceptance by the City, whichever is later.

END OF SECTION II

SECTION III. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

SP-01 INTENT: It is the intent of the City of North Port (hereinafter referred to as City) to secure the services of a Contractor capable of performing mowing of road and drainage rights-of-way and drainage retention areas at the locations as described within this bid document. The intent of this specification is to provide the minimum requirements to perform mowing services of road and drainage rights-of-way and drainage retention areas within the boundaries of the City of North Port.

SP-02 FORM OF CONTRACT: The submitted Bid Form signed by the Bidder, together with the complete bid package and addenda furnished by the City and Purchase Order shall constitute a binding contract. The Bidder shall be required to perform according to the Bidder's submitted Bid Form and the City's bid package when a purchase order, signed by the Purchasing Manager, is transmitted to the Bidder. The transmitted purchase order shall serve as both a Notice of Acceptance and Notice to Proceed to the Bidder. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in the purchase order shall be deemed a breach of contract subjecting to cancellation or termination whichever is most appropriate and other possible penalties. The transmitted purchase order shall serve as both a Notice of Acceptance and Notice to Proceed to the Bidder. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in the purchase order shall be deemed a breach of contract subjecting the Bidder to forfeiture of the bid bond or other posted security, if required, and other possible penalties.

SP-03 BID PRICES/TERM OF CONTRACT: The contract resulting from this bid request shall be valid from Commission Approval through and including December 31, 2026. If mutually agreed, this contract may be extended annually for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, at the contract terms and conditions.

Bidders shall bid unit prices, F.O.B. destination. These prices shall be considered firm for the duration of the fiscal year (October 1 thru September 30). This contract will be used for payment, including transportation, labor, equipment, and incidentals used in delivering supplies and materials to the point of delivery.

SP-04 PRICE ADJUSTMENT: The Vendor may submit requests for unit price adjustments annually. Any price adjustment will require at least thirty (30) calendar days written notice from the Vendor to the City for approval. If the unit price adjustment request is for an increase, and the request is not submitted within this thirty-day timeframe, the Vendor will not be entitled to a price increase for the upcoming year.

Any price adjustments for the subsequent one-year term(s) shall only increase or decrease according to the latest version of data published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the 12-month percentage change for the month of September, Producer Price Index (PPI) Industry Series or any other indices recognized for chemical supply as listed on the bid form.

The City reserves the right to evaluate all requested unit price adjustments to determine if they are appropriate and reasonable. Should the City and the Vendor not mutually agree to a price adjustment, then the City may terminate the agreement with written notice to Vendor. The Vendor must justify its request for an increase by submitting detailed price data and supporting documentation to verify the validity of the unit price increase. The

Vendor must also furnish a written statement which states that the increase represents the cost of the service or supply of the goods, and in no way includes an increase for profits or overhead. The City's Purchasing Division may require additional information to verify the price increase.

The City reserves the right to reject the bid proposal of any bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or on time, contracts of similar nature; or who is not able to satisfactorily perform the contract.

Award is subject to approval of City's budget.

Storage tanks, when required for materials offered under this bid, shall be furnished by the successful bidder(s), on a no-cost-to-buyer loan basis.

SP-05 QUALITY: The City will make the sole determination as to the suitability of materials when quality is a question or concern. If quality is proven to be inadequate it shall be the responsibility of the vendor, at no additional cost to the city, to dispose of the inadequate chemical and replace with the appropriate chemical of the disposed quantity.

SP-06 OTHER ENTITY USE: The successful bidder(s) may be requested to convey their bid prices, contract terms and conditions, to municipalities or other governmental agencies within the State of Florida.

SP-07 GENERAL CONDITIONS: Unless otherwise specified, Contractor is responsible for:

LITTER REMOVAL:

- A. The Contractor shall remove and dispose of all litter within the full ROW, especially that which could become a projectile, and larger, shred-able soft material scattered by the mower. Litter removal shall occur prior to each cycle of mowing (maximum two (2) days prior to start of mowing cycle). Any material determined by the City to be in the ROW because of illegal dumping shall not be the responsibility of the Contractor.
- B. Operational roof-mounted safety beacon/strobe on all equipment utilized by the Contractor within the City is a City requirement.
- C. The Contractor is to provide a detailed report with the total amount of litter removed from each area, every cycle.

MOWING AND TRIMMING:

- A. The Contractor shall accomplish the mowing with any combination of equipment advantageous to the task for dry and/or rainy season that will provide a finish cut no more than five inches (5") tall.
- B. The Contractor shall equip all mowers with suitable safety devices to prevent propelling stones or other foreign matter in any direction from the mowing operation. Equipment that sufficiently meets the requirements of the contract, in the opinion of the City, is a determinate factor for award and/or renewal of a contract. Operational roof-mounted safety beacon/strobe on all mowers utilized by the Contractor within the City is a City requirement.

- C. The Contractor shall remove from the roadway or sidewalk any debris, trash, clippings or other materials, disbursed by the mowing operation that, in the opinion of the City, could present a safety hazard to the traveling public.
- D. The Contractor shall be responsible for the protection of all signs, mailboxes, water meters or other utilities and appurtenances, including trees, located within the rights-of-way. All repairs shall be in accordance with City standards. Cost for the repair or replacement of any of the above or other incidental damage is the responsibility of the Contractor. Restoration of all traffic control devices and signs that are damaged shall be immediate. The Contractor shall receive an invoice for time and materials required for repair or replacement of items such as, but not limited to, damaged traffic control devices and signs, mailboxes and trees, which are, as judged by the City, to be the result of operations associated with this contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for any and all damages to property and person caused by their employees under this agreement. Any reasonable claim not properly addressed shall be reason for the City to withhold from the Contractor's payment an amount equal to the claim at the discretion of the City.
- E. The City recommends the contractor to inspect the area ahead of the mowing operation and list all existing damaged signs, utilities, mailboxes, trees or other facilities in the area. Prior to each mowing cycle, the Contractor must deliver the list to the City. Failure to inspect and prepare such a listing will result in the City determining the responsibility for each occurrence of damage.
- F. During the mowing operations, the Contractor shall repair to the satisfaction of the City and at no additional cost to the City, any damage to the swale area that is a result of not using the proper machine for wet and/or dry conditions. Failure to repair damage within ten (10) calendar days from date of notice will result in performance of the work by City staff, or others, and the cost deducted from Contractor's invoice.
- G. The Contractor shall utilize the appropriate type of mower during dry and/or rainy season that will provide a finish cut for such an operation and that will not rut, gouge, scalp, or otherwise damage the rights-of-way, slopes or retention ditches. The Contractor shall use caution to avoid any damage. Repairs to damaged rights-of-ways, sidewalks or other City property are by the Contractor and at no additional cost to the City.
- H. The Contractor shall determine the mowing height by adjusting the mower deck height so that the finished result is no more than five inches (5") tall. Mowing of rights-of-way shall include mowing around retention ponds, retention ditches and waterways (as close to the water's edge as safely possible) and mowing of grass growing through road pavement, if applicable.
- I. Mowing the entire right-of-way includes mowing all bridge approaches, bridge slopes, approach slopes, and areas around bridge structures. Trimming includes utility pads, trimming headwalls, curbed intersections, fire hydrants, signposts, mailboxes, culvert boxes, drainage structures, light posts, and trees. Trimming includes areas under guardrails and other areas not accessible by mower. Guardrails will be trimmed underneath and from the edge of the roadway or sidewalk/bike path to approximately three feet (3') behind guardrail post. Performance of trimming occurs in conjunction with each mowing cycle. Once trimmed, the use of approved herbicides by licensed pesticide applicators to maintain is acceptable.

- J. Mowing shall be a continuous operation. On the initial cutting cycle, mowing shall commence at either or both extremities or the center of the area and proceed continuously toward the opposite end or center. Subsequent cycles shall follow the pattern adopted for the first cycle unless the City specifically authorizes the Contractor to change the pattern. The Contractor shall schedule mowing by the required commencement date, to maximize the benefit, and preclude the repeat mowing in an area just completed.
- K. Mowing shall include the rights-of-way adjacent to all undeveloped properties and the rights-of-way adjacent to developed property that is not being maintained to a height of less than twelve inches (12”).
- L. The City reserves the right to add or delete any location(s) during any part of the Contract period. Adjustments to the contract are by change order with the appropriate cost adjustment.
- M. The Contractor is responsible for locating and inspecting the drainage rights-of-ways prior to submitting his/her bid. The Contractor shall mow all drainage rights-of-way with the appropriate type of machinery, (e.g., boom-arm, flail, slope mower, low ground pressure-tired equipment). The City realizes that some drainage rights-of-way may not always be suitable for mowing, due to large trees and/or brush.
- N. The City, during times of natural disaster or extreme weather as defined by the City, may modify the mowing schedule, make exceptions to provisions of the contract specifications, or otherwise modify the contract when deemed beneficial to the Contractor, community residents, and the City. The City shall notify the Contractor of any such modifications in writing.
- O. The Contractor’s performance will be subject to review by the City on a continuous basis. Should the Contractor fall behind in a production schedule or violate terms of the contract, the City shall notify the Contractor in writing. The Contractor must correct the deficiency or deficiencies within ten (10) calendar days of the notice. If the Contractor fails to perform within ten (10) calendar days of the notice, cancellation of the contract shall occur for cause upon written notice, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidder. For this contract, an email constitutes written notice.
- P. Mowing, litter removal, and invoicing shall occur during periods scheduled in the contract. The invoice shall include the bag size, bag count, and date(s) of litter removal for each area. There is no provision in this contract for the contractor to makeup missed cycles. The contractor may not make up cycles in later months or add missing, skipped, or omitted cycles at the end of the mowing season – September. The contractor shall invoice all work completed during the current cycle by the last day of the month.
- Q. At no time, shall the City authorize payment to the Contractor for mowing and litter removal for work completed more than once per cycle. At no time, shall the City accept an invoice in advance of the Contractor performing the work.

SP-08 IDENTIFICATION: Each shipment shall exhibit a form of identification. Shipments shall be marked legibly with net weight of contents, manufacturer name, and brand name. Failure to comply may result in rejection of shipment at no cost to the City.

SP-09 SAFETY MEASURES: Bidder(s) shall assure the City that each delivery truck will have the appropriate licensure and safety equipment for the delivery.

Successful bidder(s) guarantee that when, in the opinion of the City, an emergency condition exists, trained emergency crew(s) and proper equipment will be immediately available on a 24-hour basis if the City places a telephone call to the number provided by the successful bidder(s).

The awarded vendor(s) shall supply, in writing, an emergency spill response plan with emergency response personnel names and contact telephone numbers and 24-hour contact numbers.

Proper spill response notifications procedure along with any forms as required by all local, state or federal regulatory agencies shall be supplied by the successful bidder(s) and any subcontracted delivery companies. This requirement in no way relieves the successful bidder(s) of his responsibility to notify the proper regulatory agencies of a spill incident.

In the event of a spill or leak, the successful bidder(s) shall provide the necessary personnel to respond to and work with the City of North Port Fire/Rescue or designated Hazardous Materials Response Team. The successful bidder(s) shall manage and oversee "After Event" clean-up efforts. Should a spill or leak caused by successful bidders' personnel, equipment, or method of delivery occur, successful bidder(s) shall immediately comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 USC 11001, et. seq. (SARA) and the Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Chapter 252, Part II, Florida Statutes. The responsibility of compliance with Federal, State, and/or City Rules and Regulations regarding vendor caused spills or releases shall rest with the successful bidder(s). Successful bidder(s) agrees to hold the City harmless for failure to properly report and/or comply with this provision.

SP-10 Equipment List: The Bidder shall provide a list of owned and/or leased equipment to include, but not be limited to (provided in the form section):

- Date of manufacture
- Condition
- Whether owned or leased
- If leased, date of lease expiration

Equipment will be inspected prior to award recommendation. The Contractor shall accomplish the mowing with any combination of equipment advantageous to the task for **dry and or rainy season that will provide a finish cut.**

SP-11 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Miscellaneous items and accessories which are not specifically mentioned, but which are essential to unload and properly operate unloading, shall be used and installed without change in the Contract Price. Such miscellaneous items and accessories shall be of the same quality standards, including material, style, finish, strength, class, weight and other applicable characteristics, as specified for the major component of which the miscellaneous items or accessory is an essential part, and shall be approved by the City for safety and proper connections. The above requirement is not intended to include major components at the City's sites.

SP-12 LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT: The Vendor will provide competent, suitably qualified personnel

to survey and lay out the Work and perform as required by the Contract Documents. The Vendor will at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site.

All materials and equipment will be new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. When special makes or grades of material which are normally packaged by the supplier or manufacturer are specified or approved, such materials shall be delivered to the site in their original packages or container with seals unbroken and labels intact.

All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned, and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturer, fabricator or processors, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

SP-13 USE OF PREMISES: The Vendor shall confine their apparatus, storage of materials, and operations of personnel to limits indicated by law, ordinances, permits, and directions of City, and shall not unnecessarily encumber any part of the site.

The Vendor shall not overload or permit any part of any structure to be loaded with such weight as will endanger its safety, nor subject any part of the Work to stresses or pressures that will endanger it.

The Vendor shall enforce City's instructions in connection with signs, advertisements, fires, and smoking.

The Vendor shall arrange and cooperate with City in routing and parking, and in routing material delivery truck and other vehicles to the site.

SP-14 LOCATION:

LOCATION 1 – City road and drainage rights-of-ways east of Toledo Blade Boulevard to the City limits.

A. Arterials and collectors' rights-of-ways approximately 635 acres X eight (8) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	March
CYCLE II	May
CYCLE III	June
CYCLE IV	July
CYCLE V	August
CYCLE VI	September
CYCLE VII	October
CYCLE VIII	December

B. Local road rights-of-ways approximately 1,344 acres X six (6) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	March
CYCLE II	June
CYCLE III	July
CYCLE IV	August
CYCLE V	September
CYCLE VI	December

C. Drainage rights-of-ways approximately 397 acres X six (6) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	February
CYCLE II	April
CYCLE III	May
CYCLE IV	June
CYCLE V	August
CYCLE VI	November

LOCATION 2 – City road and drainage rights-of-ways from I-75 north to the City limits.

A. Arterials and collectors' rights-of-ways approximately 125 acres X eight (8) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	March
CYCLE II	May
CYCLE III	June
CYCLE IV	July
CYCLE V	August
CYCLE VI	September
CYCLE VII	October
CYCLE VIII	December

B. Local road rights-of-ways approximately 388 acres X six (6) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	March
CYCLE II	June
CYCLE III	July
CYCLE IV	August
CYCLE V	September
Cycle VI	December

C. Drainage rights-of-ways approximately 174 acres X six (6) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	February
CYCLE II	April
CYCLE III	May
CYCLE IV	June
CYCLE V	August
Cycle VI	November

LOCATION 3 – City road and drainage rights-of-ways from I-75 south to the Snover Waterway and east of Toledo Blade Blvd to city limits.

A. Drainage rights-of-ways approximately 215 acres X six (6) cycles

- Each cycle of mowing/litter removal shall commence and end with all tasks completed in the month indicated:

CYCLE I	February
CYCLE II	April
CYCLE III	May
CYCLE IV	June
CYCLE V	August

Cycle VI November

SP-15 GPS EQUIPMENT: All Mowers and litter removal equipment working within the ROW's throughout the City of North Port shall have Global Positioning Service (GPS) capabilities installed and in operational order when performing work for The City of North Port. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to supply to the City a copy or original of the appropriate software for monitoring mowing progress before beginning any cycles for ROW mowing or litter removal. It is not a City requirement for the contractor to have GPS capabilities enabled when not performing work for the City. All costs associated with GPS requirements and software requirements are the responsibility of the contractor. At any time during a scheduled cycle, if the contractor discovers malfunctioning or disabled GPS, it shall be the contractor's responsibility to correct and notify the City of the condition.

The Contractor shall comply with the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control and Devices" and always maintain safe conditions. The Contractor shall abide by Index Number 600 of the FDOT General Information for Traffic Control Through Work Zones (2016). Contractor shall diligently ensure the safety of pedestrians, vehicles, and the working crew.

SP-16 TERMINOLOGY: Throughout the Contract Documents, references to City or Owner shall, where appropriate, refer to the City of North Port, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida. References to Utilities Department and North Port Utilities refer to the City of North Port's Utilities Department and are used interchangeably. References to Engineer or "Resident Project Representative" may, where appropriate, refer to the City's Utilities Engineering Manager.

The terms General Conditions and General Provisions are used interchangeably in the Contract Documents. The terms Special Conditions and Special Provisions are used interchangeably in the Contract Documents.

The term "Contract Documents" is used interchangeably with "Agreement."

SP-17 QUALIFICATIONS/REFERENCES: Vendor shall submit a minimum of two (2) recent (within the past five (5) years) references of projects of similar size and scope involving chemical deliveries and product consistency.

SP-18 CLEANING UP: The Contractor shall, at such times as may be required by the City, remove from the City's property and from all public and private property, at his/her own expense, all temporary structures, used materials and equipment, rubbish and waste materials resulting from his/her operations. All damaged areas will be restored by the Contractor to their original conditions and approved by the City. By submission of a bid, the Contractor assumes full responsibility for the associated expenses. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal, and payment to Contractor may be withheld until such work is completed.

SP-19 MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:

- A. The work specified in this section consists of maintaining traffic within the limits of the "work zone". The Contractor will furnish, install and maintain all traffic control and safety devices during mowing

in accordance with the State and City Traffic Maintenance policy. All signing, channelization or other traffic control operations will be in strict conformance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and the FDOT Specifications.

- B. The Contractor shall submit at the Pre- Implementation Meeting a Maintenance of Traffic plan in accordance with State and City Traffic control policies and procedures for City approval.
- C. Payment for Maintenance of Traffic will be incidental to this contract. No separate pay item will be made to recognize Maintenance of Traffic.

SP-20 ACCIDENTS, THEFTS, OR VANDALISM: The Contractor shall be responsible to report any accidents, thefts or vandalism involving or occurring within the areas covered by this Contract. Should accidents, thefts or vandalism occur; the Contractor should photograph the damage or loss and provide that photo to the City Representative(s) at no additional cost. Should assistance be requested by law enforcement, emergency personnel or others, the costs shall be included in the Contract unless otherwise approved by the City.

SP-21 RESPONSE TIMES: On a 24-hour basis, the Contractor may be required to travel to the site immediately to meet with the City Representative(s), law enforcement or emergency personnel to resolve an emergency. The Contractor shall respond to a telephone, beeper, or radio call within one (1) hour. There shall be no additional charge for these responses.

SP-22 MOWING CYCLES (Work is to be contiguous once started and completed during the month listed):

- A. Arterials and Collectors: (All main roads within the project boundaries as shown on Map 1 and Map 2): **March, May, June, July, August, September, October and December**
- B. Local Roads/Streets: (All local roads within the project boundaries as shown on Map 1 and Map 2): **March, June, July, August, September and December**
- C. Drainage rights-of-ways, Retention ponds, Ditches, and Drainage Canals: (All accessible drainage facilities within the project boundaries as shown on Map 1, Map 2 and Map 3): **February, April, May, June, August and November**

NOTE: COMMENCEMENT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, WEATHER, EQUIPMENT FAILURES, THEFT OR ANY OTHER UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS.

SP-23 CRITERIA FOR AWARD: The award of this RFB shall be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder meeting or exceeding all of the specifications. Award of this bid may be **in total or in part by line item**, whichever the City determines is in its best interest. Other considerations in the award

of this bid shall be the number of days required to deliver after receipt of purchase order and local preference.

In addition, the bid evaluation shall consider previous performance, safety, reliability, and reference checks. Because of the hazardous nature of some products and the relatively short shelf life of others, consideration shall be given to the bidder's safety record, reliability, and previous performance.

The City reserves the right to reject the bid proposal of any bidder who has previously failed to perform properly, or on time, contracts of similar nature; or who is not in a position to satisfactorily perform the contract.

SP-23 BID BOND: Bidder shall **include** a bidder's bond or cashier's check with their bid submittal in the amount of 5% of total bid. (Must use City provided form included with this solicitation).

END OF SECTION III

<p align="center">BIDDER CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">ATTACHMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH BID</p>	<p align="center">SUBMIT THIS CHECKLIST</p>
<p align="center">SEALED RFB ENVELOPE LABEL</p>	
	<p align="center">Check (v)</p>
<p>ATTACHMENT 1: Insurance Requirements and Acknowledgement (page 31 acknowledgment to be submitted)</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 2: Excel Tabulation Price Sheet (must complete and Submit in Excel format on USB DRIVE). DO NOT RECREATE THIS FORM.</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 3: Bid Form</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 4: Statement of Organization</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 5: Addenda and Bid Bond Form</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 6: Equipment and Source of Supply/Subcontractor List</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 7: Qualifications and References</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 8: Non-Collusive Affidavit</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 9: Conflict of Interest</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 10: Public Entity Crime Information</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 11: Drug-Free Workplace Form</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 12: Affidavit Claiming Status as a Local Business or North Port Local Business Status (If not claiming, state N/A)</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 13: Scrutinized Company Certification Form</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 14: Lobbying Certification</p>	
<p>ATTACHMENT 15: Vendor’s Certification For E-Verify System</p>	

ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED

“SEALED BID ENVELOPE LABEL BELOW (NEXT PAGE)”.

PLEASE NOTE: Courier Packages (Fedex, UPS, etc.) shall be clearly marked.

If not using label provided on the next page, please include the following on the outside envelope: COMPANY NAME, RFB #, RFB TITLE, DATE DUE, TIME DUE, SUBMITTED BY, NAME OF COMPANY, E-MAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE.

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Signed (*Person authorized to bind the company*): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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North Port, Florida 34286	
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Note: Submissions received after the time and date stated on the Notice of Availability will not be accepted.

ATTACHMENT 1:

EXCEL TABULATION

SEPARATE ATTACHMENT

- DO NOT RECREATE
- COMPLETE AND SUBMIT IN EXCEL FORMAT ON USB DRIVE

It is understood that the estimated summary of pay item quantities are approximate only and are solely for the purpose of facilitating the comparison of bids, and that the Contractor's compensation shall be computed upon the basis of the actual quantities in the completed work, whether they be more or less than those shown.

Preparation of Bid Schedules: Contractor **MUST** use the City provided excel spreadsheet. **DO NOT RECREATE FORM**. All blank spaces in the Bid Form to be filled. *Bidder should not reference the words "No Charge, N/A, included, dash, etc." in any of the blocks. Bidder must identify a monetary amount for each UNIT COST (unless the unit price is "x" out by the City). **UNIT COST prevails over EXTENDED COST**. Failure to identify a monetary amount in any of the UNIT COST line items shall cause Bidder to be deemed non-responsive and bid response be rejected. In case of discrepancy between unit price and extended price, the unit price will govern. Apparent errors in extension will be corrected.*

ATTACHMENT 2:**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor and subcontractors shall procure and maintain until all of their obligations have been discharged, including any warranty periods under this Contract are satisfied, insurance against claims for injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

The insurance requirements herein are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The City in no way warrants that the minimum limits contained herein are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work under this Contract by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. Contractor is free to purchase such additional insurance as may be determined necessary.

LIMITS OF INSURANCE - Contractor shall provide coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below. An excess liability policy or umbrella liability policy may be used to meet the minimum liability requirements provided that the coverage is written on a "following form" basis.

Requirements:**1. Commercial General Liability – Occurrence Form (CG 00 01)**

Policy shall include bodily injury, property damage, broad form contractual liability, and Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage. The general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

The Contractor shall procure and maintain, and require all subcontractors to procure and maintain a comprehensive general liability policy, including, but not limited to

- General Aggregate \$1,000,000
 - Each Occurrence \$1,000,000
 - products and completed ops \$1,000,000
 - damage to rented premises \$100,000
- a) The policy shall be endorsed to include the following additional insured language: "City of North Port and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers" shall be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by, or on behalf of the Contractor.
 - b) Contractor's subcontractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified above.
 - c) Policy shall be endorsed for a waiver of subrogation against the City of North Port.

2. Commercial Automobile Liability

Bodily injury and property damage for any owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in the performance of this Contract. Automobile liability must be written on a standard ISO form (CA 00 01) covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned (Code 9) autos.

- Combined Single Limit (CSL) (Ea Accident) \$1,000,000
 - Bodily Injury (per person) \$1,000,000
 - Bodily Injury (per accident) \$1,000,000
 - Property Damage (per accident) \$1,000,000
- a. Contractor's sub-contractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified in this section.
 - b. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the City of North Port.

3. Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability (PER CHAPTER 440. FLORIDA STATUTES)

The Contractor shall procure and maintain 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.

Workers' Compensation Employers' Liability

- Each Accident, each employee, bodily injury or disease \$500,000.00
- a. Policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation against the City of North Port.
- b. Contractor's sub-contractors shall be subject to the same minimum requirements identified in this section.
- c. If the contractor has no employees, the contractor must submit to the City the Workers Compensation Exemption from the State of Florida.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

A. The City of North Port is to be named additional insured on **Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Policy and Auto Policy**. 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, or 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.

B. 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.

C. 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 Risk 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.

Bidders should carefully review their existing insurances and consider their ability to meet these requirements prior to submission. The requirements should be forwarded to their agent, broker, and insurance providers for review

Unless otherwise specified, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that all subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements spelled out above.

All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the City of North Port Risk Division before the commencement of any work activities.

Bidder Statement:

We understand the requirements requested and agree to fully comply.

BIDDER'S NAME TITLE _____ TITLE _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE DATE _____ DATE _____

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**ATTACHMENT 36:
BID FORM**

Name of Bidder/Company Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Bidder/Company Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Contractor License #: _____

FEID #: _____

To the City Commission of the City of North Port pursuant to and in compliance with your notice inviting sealed bids (Invitation to Bid), Instructions to Bidders, and the other documents relating thereto, the undersigned Bidder, having familiarized himself/herself with the terms of the Contract documents, local conditions affecting the performance of the Contract, and the cost of the work at the place where the work is to be done, hereby proposes and agrees to perform within the time stipulated in the Contract, including all of its component parts and everything required to be performed, and to provide and furnish any and all of the labor, material, tools, expendable equipment, and all utility and transportation services and design of certain items necessary to perform the Contract and complete in a workmanlike manner, all of the work required in connection with the construction of said work all in strict conformity with the plans and specifications and other Contract documents for the prices hereinafter set forth.

The undersigned, as Bidder, does hereby declare that he has read the Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Technical Specifications & Conditions, Attachments, Exhibits, Insurance Requirements, Bid Form, Permit Fees, Plan Revisions, Plans, and any other reports or documentation for: **RFB 2024-21 RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING AND LITTER REMOVAL** and further agrees to furnish all items listed on the attached Bid Form in accordance with the unit price line items as indicated on the bid schedule form(s) submitted. The above specified documents are herein incorporated into the Bid Form.

The undersigned as Bidder, declares that the only persons or parties interested in this submittal as principals are those named herein: that this submittal is made without collusion with any person, firm, or corporation: and he/she proposes and agrees, if the proposal is accepted, that he/she will execute a Contract with the City in the form set forth in the Contract documents and that he/she will accept in full payment thereof the following prices, to wit:

PROJECT TOTAL:
_____ \$ _____

Through the signing of this Bid Form, Bidder attests his/her bid is guaranteed for a period of not less than **NINETY (90) DAYS** from the date of the official bid opening.

Date: _____

Signed (*Person authorized to bind the company*): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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**ATTACHMENT 4:
STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION**

The following information will be provided to the City of North Port for incorporation in legal documents. It is, therefore, vital all information is accurate and complete. Please be certain all spelling, and capitalization is exactly as registered with the state or federal government.

Company Name _____

Telephone # _____ **E-Mail** _____ **Fax #** _____

Main Office Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Address of Office Servicing City of North Port, if different than above: SAME AS ABOVE

Office Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone # _____ **E-mail** _____ **Fax #** _____

Name & Title of Firm Representative _____

Federal Identification Number: _____

Bidder shall submit proof that it is authorized to do business in the State of Florida unless registration is not required by law.

(Please Check One)

Is this a Florida Corporation: Yes or No

If not a Florida Corporation,

In what state was it created: _____

Name as spelled in that State: _____

What kind of corporation is it: "For Profit" or "Not for Profit"

Is it in good standing: Yes or No

Authorized to transact business in Florida: Yes or No

State of Florida Department of State Certificate of Authority Document No.: _____

Does it use a registered fictitious name: Yes or No

Names of Officers:

President: _____ **Secretary:** _____

Vice President: _____ **Treasurer:** _____

Director: _____ **Director:** _____

Other: _____ **Other:** _____

Name of Corporation (As used in Florida):

(Spelled exactly as it is registered with the state or federal government)

Corporate Address:

Post Office Box: _____
City, State Zip: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this
___ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – State of Florida

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ **Title:** _____

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ATTACHMENT 5

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda, and the cost, if any, of such revisions has been included in the bid price.

Addendum No.		Dated		Addendum No.		Dated	
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Addendum No.		Dated		Addendum No.		Dated	
Addendum No.		Dated		Addendum No.		Dated	

BID BOND TERMS

(SEE FORM NEXT PAGE)

BID BOND: ACCOMPANYING THIS PROPOSAL IS _____

(insert: “cash”, “Bidder’s bond”, or “certified check”, as the case may be) in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total amount of the bid, payable to the City of North Port. Cashier’s checks will be returned to all Bidders after award of bid. If supplying a bid bond please use the attached bid bond form. **Note: Failure to submit a bid bond will be cause for rejection of bid.**

The undersigned deposits the above-named security as a proposal guarantee and agrees that it shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages in case this proposal is accepted by the City and the undersigned fails to execute a Contract with the City as specified in the Contract documents accompanied by the required labor and material and faithful performance bonds with sureties satisfactory to the City, and accompanied by the required certificates of insurance coverage. Should the City be required to engage the services of an attorney in connection with the enforcement of this bid, Bidder promises to pay City’s reasonable attorneys’ fees incurred with or without suit.

The undersigned agrees, if awarded this bid, to furnish a **PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND** in the amount of 100% of the total project price within ten (10) calendar days after notification of award to the Purchasing Department. The undersigned 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 a certified copy of the Bond shall be furnished to the Purchasing Division at the time of the pre-construction meeting.

All Contract documents (i.e.: performance and payment bond, cashier's check, bid bond) shall be in the name of "City of North Port".

Date: _____

Signed (*Person authorized to bind the company*): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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CITY OF NORTH PORT BID BOND

In Compliance with F.S. Chapter 255.051

STATE OF FLORIDA, CITY OF NORTH PORT

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that _____, authorized by law to do business as a _____ Contractor in the State of Florida, as Principal, and _____, a Corporation chartered and existing under the laws of the State of _____, as Surety, with its principal offices in the City of _____, and authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and in accordance with Section 255.051, Florida Statutes, are held and firmly bound unto the City of North Port, Florida, in the full and just sum of 5% of the Total Bid Price, in good and lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid upon demand by the City of North Port, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, joint and severally and firmly by these presents.

The condition of the obligation is such, that whereas the Principal has submitted the attached Bid, dated _____, for (**RFB NO. 2024-21 RIGHT OF WAY MOWING, TRIMMING, AND LITTER REMOVAL**).

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Principal shall withdraw said bid prior to the date of opening the same, or shall within 10 days after the prescribed forms are presented to him for signature enter into a written Contract with City of North Port, Florida, in accordance with the bid as accepted and give a Performance and Payment Bond with good and sufficient surety or sureties as may be required for the faithful performance and proper fulfillment of such Contract and for the prompt payment of all persons furnishing labor or materials in connection therewith or, in the event of failure to enter into such Contract and give such bond within the time specified, if the Principal shall pay the City the difference between the amount specified in said bid and the amount for which the City may procure the required work and/or supplies provided the latter amount to be excess of the amount specified in said bid, then the above obligations shall be void: otherwise, to remain in full force and effect.

IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF, the above written parties have executed this instrument under their several seals dated _____, the name and corporate seal of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative, pursuant to authority of its governing body.

Witness as to Principal:

_____ (SEAL)

(Principal)

(By)

Witness as to Surety:

Printed Name

----- (SEAL)

(Surety's Name)

(By-As Attorney-in-Fact, Surety)

Affix Corporate Seals and attach proper Power of Attorney for Surety.

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ADDENDA

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda, and the cost, if any, of such revisions has been included in the bid price.

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Addendum No.				Dated		Addendum No.		Dated	

Date: _____

Signed (*Person authorized to bind the company*): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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**ATTACHMENT 6:
EQUIPMENT AND SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER LIST**

Equipment is located at: _____

The following is a listing of your equipment, inclusive of manufacturer, year and condition. List the condition of equipment/vehicles utilized for this project in accordance with the following scale: **1-Excellent: 2-Good: 3-Fair: 4-Poor**. (Attach additional sheets, if required.)

Description	Manufacturer	Year	Condition	Leased/Owned (If leased, date of expiration)

SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND SUBCONTRACTOR FORM

The following sources of supply and subcontractors shall be used for the **RFB NO. 2024-08 CALCIUM CHLORIDE**. If Bidder does not have a source of supply or subcontractor, insert "to be determined". When a source or subcontractor is determined, selection will be subject to City approval. (If not applicable, state N/A).

SUBCONTRACTOR(S)

(PLEASE INCLUDE ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER & E-MAIL)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SUPPLIER(S)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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ATTACHMENT 7:

QUALIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES

Vendor shall submit a minimum of two (2) recent (within the past five (5) years) references of projects of similar size and scope involving chemical deliveries and product consistency.

1. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Contract Period: FROM _____ TO _____

Contract Price \$ _____ Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ _____

2. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Contract Period: FROM _____ TO _____

Contract Price \$ _____ Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ _____

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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3. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Contract Period: FROM _____ TO _____

Contract Price \$ _____ Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Contract Period: FROM _____ TO _____

Contract Price \$ _____ Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ _____

4. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person/Title: _____

Telephone# _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Duration of Contract or business relationship _____

Type of Services Provided _____

Contract Period: FROM _____ TO _____

Contract Price \$ _____ Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ _____

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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**ATTACHMENT 8:
NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT**

State of _____
County of _____ } SS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared:

_____ who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/She is the _____ (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of _____, the Respondent that has submitted the attached reply:

2. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached reply and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such reply:

3. Such reply is genuine and is not a collusive or sham reply:

4. Neither the said Respondent nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, have in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other respondent, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham reply in connection with the work for which the attached reply has been submitted: or have in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference with any respondent, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached reply or of any other respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost elements of the reply price or the reply price of any other respondent, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against (Recipient), or any person interested in the reply work.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

By: _____
(Printed Name)

(Title)

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – State of Florida

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____

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**ATTACHMENT 9:
CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM**

F.S. §112.313 places limitations on public officers (including advisory board members) and employees' ability to contract with the City either directly or indirectly. Therefore, please indicate if the following applies:

PART I.

I am an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City

_____ (List Position Or Board)

I am the spouse or child of an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City

Name: _____

An employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City, or their spouse or child, is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor of Respondent or has a material interest in Respondent. "Material interest" means direct or indirect ownership of more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity. For the purposes of [§112.313], indirect ownership does not include ownership by a spouse or minor child.

Name: _____

Respondent employs or contracts with an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City

Name: _____

None of The Above

PART II:

Are you going to request an advisory board member waiver?

I will request an advisory board member waiver under §112.313(12)

I will NOT request an advisory board member waiver under §112.313(12)

N/A

The City shall review any relationships which may be prohibited under the Florida Ethics Code and will disqualify any bidders whose conflicts are not waived or exempt.

COMPANY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

This page must be completed and submitted

**ATTACHMENT 10:
PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION**

As provided by F.S. §287.133, 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, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

I, _____, being an authorized representative of the Respondent _____,

Located at: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____, have read and understand the contents above. I further certify that Respondent is not disqualified from replying to this solicitation because of F.S. §287.133.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Federal ID #: _____ E-mail: _____

State of _____

County of _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

Date: _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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**ATTACHMENT 11:
DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM**

The undersigned Respondent in accordance with Florida Statute §287.087 hereby certifies that: _____ (Company Name) does:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
 2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
 3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or Contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
 4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or Contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
 5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
 6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this section.
- As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that Respondent complies fully with the above requirements.

Check one:

- As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with above requirements.
- As the person authorized to sign this statement, this firm **does not** comply fully with the above requirements.

Signature

Print Name

Date

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ATTACHMENT 12:

AFFIDAVIT

Claiming Status as a LOCAL BUSINESS

****CONTRACTOR MUST MEET ALL 4 REQUIREMENTS BELOW TO CLAIM LOCAL BUSINESS STATUS****

State of _____ }
County of _____ } SS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared:

who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I am the _____ (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of _____, the Bidder that has submitted the attached proposal:

AND

2. I am fully informed respecting the operation and employees of the Bidder:

AND

3. I affirm that the Bidder has maintained a physical business address located within the limits of Sarasota County, Charlotte County or Desoto County for a period of six (6) months or more before submitting this bid, from which the Bidder operates or performs business. The qualifying local address is:

AND

4. I affirm that at least fifty percent (50%) of the Bidder’s employees are residents of the City of North Port. If requested by the City, the Bidder will be required to provide documentation substantiating the information given in this affidavit. City of North Port reserves the right to request supporting documentation as evidence to substantiate the information given in this affidavit. Failure to do so will result in the Bidder’s submission being deemed non-responsive.

Any Bidder that misrepresents its status as a local business or North Port local business shall be barred from receiving any City Contracts for a period of three (3) years.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

This page to be returned ONLY if Contractor is claiming a Local Business Status.

AFFIDAVIT

Claiming Status as a North Port Local Business

****CONTRACTOR MUST MEET ALL 4 REQUIREMENTS BELOW TO CLAIM NORTH PORT BUSINESS STATUS****

State of _____ }
County of _____ } SS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared: _____

who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. I am the _____ (Owner, Partner, Officer, Representative or Agent) of _____, the Bidder that has submitted the attached bid:

AND

2. I am fully informed respecting the operation and employees of the Bidder:

AND

3. I affirm that the Bidder has maintained its primary physical business address within the limits of the City of North Port for a period of six (6) months or more before submitting this bid, from which the Bidder operates or performs business. The qualifying local address is

AND

4. I affirm that at least fifty percent (50%) of the Bidder’s employees are residents of the City of North Port.

If requested by the City, the Bidder will be required to provide documentation substantiating the information given in this affidavit. City of North Port reserves the right to request supporting documentation as evidence to substantiate the information given in this affidavit. Failure to do so will result in the Bidder’s submission being deemed non-responsive.

Any Bidder that misrepresents its status as a local business or North Port local business shall be barred from receiving any City Contracts for a period of three (3) years.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

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Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

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ATTACHMENT 13:

Scrutinized Company Certification Form

Company Name: _____

Authorized Representative Name and Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

A company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a Contract with the City of North Port for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such Contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 215.4725, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

A company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a Contract with the City of North Port for goods or services of \$1 million or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such Contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 215.473, or with companies engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

This bid, proposal, Contract or Contract renewal is for goods or services of less than \$1 million. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above-named company, and as required by Florida Statutes, section 287.135(5), I hereby certify that the above-named company is not participating in a boycott of Israel.

This bid, proposal, Contract or Contract renewal is for goods or services of \$1 million or more. As the person authorized to sign on behalf of the above-named company, and as required by Florida Statutes, section 287.135(5), I hereby certify that the above-named company is not participating in a boycott of Israel, is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria.

I understand that pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 287.135, the submission of a false certification may result in the termination of the Contract if one is entered into, and may subject the above-named company to civil penalties, attorney's fees and costs.

Certified By: _____
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Print Name and Title: _____

Date Certified: _____

Solicitation/Contract/PO Number (Completed by Purchasing): _____

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**ATTACHMENT 14:
LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

“The undersigned hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that”:

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This _____ day _____ of 2024 _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the authorized representative of _____ (Name of the Contractor, firm or individual), and that the vendor and any of its agents agree to have no contact or communication with, or discuss any matter related in any way to any active City of North Port solicitation, with any City of North Port elected officials, officers, their appointees or their agents or any other staff or outside individuals working with the City in respect to this request other than the designated Procurement Official Contact and to abide by the restrictions outlined in the General Terms and Conditions of the Solicitation. Technical questions directed to the project manager, is prohibited. These persons shall not be lobbied, either individually or collectively, regarding any questions for bid, proposal, qualification and/or any other solicitations released by the City. To do so is grounds for immediate disqualification from the selection process. The selection process is not considered final until such a time as the Commission has made a final and conclusive determination.

(a) No City appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence either directly or indirectly an officer or employee of the City, City Commission in connection with the awarding of any City Contract.

(b) If any funds other than City appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence a member of City Commission or an officer or employee of the City in connection with this Contract, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-L “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying”, in accordance with its instructions.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, 2024.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Title)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 2024, by _____.

Notary Public – State of _____

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

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**ATTACHMENT 15:
VENDOR’S CERTIFICATION FOR E-VERIFY SYSTEM**

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The undersigned Vendor/Consultant/Contractor (Vendor), after being duly sworn, states the following:

1. Vendor is a person or entity that has entered into or is attempting to enter into a contract with the City of North Port (City) to provide labor, supplies, or services to the City in exchange for salary, wages or other remuneration.
2. Vendor has registered with and will use the E-Verify System of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of:
 - a. All persons newly hired by the Vendor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
 - b. All persons, including sub-contractors, sub-vendors or sub-consultants, assigned by the Vendor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the City.
3. If the Vendor becomes the successful Contractor who enters into a contract with the City, then the Vendor will comply with the requirements of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. “Employment Eligibility”, as amended from time to time.
4. Vendor will obtain an affidavit from all subcontractors attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien as defined in 8 United States Code, Section 1324A(H)(3).
5. Vendor will maintain the original affidavit of all subcontractors for the duration of the contract.
6. Vendor affirms that failure to comply with the state law requirements can result in the City’s termination of the contract and other penalties as provided by law.

VENDOR: _____ (Vendor’s Company Name)

_____ (Vendor signature)

_____ (Vendor’s name printed)

_____ (Title)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____, as _____.

Notary Public

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

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