

CITY OF NORTH PORT



REQUEST FOR BID NO. 2022-02 RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING AND LITTER REMOVAL



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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BID SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
REQUEST FOR BID NO. 2022-02
ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING, AND LITTER REMOVAL**

It is the intent of the City of North Port 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 work will include mowing, trimming and litter removal. The City of North Port is requesting sealed bids from licensed, experienced contractor.

**NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 AT 9:00 AM
4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, ROOM 244, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

All potential Bidders are recommended to attend the non-mandatory pre-bid conference. The purpose of the Pre-Bid Meeting is to provide a briefing on the City's expectations and performance requirements for submission of Bid documents.

**BID OPENING: OCTOBER 6, 2021 AT 2:00 PM (EST)
4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, SUITE 244, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286**

****ALL BIDS ARE DATE AND TIME STAMPED IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SUITE 337****

Information regarding this project may be viewed and downloaded from Demandstar's website at www.demandstar.com. Links to DemandStar are also available from the city website at www.cityofnorthport.com. Bid specifications are posted on the City FTP site at <https://www.cityofnorthport.com/filesshare> (go to the drop down box, select Purchasing and scroll to Project RFB No. 2022-02); however, the only place to obtain addenda are on www.demandstar.com.

Requests for additional information or clarification regarding the specifications must be sent via facsimile to 941.429.7173 or via email to purchasing@cityofnorthport.com. No verbal requests will be honored. All questions and clarifications must be submitted via e-mail or facsimile by **SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 at 2:00 PM**.

If you have any questions, concerns, or problems accessing the bid package using the link, please contact Keith Raney, Contract Administrator, at 941.429.7103.

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: SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

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SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mowing Location Map Section A
2. Mowing Location Map Section B
3. Excel Bid Schedule

City FTP site at <https://www.cityofnorthport.com/files> (select the Purchasing Folder and scroll to Project RFB 2022-02)

STATEMENT OF NON-SUBMITTAL

- 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).
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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@cityofnorthport.com or faxed to 941.429.7173.

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.

1. 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 Addendum 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:** The lowest responsive, responsible Bidder to whom City (on basis of City's evaluation) makes an award.
- **Vendor:** 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.

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.

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.

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, 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 Administrator, 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's firm, and received prior to the opening of bids. Bid modifications must be identified as such and will be opened with the firm'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.

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] read aloud within the Purchasing Office, or 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 Administrator or their designees. Bidders and the general public are not required to be present but are invited and encouraged 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 shall be let to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder who fulfills all criteria and specifications with consideration to favorable references and local preference and whose evaluation by the City indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to award this bid in whole or in part, or by line item, whichever is in the best interest of the City.

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.

5. BID TABULATIONS: 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 ten (10) days after bid opening or at such time as the agency provides notice of a decision or intended decision, whichever is earlier.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:

A. TERMINATION WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE: The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated with or without cause by the City Manager in whole or in part or whenever the City Manager determines that termination is in the City's best interest. Any such termination shall 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 if the work under the Contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. Except as otherwise directed, the Contractor shall cease 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 material, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims. 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. Upon delivery of the documents, the City shall pay the Contractor in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under the Contract, as determined by the City, less payments already made to the Contractor, and any amounts withheld by the City to settle claims against or to pay indebtedness of the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Under no circumstances shall the City make any payment to Contractor for services that have not been performed or that are performed subsequent to the termination date.

- B. NON-APPROPRIATION: The parties acknowledge and agree that the obligations of the City to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of this Contract, or any subsequent contract entered into pursuant to this Contract or referenced herein to which City is a party, are and shall remain subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 166.241, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. City agrees to exercise all lawful and available authority to satisfy any financial obligations of City that may arise under this Contract; however, since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, City's legal liability for the payment of any costs shall not arise unless and until appropriations for such costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission (nor shall such liability arise if, a request for such 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 City shall have any personal liability in connection with the breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by City under this Section. This Contract shall not constitute an indebtedness of City nor shall it constitute an obligation for which City is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation or for which City has levied or pledged any form of taxation. It is expressly understood by the parties that funding for any subsequent fiscal year of the Contract is contingent upon appropriation of monies by the City Commission. In the event that funds are not available or appropriated, the City reserves the right to terminate the Contract. The City will be responsible for payment of any outstanding invoices and work completed by the Contractor prior to such termination.
- C. ABANDONMENT: In the event that 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. The Contractor may terminate this Contract only in the event of the City failing to pay the Contractor's properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the City's Administrative Agent, or if the project is suspended by the City for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.
- E. 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 Contractor breaches this Contract, the City must provide written notice of the breach and Contractor shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the notice is received to cure. If the Contractor fails

to cure within the ten (10) calendar days, the City Manager or designee can immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and if necessary, may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to Contractor due to:

1. The quality of a portion or all of the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
 2. The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's Payment Request, or otherwise;
 3. The Contractor's rate of progress being such that, in the City's opinion, substantial or final completion, or both, may be inexcusably delayed;
 4. The Contractor's failure to use Contract funds, previously paid the Contractor by the City, to pay Contractor's project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers and material and equipment suppliers;
 5. Claims made, or likely to be made, against the City or its property;
 6. Loss caused by the Contractor;
 7. The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of the obligations to the City, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure as set forth above; or
 8. Violation of any local, state, or federal law in the performance of this Contract which will constitute a material breach of this Contract.
- G. In the event that the City makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the City as contemplated in this Section, the Contractor must promptly comply with such demand. The City's rights hereunder survive the term of this Contract, and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.
- H. Termination by Vendor: Vendor shall have the right to terminate services only in the event of the City failing to pay Vendor's properly documented and submitted invoice within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the City's Administrative Agent, or if the project is suspended by the City for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. NON-DISCRIMINATION: The City of North Port do 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.

19. DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORD: In accordance with Florida Statutes 119.0701, Contractor shall comply with all public records laws, and shall specifically:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service.
 - a. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
(See <http://dos.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 Agreement include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, emails and all other documentation generated during this Agreement.
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.
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.
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.

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; EMAIL: Publicrecordsrequest@cityofnorthport.com.

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

20. FORCE MAJEURE: Should performance of any obligation created under this Agreement become illegal or impossible by reason of:

- a. A strike or work stoppage, unless caused by a negligent act or omission of either Party;
- b. An act of God, tornado, hurricane, flood, sinkhole, fire, explosion, landslide, earthquake, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, pestilence, or extremely abnormal and excessively inclement weather;
- c. 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;
- d. A declared emergency of the federal, state, or local government; or
- e. Any other like event that is beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing party;

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

- f. The non-performing party provides written notice within five (5) 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 Agreement;
- g. The excuse of performance is no greater in scope or duration than required by the event of force majeure;
- h. No obligations of either party that arose before the force majeure are excused as a result of the event of force majeure; and
- i. The non-performing party uses all reasonable diligence to remedy its inability to perform.

Economic hardship of a party does not constitute an event of force majeure. A party will 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.

The non-performing party's affected obligations under this Agreement 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 shall not be excused under this Section for a period exceeding two (2) months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. STATE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS: Any corporation submitting a bid in response to this RFB shall either be registered or have applied for registration with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, 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.

29. 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.

30. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: At the end of the Contract, the receiving department may evaluate the successful bidder's performance. This evaluation will become public record.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN CLAUSE: The City of North Port 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 8 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.

35. 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.

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 his probation and registry requirements.

37. PAYMENT: Payment must be submitted to the City of North Port on a form approved by the City. All invoices payable according to the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act (F.S. ch. 218).

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. SWORN STATEMENT, COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA TRENCH ACT: Bidder shall be solely responsible for complying with the Florida Trench Safety Act (553.60-553.64 Florida Statutes) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration excavation safety standards, 29 CFR 1926.650 (subpart P) as amended. All costs associated with complying with these requirements shall be included in the separate line items of the bid and shall be as detailed in the Sworn Statement

of Compliance with the Florida Trench Safety Act. Bidder shall submit the Statement of Compliance with the Florida Trench Safety Act form provided herein with his bid or with each work assignment.

41. 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.

42. 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.

43. 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, ever 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, ever 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.

44. LOCAL PREFERENCE: Bidder may claim the 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” 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 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 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 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 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.

- 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. 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.

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 The successful bidder for this Contract will be referred to as the Contractor; Department Director or his/her representative, acting personally or through an assistant duly authorized for such act by the City will be referred to as City. For the purposes of this Contract, the word "Project" shall mean the services limits of Contractor.

1.2.2 The Contract documents consist of the Request for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Forms, Technical Specifications and Conditions, Construction Drawings, General Provisions, Special Provisions/Technical Specifications, 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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.

1.3 Time of Completion: The Contractor shall complete the work within the time set forth in the Contract. The Contractor shall complete each portion of the work within such time as set forth in the Contract for such portion. The time of completion of the Contract shall be expressed in calendar days.

All work for this project shall be performed during regular business hours. A regular workday shall be considered to be a maximum of ten (10) hours duration. The cost for inspection time for work performed on Sundays, holidays, or in excess of ten (10) hours may be billed to the Contractor at the prevailing wage plus overhead costs for those persons involved.

A working day is any day within the period between the start of the Contract time and the date provided in the Contract for completion or upon field acceptance by the City of all work provided for in the Contract, or as stipulated in the Technical Specifications, or whichever comes first, other than: Sunday, any day designated as a holiday by the City, any day the Contractor is prevented from working during the first five (5) hours of the work day, with at least sixty percent (60%) of the normal work force, due to inclement weather.

Request for planned overtime by the Contractor must be submitted in writing to the City, forty-eight (48) hours in advance, and may not proceed without the City's approval.

1.4 Quality of Work: The Contractor agrees to do the work covered under this Contract to the best of his/her ability and conforming to this Contract and specifications and of a quality acceptable to the trades. The Contractor further agrees to follow proper and appropriate instructions by the City.

2. PROSECUTION AND PROGRESS

2.1 Subletting or Assigning of Contracts: The Contractor shall not sublet, sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any portion thereof, or his right, Title, or interest therein, without written consent of the City Manager or his Designee.

2.2 Preconstruction Meeting: (NOT APPLICABLE) After the Contract has been awarded, the City will schedule a preconstruction meeting to be held before any work is begun to review the construction aspects of the Project. The meeting will be between the City, the Contractor and various utility companies that will be affected by the construction.

2.3 Performance and Payment Bond: (NOT APPLICABLE) The awarded Contractor shall furnish a certified recorded copy from Sarasota County Clerk's Office of the 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 Department at the time of the pre-construction meeting.

2.4 Submission of Work Schedule/Order of Completion: At the preconstruction meeting, the successful bidder shall have on hand a working schedule for the Project, showing in detail the order in which the Contractor proposes to perform the work. He/she shall indicate the dates on which major equipment will be delivered and various major items of work will start and the estimated completion dates of the major items. The Schedule the Contractor's proposed operations for the various items of work, which would affect or be affected by utility adjustments.

2.5 Submission of Schedule of Values: A Schedule of Values to reflect value of equipment, materials and work performed per unit price, with totals shall be submitted at preconstruction meeting. Both parties are to agree on proposed schedule of values prior to any work being performed.

2.6 Provisions for Convenience of Public: The Contractor shall schedule his/her operations so as minimize any inconvenience to adjacent businesses for residences. Where necessary, the City may require the Contractor to construct first the work in any areas along the Project where restrictions caused by construction operations would represent a more serious handicap, before beginning construction in the less affected areas.

3. CONTROL OF THE WORK AND MATERIALS

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 insure 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 General Provisions/ END OF SECTION II

SECTION III TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

TS-01 PURPOSE: 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.

TS-02 SCOPE OF WORK: The work covered by this contract requires the servicing of various road and drainage rights-of-way and drainage retention areas within the City which consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and services necessary to satisfactorily perform mowing as determined by the City. The work will include mowing, trimming and litter removal.

TS-03 BID PRICES AND TERM: The term of the contract shall be from the date of award through and including September 30, 2021 “initial term” with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms, by mutual agreement at the same prices, terms, and conditions. The unit prices bid shall include Contractor’s costs for all transportation, labor, and equipment used to perform the work.

TS-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 April, Producer Price Index (PPI) Industry Series or any other indices recognized for mowing services 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.

For clarification, the definition of a fiscal year shall be from October 1 to September 30. Any reference to the term “year” in this contract implies “fiscal year”.

TS-05 FORM OF CONTRACT: The submitted Bid Form signed by the Bidder, together with the complete bid package furnished by the City, 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, 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 the Bidder to forfeiture of the bid bond or other posted security, if required, and other possible penalties.

TS-06 QUALIFICATIONS: The City will only entertain bids from bidders with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in rights-of-way mowing. Additionally, Bidders shall submit a commercial client listing, with at least five (5) accounts, detailing the longevity of the accounts and disclosing the contact name and phone number for each account, project description, and area included in "Scope of Work". The City reserves the right to make contact with any or all of the clients to acquire a reference; however, the Bidder is encouraged to submit written recommendations from his client(s).

TS-07 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.

TS-08 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).

TS-09 PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT BOND: Performance/payment bonds shall not be required for this solicitation. This paragraph supersedes the Instructions to Bidders.

TS-10 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, sign posts, 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.

TS-11 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 1344 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

TS-12 PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES: A written plan of Contractor’s procedural guidelines (not to exceed two (2) single-sided pages).

TS-13 INSPECTION OF WORK: The City will provide a City Representative who will personally visit all sites to assure that the schedules and performances are in accordance with the contract requirements. If there are any problems with the mowing areas, the representative will review them with the Contractor, who will in turn remedy the problems within 48 hours unless otherwise agreed upon with the City Representative.

TS-14 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 maintain safe conditions at all times. 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.

TS-15 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.

TS-16 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.

TS-17 PRE-COMMENCEMENT MEETING: Prior to beginning work, a Pre-Commencement meeting will be held, at which time the Contractor shall have the opportunity to review and discuss the Technical Specifications and the proposed mowing schedule outlined in the specifications. Once the mowing schedule is approved, no change in sequence(s) will be allowed without the written approval from the City. The approved schedule will show the order of progress with commencement dates for each area. The Contractor will also provide a copy of all certifications and licenses that apply and the Maintenance of Traffic plan will be submitted for City approval at this time.

TS-18 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.

TS-19 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.

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

TS-20 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 and Map 2): **February, April, May, June, August and November**

TS-19 CRITERIA FOR AWARD: The award shall be let to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder who fulfills all criteria and specifications with consideration to favorable references and whose evaluation by the City indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the City. Other considerations for award are local preference; similar project experience, and successfully and timely completed projects.

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.

END OF SECTION II

**SECTION III.
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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

WORKERS COMPENSATION: Coverage to apply for all employees for Statutory Limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws. The policy must include Employers’ Liability with a limit of \$500,000 each accident; \$500,000 each employee; and \$500,000 policy limit for disease or Workers Compensation Exemption (notarized affidavit).

COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY: Occurrence form required. Aggregate must apply separately to this Contract/job. Minimum \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed ops; and \$100,000 damage to rented premises. The City is to be name additionally insured.

BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY: To include all vehicles owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles with limits of not less than \$300,000 per each accident and for property damage and bodily injury, with Contractual liability coverage for all work performed under this agreement or Sub-Limits Personal Automobile Coverage with limits of \$100,000 per person, \$200,000 per accident, and \$100,000 property damage.

ENVIRONMENTAL / POLLUTION LIABILITY:

With City named as an “Additional Insured” Required when dealing with any substance as defined and regulated per Florida Statutes 487. (Pesticide Regulation and Safety) Pollution Liability is generally excluded from most General Liability policies. A separate Pollution Liability policy is required with minimum limits of \$100,000 each occurrence and \$300,000 general aggregate. Occurrence form required.

City of North Port is to be named additional insured on Comprehensive Commercial General Liability.

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.

A. Special Requirements:

1. **Occurrence Basis:** 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. Claims Made Policies will be accepted for professional and hazardous materials and such other risks only as authorized by the City’s Purchasing Office. All Claims Made Policies contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements herein shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, the Contractor agrees to purchase the extended reporting period on cancellation or termination unless a new policy is affected with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.

2. **Additional Insured:** 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, shall name the City of

North Port, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insureds as their interest may appear under this Contract. This MUST be written in the description of operations section of the insurance certificate, even if there is check-off-box on the insurance certificate. Any costs for adding the City as “additional insured” shall be at the Contractor’s expense.

Certificates of Insurance: All certificates of insurance must be on file with and approved by the City before commencement of any work activities under this Contract. All certificate(s) of insurance required herein must be accompanied by a copy of the additionally insured documents/endorsements (. 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

1. Minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the insurance contract when applicable. The Certificate of Insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier shall certify compliance with the insurance requirements provided herein.
2. Premiums and Deductibles: The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Contract and shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles and retention to which such policies are subject, whether or not the City is an insured under the policy. The Contractor’s insurance is considered primary for any loss regardless of any insurance maintained by the City. The Contractor is responsible for all insurance policy premiums, deductibles, SIR (self-insured retentions) or any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy.
3. Waiver of Subrogation: All required insurance policies are to be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or thru other means, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, agents, employees, affiliates and volunteers, and the City’s insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these polices that arises from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Contractor for the City. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify each insurance company of the Waiver of Subrogation and request written authorization or the proper endorsement. Additionally, the Contractor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, and any subcontractors, agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its officers, officials, agents, employees, affiliates and volunteers, and the City’s insurance carriers for any losses paid, sustained or incurred, but not covered by insurance, that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed. This waiver also applies to any deductibles or self-insured retentions for which the Contractor or its agents may be responsible for.

B. POLICY FORM

- i. All policies, required by this Agreement, with the exception of Professional Liability and 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 Agreement. 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 orvolunteers.
- ii. Insurance requirements itemized in this Agreement, and required of the Contractor, shall be provided by or in behalf of all Subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Agreement. The Contractor shall be held responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions

in these insurance requirements as they apply to Subcontractors.

- iii. Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall:
 - 1. Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - 2. 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.
- iv. The City shall retain the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
- v. 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 Agreement.
- vi. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance contributing to the satisfaction of this Agreement 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.
- vii. Claims Made Policies will be accepted for professional and hazardous materials and such other risks as are authorized by the City's Purchasing Office. All Claims Made Policies contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements herein shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, the Contractor agrees to purchase the extended reporting period on cancellation or termination unless a new policy is affected with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.

Certificates of Insurance evidencing Claims Made or Occurrences form coverage and conditions to this Agreement, as well as the agreement 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.

Applicants / 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

END OF SECTION III

**SECTION IV.
BIDDER CHECKLIST**

This checklist is provided to assist each Bidder in the preparation of their bid response. Included in this checklist are important requirements, which is the responsibility of each Bidder to submit with their response in order to make their response fully compliant. This checklist is only a guideline it is the responsibility of each Bidder to read and comply with the Invitation to Bid in its entirety.

- 1. Carefully read and become familiar with the Instructions to Bidders, General Provisions, Special Conditions and Technical Provisions, Permits, Inspections Reports, Surveys and Insurance Requirements.
- 2. Fill out, sign and/or **acknowledge addenda, bond information, subcontractors and suppliers**, if applicable.
- 3. Fill out **Bid Price Schedule (unit prices must be filled in every block)**.
- 4. Fill out and sign the **Statement of Organization** and have it properly notarized.
- 5. Provide **State of Florida Registration** (<http://www.sunbiz.org/search.html>)
- 6. Fill out and sign the **Non-Collusive Affidavit** and have it properly notarized.
- 7. Fill out and sign the **Conflict of Interest Form**
- 8. Fill out the **Reference Form**
- 9. Fill out and Sign the **Vendor Drug Free Workplace Form**.
- 10. Fill out and sign the **“Local Business Affidavit”** or **“North Port Local Business Affidavit”** (applicable for this project)
- 11. Fill out and sign **Public Entity Crime Information**
- 12. Fill out and sign **No Lobbying Certification**
- 13. Provide **USB drive** (pdf of submittal)
- 14. Fill out and sign the **SWORN STATEMENT: THE FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT**
- 15. Provide **any additional documentation requested** within the Bid Document. **PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES:** A written plan of Contractor’s procedural guidelines (not to exceed two (2) single-sided pages).
- 16. Fill out and sign the **SCRUTINIZED BUSINESS FORM**
- 17. **Submit ONE (1) Original AND ONE (1) Copy of submittal AND Provide USB drive** (pdf of submittal and excel version of the Bid Schedule, If applicable)
- 18. **CREDIT CARDS** Does your company accept Credit Card Payments? (Credit card payments will be processed upon the City’s inspection and acceptance of goods/services and receipt of invoice for payment. The City will not pay fees for credit card transactions). **YES** **NO**
- 19. Bid Bond – use City attached form.
- Clearly mark the sealed bid with the **BID NUMBER AND BID NAME** on the outside of the package.

City of North Port
Finance Department/Purchasing Division
Keith Raney, Contract Administrator II
4970 City Hall, Suite 337
North Port, Florida 34286

YOUR COMPANY NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NO.

TITLE ON ENVELOPE TO INCLUDE: RFB NO. 2022-02 ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING,
TRIMMING, AND LITTER REMOVAL

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

(THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED)

BID FORM

Name of Bidder: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax 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, Insurance Requirements, Bid Form, Permit Fees, Plan Revisions, Plans, Schematics and any other documentation for: **RFB NO. 2022-02 ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE 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 prices in the line items as indicated on the bid schedule form submitted. The above specified documents are herein incorporated into the BidForm.

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:

TOTAL BID PRICE:

_____ \$ _____
(TYPE/PRINT) (NUMERIC)

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

BID BOND

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.

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.

All contract documents 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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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION

Name of Business: _____

DBA (if any): _____

Type of Entity (Sole Proprietor, Corporation, LLC, LLP, Partnership, etc): _____

Business Address: _____

Mailing Address (If applicable): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name/Title of person authorized to bind: _____

Signature of Binding Authority: _____

Are you registered with the State of Florida Department of State? Yes or No

If yes, what is your State document number? _____

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

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 2021, 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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EQUIPMENT AND SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER LIST

Equipment is located at: _____

The following is a listing of your equipment, inclusive of manufacturer, year and condition. Condition to be listed in accordance with the following scale: **1-Excellent; 2-Good; 3-Fair; 4-Poor.**

(Attach additional sheets, if required.). **The equipment shall be inspected prior to award recommendation.**

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. 2022-02 ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING, AND LITTER REMOVAL.** 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)

1. _____

2. _____

SUPPLIER(S)

1. _____

2. _____

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

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BID SCHEDULE

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 bid schedule provided in **excel** document format provided by the City (**DO NOT RE-CREATE THIS FORM**). All blank spaces in the Bid Form must be filled in legibly.

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 PRICE line item and the extended price (unless the unit price is "x" out by the City).

If bidder is not providing a bid price for an item, zero (0) must be designated on that line item. Failure to identify a monetary amount in any of the UNIT PRICE line items may 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.

COMPANY NAME: _____

NAME/TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND: _____

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REFERENCES AND QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Bidder not demonstrating minimum similar and acceptable experience shall be deemed non-responsible. Documentation demonstrating that bidder meets this minimum requirement shall be stated in the below along with reference contact information and additional documentation may be submitted with your Submittal Package (**attach additional sheets if necessary**). **Please inform the parties the City will be performing reference checks.**

1. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Telephone# _____

E-mail: _____

Project Description/Location: _____

Contract Term: From _____ TO _____

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

2. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail: _____

Project Description/Location: _____

Contract Term: From _____ TO _____

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

3. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail: _____

Project Description/Location: _____

Contract Term: From _____ TO _____

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

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4. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail: _____

Project Description/Location: _____

Contract Term: From _____ TO _____

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

5. Business/Customer Name: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Telephone# _____

E-Mail: _____

Project Description/Location: _____

Contract Term: From _____ TO _____

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

COMPANY NAME: _____

NAME/TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO BIND: _____

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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 FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ___ day of _____ 2021, by _____.

Notary Public – State of Florida

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

This page to be returned ONLY if Contractor is claiming a Local Business Status (MAY NOT CLAIM BOTH).

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.

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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: _____

DATE: _____

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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 #: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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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 _____

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COMPANY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

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

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

This _____ day _____ of 20__

_____, 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 _____, 20__.

By: _____

(Printed Name)

(Title)

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

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DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

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

(Company Name)

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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SWORN STATEMENT: THE FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT

(Complete if applicable)

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC BY AN OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

1. This Sworn Statement is submitted with Bid No. _____ for the construction of _____.
2. This Sworn Statement is submitted by _____ whose business address is _____ and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____.
3. My name is _____ (PRINTED OR TYPED NAME OF INDIVIDUAL SIGNING) and hold the position of _____ with the above entity.
4. The Trench Safety Standards that will be in effect during the construction of this Project are Florida Statute Section 553.60-55.64, Trench Safety Act, and OSHA Standard.
5. The undersigned assures that the entity will comply with the applicable Trench Safety Standards and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and ENGINEER, and any of their agents or employees from any claims arising from the failure to comply with said standard.
6. The undersigned has appropriated \$_____ per linear foot of trench to be excavated over 5' deep for compliance with the applicable standards and intends to comply by instituting the following procedures: _____
7. The undersigned has appropriated \$_____ per square foot for compliance with shoring safety requirements and intends to comply by instituting the following procedures: _____
8. The undersigned, in submitting this Bid, represents that he or she has reviewed and considered all available geotechnical information and made such other investigations and tests as he or she may deem necessary to adequately design the trench safety system(s) he or she will utilize on this Project.

Authorized Signature/Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this _____
(date)

Notary Public Signature

(Notary Seal)

My Commission Expires: _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED (IF APPLICABLE)

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 _____, 2021, by _____, as _____.

Notary Public

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

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Scrutinized Company Certification Form

Company Name: _____			
Authorized Representative Name and Title: _____			
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	ZIP: _____
Phone Number: _____	E-mail 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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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 **(ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING, AND LITTER REMOVAL, RFB 2022-02)**.

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.

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED (UNLESS PROVIDING A CASHIER'S CHECK)



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FINANCE DEPARTMENT/PURCHASING DIVISION
4970 CITY HALL BLVD, STE 337
NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34287
Office: 941.429.7170
Fax: 941.429.7173
Email: purchasing@cityofnorthport.com



September 16, 2021
ADDENDUM 1

TO: PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

RE: RFP NO. 2022-02 RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING AND LITTER REMOVAL

DUE DATE OCTOBER 6, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.

Bidders are hereby notified that this addendum shall be made part of the above-named bid and contract documents. The following changes to the above bid are issued to modify, and/or clarify the bid and contract documents (the deletions are as ~~striketroughs~~ and additions as underlined). These items shall have the same force and effect as the original documents, and bids to be submitted on the specified date shall conform with the additions, deletions and revisions as listed herein.

1Q: The way the City is asking for pricing is per acre?

1A: Correct, Please review the bid schedule.

2Q: You will get paid whatever the per acre price is multiplied by the number of acres mowed?

2A: Correct, acreage is listed in the RFP.

3Q: Who is doing the work currently

3A: Walkers Service Inc.

4Q: Why is this out to bid now?

4A: An increase was asked for that the current contract did not cover. We could only advertise a new solicitation.

5Q: How satisfied is the City with the current vendor?

5A: The current vendor does an excellent job.

6Q: The current vendor can't bid on the solicitation?

6A: The current vendor can bid on this.

7Q: Will the number of cycles be enough for the year?

7A: The number of cycles referenced reflect the current level of service approved by the City of North Port Commission.

8Q: Is there a performance bond in the solicitation?

8A: Page 20 Performance and Payment Bond is not applicable and TS-09 on page 32.

9Q: What is the budget?

9A: \$314,660.00

10Q: Can you work during the weekend?

10A: Weekend work must have prior approval of the City appointed project manager.

11Q: The machines can be left over night?

11A: Equipment can be staged overnight during the mowing cycle in compliance with current MOT/TTC standards at the risk of the equipment owner.

12Q: The machines have to be GPS.

12A: GPS equipment is covered in TS-14 on page 36.

13Q: How do you pick up litter?

13A: Litter Removal is covered in TS-10 General Conditions, Page 32.

14Q: Does it matter what type of equipment we use?

14A: Equipment is in Mowing and Trimming is covered in TS-10 General Conditions, Page 32.

15Q: How long does the current vendor take to do a cycle?

15A: A cycle takes about a month. Cycles are listed in TS-11 from pages 34-36.

Firms are required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum on their proposal forms. All other terms and conditions of the original proposal and contract documents remain the same.

Keith Raney

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Receipt of Addendum No. 1 shall be noted within the Bid Form in the appropriate section.

End of Addendum No.1



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October 5, 2021
ADDENDUM 2

TO: PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

RE: RFB NO. 2022-02 RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING, TRIMMING AND LITTER

REMOVAL DUE DATE OCTOBER 6, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.

Bidders are hereby notified that this addendum shall be made part of the above-named bid and contract documents. The following changes to the above bid are issued to modify, and/or clarify the bid and contract documents (the deletions are as ~~strikethroughs~~ and additions as underlined). These items shall have the same force and effect as the original documents, and bids to be submitted on the specified date shall conform with the additions, deletions and revisions as listed herein.

1Q: I noticed that the solicitation (TS-08) and the Bid Form (page 43) differ slightly for the funds for the Bid Bond. As a "certified check" and "cashier's check" are slightly different, can you confirm if a cashier's check is acceptable?

1A: Page 43 Bid Form add underlined (insert: “cash”, “bidder’s bond”, “cashier’s check” or “certified check”, as the case may be)

Statement: If you have already mailed out your bid packet please email your acknowledgement to www.purchasing@cityofnorthport.com.

Firms are required to acknowledge receipt of this addendum on their proposal forms. All other terms and conditions of the original proposal and contract documents remain the same.

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Receipt of Addendum No. 2 shall be noted within the Bid Form in the appropriate section.
End of Addendum No.2