

CONTRACT NO. 2023-28 ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT

This Contract No. 2023-28 ("Contract") is entered into by and between the City of North Port, Florida, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida ("City") and Preferred Materials, Inc., a Georgia corporation, registered to conduct business in the State of Florida, 5701 E. Hillsborough Avenue, Suite 1122, Tampa, Florida 33610 ("Contractor").

WITNESSETH

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT TIMING.

- A. Effective Date. This Contract becomes effective on the date approved by City Commission ("Effective Date") and terminates upon the completion of the work or as otherwise provided in this Contract.
- B. Time Is of the Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Contract.
 - (1) Notice to Proceed. The Contractor agrees to commence operations within a mutually agreed upon time following written notification by the City to commence work ("Notice to Proceed").
 - (2) Contract Time. All work performed under the provisions of this Contract must be completed no later than four hundred twenty (420) calendar days from the notice to proceed, subject only to delays caused through force majeure. City holidays will be counted as calendar days. The work must be substantially completed no later than three hundred sixty (360) calendar days from the notice to proceed, with final completion within sixty (60) calendar days after attaining substantial completion or after delivery to the Contractor of the punch list of items for final completion, whichever is later ("Contract Time"). The Contract Time includes the preparation, submittal, review, and approval of submittals, delivery of materials, and construction, assembly, adjustment, and placement into service for beneficial use of all facilities covered under this Contract.
 - (3) Extensions. Contract Time may be extended due to unforeseen circumstances or unknown site conditions that alter the scope of work only as agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into the Contract as a change order or amendment.
- C. Process for Completion.
 - (1) Delivery of Documents Prior to Substantial Completion. Fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the expiration of the time for substantial completion, the Contractor must deliver to the City the record drawings and all other submittals required in the Contract. After delivery, the City will review the work identified in the Contract, the record drawings, and other submittals, excluding pay requests.

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- (2) Notice. The City must issue a written notice of substantial completion when the City has determined that the work identified in this Contract is substantially complete, and the record drawings are submitted and approved by the City.
- (3) Punch List.
 - (a) Process and Costs for Punch List; Contractor's Response. The City will deliver to the Contractor no later than twenty (20) calendar days after delivering the notice of substantial completion, a punch list with costs consistent with RFB ("Punch List"), and any related questions. If the costs for any work on the punch list is not included in the RFB then the costs will be negotiated and determined by mutual agreement of the parties. The Punch List must include each remaining item required and the costs to render the construction services complete, satisfactory, and acceptable to the City and for the Contractor to meet its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor must deliver a response to all questions no later than five (5) calendar days after receipt. The City will deliver the completed Punch List no later than five (5) calendar days after receiving the Contractor's response.
 - (b) Timing. The City will develop the punch list within thirty (30) calendar days for construction projects having an estimated cost of less than \$10,000,000 after delivering the notice of substantial completion.
 - (c) Notice of Noncompliance. The City must give the Contractor written notice of its failure to comply with the requirements for development of the Punch List as provided in this Contract.
- (4) Final Completion. The Contractor must complete the items on the Punch List to the satisfaction of the City within the Contract Time and prior to submittal of the application for reduction of retainage or final payment.

2. CONTRACT PRICE.

The Contract Price is FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (**\$4,397,544.80**) ("Contract Price").

3. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

A. Scope and Incorporation of Bid Documents. The Work includes road rehabilitation as described in the Request for Bid No. 2023-28 ("RFB"), including plans, drawings, specifications, addenda, permits, diagrams, and other related documents, as well as the Contractor's response to the RFB (collectively, "Contract Documents"). The Contract Documents are specifically made a part of this Contract and are incorporated by reference. In the event of a conflict between or among the documents or any ambiguity or missing specifications or instruction, the following priority is established:

- (1) This Contract and all attachments and exhibits.
- (2) The RFB, including all attachments and addenda.

- (3) The Contractor's response to the solicitation.
- (4) Specific direction from the City Manager or designee.

4. THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

A. Supervision.

- (1) The Contractor must supervise and direct all work performed to the best of its ability, give the work all the attention necessary for proper supervision and direction, and only employ workers with sufficient skill to perform the job assigned.
- (2) The Contractor assumes full responsibility for all acts, negligence, or omissions of its employees, for those subcontractors and their employees, and for those of all other persons doing work under a contract with the Contractor in furtherance of this Contract.

B. Labor and Materials.

- (1) The Contractor must provide and pay for all labor, materials, and equipment, including tools, construction equipment, and machinery, as well as all transportation and all other facilities and services necessary for the proper completion of the work in strict conformity with the provisions of this Contract and the Contract Documents.
- (2) The Contractor represents and warrants that all equipment and materials used in the work and made a part of the structures or permanently placed in connection with the work, must be new unless otherwise specified in this Contract or Contract Documents, must be of good quality, free of defects, and in conformity with this Contract and related Contract Documents. The Contractor and the City agree that all equipment and materials not in conformity with this Contract are defective.

C. Public Records Law. In accordance with Florida Statutes Section 119.0701, the Contractor must comply with all public records laws, and must 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 Section 119.011(12), as amended from time to time, and currently defined as: All documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made, or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the City. The Contractor's records under this

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Contract include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, e-mails and all other documentation generated during the term and in furtherance of this Contract.

- (2) Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City, at no cost, with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided for by law. All records kept electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format 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 the City following completion of the Contract, the Contractor must maintain the project records for the time specified in General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies.
 - (4) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost to the City, all public records in the Contractor's possession or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor must 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 must comply with all applicable requirements for retaining public records.
 - (5) **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 119 TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: CITY CLERK, 4970 CITY HALL BOULEVARD, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 34286, 941.429.7063 OR HOTLINE 941.429.7270, publicrecordsrequest@northportfl.gov.**
 - (6) Failure of the Contractor to comply with these requirements constitutes a breach of this Contract. Further, the Contractor may be subject to penalties under Florida Statutes Section 119.10.
- D. Contractor's Affidavit. When all work contemplated by this Contract has been completed and has been inspected and approved by the City or its authorized agent, the Contractor must furnish the City with a Contractor's Affidavit in a form acceptable to the City. Signed affidavits of payment are required from all subcontractors hired by the Contractor, unless payment is approved by the surety in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 255.05(11). The affidavits must state whether the subcontractor(s) have been paid in full or whether there are payments remaining. A list of all subcontractors must be furnished to the City prior to any payments against the Contract.
- E. Subcontractors and Suppliers. All contracts between the Contractor and any subcontractor that the Contractor hires must conform to the provisions of this Contract and the Contract Documents. The Contractor must incorporate the requirements of this Contract in the subcontracts. The

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Contractor must furnish the City with a list of all subcontractors and suppliers prior to any payments against the Contract. All subcontractors are subject to the City's approval. No change in subcontractors or suppliers will be made without written consent and approval from the City. All subcontractors must comply with Florida Statutes Section 448.095 for registration and use of the E-Verify system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

- F. Licenses and Permits. The Contractor must pay all taxes required by law in connection with the activities done in furtherance of this Contract including sales, use, and similar taxes, and unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing, must secure all licenses and permits necessary for proper completion of the work, and pay any related fees.
- G. Laws and Regulations. Violation of any local, state, or federal law in the performance of this Contract constitutes a breach of this Contract. The Contractor must comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of all public authorities relating to the performance of the work required. If any of the Contract documents are at variance with any law or regulation, the Contractor must notify the City promptly upon discovery.
- H. E-Verify System. During the term of this Contract, the Contractor must be registered with and use the Department of Homeland Security E-Verify System as required by Florida Statutes Section 448.095, Employment Eligibility, including but not limited to verifying the work authorization status of all newly hired employees, and requiring all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor must maintain a copy of the affidavit for the duration of the Contract.

5. PAYMENT.

- A. Payment Requests. The Contractor must use a City approved form for all payment requests, along with an updated work schedule reflecting the progress of all work. Payment requests must be accompanied by either written approval and direction of the surety, or receipt of updated affidavits of payment by subcontractors and/or suppliers, in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 255.05(11). The Contractor's payment request must include any changes approved in previous payment requests.
- B. Payment. The Contract Price is net, and all payment requests are payable according to the Florida Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Florida Statutes Section 218.70, *et seq.*). The City or its authorized agent will make payment to the Contractor for all services or work completed or materials furnished in accordance with this Contract only upon certification and approval of the payment request.
- C. Timing of Payments; Retainage. The City will not make payments to the Contractor more frequently than monthly. Payment must be based on the total value of the work completed and accepted during the preceding month, less five percent (5%) retainage. Notwithstanding any other section of this Contract, within 20 business days after delivery of the completed Punch List, the City must pay to the Contractor the remaining Contract Price less 150 percent of the estimated cost to complete the items on the Punch List. The City must inform the Contractor's surety of any reduction in retainage. Retainage may be reduced upon issuance of the Certificate of substantial completion by the City if, in the sole opinion of the City, sufficient progress on the schedule has

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been accomplished, all required affidavits have been provided, and the City has retained adequate coverage for the project through the achievement of Final Completion.

- D. Improper Payment Request. The City will determine any dispute between the Contractor and the City concerning a payment request pursuant to the City's dispute resolution procedure. The City will pay the undisputed remaining balance of the payment request within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the payment request.
- E. Payment Not Required. The City is not obligated:
 - (1) For the payment or release of any amounts that are the subject of a good faith dispute made in writing and delivered to the Contractor.
 - (2) For processing or paying retainage, if the City has notified the Contractor in writing of its failure regarding the development of the Punch List or any contractual responsibilities regarding the Punch List or a claim relating to the bond.
- F. Final Payment. The Contractor's submittal for final payment must include the Contractor affidavit, final waiver and release of lien for all subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers, warranty of work, and consent of surety in the forms acceptable to the City. The City's or its authorized agent's approval is required before making final payment for all work, materials, or services furnished under this Contract.

6. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

- A. Generally. The work performed must be completed within the Contract Time.
- B. Amount. The City and the Contractor agree that the City will suffer damages if the work is not substantially completed within the Contract Time, plus any extensions allowed by Change Order(s). The parties further agree determining the exact value of the City's damages due to a delay in the substantial completion of the work would be a difficult, time consuming, and costly process. The parties agree that it is in their mutual interest to establish a figure of FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$4,687.00) as liquidated damages (but not as a penalty) to be paid by the Contractor to the City for each calendar day that substantial completion is delayed beyond the Contract Time.
- C. Adjustments prohibited. The parties agree that neither will make any claim to increase or reduce the amount to be paid under liquidated damages as the result of any calculation of actual damages the City suffered as the result of delay in the substantial completion of the work.

7. BOND REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Performance and Payment Bond. The Contractor must provide a performance and payment bond in the form prescribed in Florida Statutes Section 255.05, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, the costs of which are to be paid by the Contractor. The bond will be acceptable to the City only if the surety company:
 - (1) Is licensed to do business in the State of Florida;

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- (2) Holds a certificate of authority authorizing it to write surety bonds in the State of Florida;
- (3) Has twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the invitation to bid is issued;
- (4) Is otherwise in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code;
- (5) Holds a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under 31 U.S.C. §§ 9304-9308;
- (6) Has a current rating of at least Excellent (A or A-) as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc., of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038; and
- (7) Has an underwriting limitation of at least two times the dollar amount of the Contract Price.

B. Substitute Bond Required. If the surety company for any bond furnished by the Contractor files for bankruptcy, has a receiver appointed, is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, has an assignment made for the benefit of creditors, has its right to do business terminated in the State of Florida, or ceases to meet the requirements imposed by this Contract, the Contractor must, within five (5) calendar days thereafter, substitute another bond and surety company, both of which are subject to the City's approval.

C. Surety Acceptance of Terms. The Contractor warrants that the Contractor delivered this Contract to the surety prior to execution of the bond, and that the surety company acknowledged that it has read the surety qualifications and surety obligations imposed by this Contract and satisfies all conditions.

D. Delivery of the Bond. The Contractor must provide the required performance and payment bond to the City within ten (10) calendar days of the Effective Date. The Contractor's failure to provide the bond timely constitutes a default. Pursuant to Section 2-404 of the Code of City of North Port, Florida, upon default, the City may immediately award the bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder and recover from the Contractor the difference in cost between the original winning bid and the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The default is only curable at the option of the City.

E. Recording the Bond. The Contractor is responsible and bears all costs associated with recording the required bond or security with the Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court. The Contractor must furnish the receipt for and certified copy of the recorded bond to the Purchasing Division at the time of the pre-construction meeting. The default is only curable at the option of the City.

8. CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE.

A. Insurance.

- (1) Before performing any work, the Contractor and subcontractors must procure and maintain during the Contract Time the insurance identified in this Section 8 against all claims of injury

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to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with its performance of the Contract work, unless otherwise specified. The insurance policies must remain in full force and effect until their obligations and warranty periods have been discharged or satisfied.

- (2) The policies of insurance must be primary and written on forms acceptable to the City, placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the State of Florida Department of Financial Services, and meet a minimum financial A.M. Best and Company, Inc. rating of no less than "A – Excellent: FSC VII."
 - (3) The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon written agreement with the Contractor.
 - (4) Proof of insurance must be filed by the Contractor with the City within ten (10) calendar days after the Effective Date of this Contract.
 - (5) These insurance requirements are minimum requirements and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The City in no way warrants that the minimum limits are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work done by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. The Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance as it may determine necessary. The extent of the Contractor's liability for indemnity of the City must not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between the Contractor and its carrier.
- B. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance. Coverage pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 440 must apply to all employees at the statutory limits provided by state and federal laws. The policy must include Employers' Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident; \$1,000,000 for each employee; and \$1,000,000 policy limit for bodily injury or disease.
- C. Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance. A comprehensive commercial general liability policy, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, broad form contractual liability and Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage.
- (1) The general aggregate limit must apply separately to this Contract, or the general aggregate limit must be twice the required occurrence limit.
 - (2) The policy must include General Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for general aggregate; \$1,000,000 for each occurrence; \$1,000,000 for products and completed operations; \$100,000 for damage to rented premises; and \$100,000 for fire damage.
- D. Automobile Liability Insurance. Automobile liability insurance to include all owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles.
- (1) Automobile liability insurance must be written on a standard ISO form (CA 00 01) covering any auto (Code 1), or if the Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned (Code 9) autos.

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- (2) The policy must include liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 for Combined Single Limit (CSL) for each accident; \$1,000,000 per person for bodily injury; \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury; and \$1,000,000 per accident for property damage.
- E. Other Insurance. Other insurance is only required if checked below. If not checked, the referenced insurance is not required.
- [n/a] Builder's Risk Insurance for the Course of Construction or Installation Floater Insurance. The policy must include the "All Risk" (Special Perils) coverage with limits equal to the completed value of the project; and must not include coinsurance penalty provisions.
- [n/a] Contractor's Pollution Legal Liability for Projects Involving Environmental Hazards. The policy must include liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence or claim and \$1,000,000 for policy aggregate.
- [n/a] Environmental/Pollution Liability. Required when chemicals being used are listed as "hazardous" on www.epa.gov website. The Environmental/Pollution Liability policy must include a limit of \$500,000 general aggregate, and \$500,000 each occurrence. The Contractor must notify the City prior to usage of hazardous chemicals so that adequate insurance coverage is provided prior to use. Failure to notify the City shall be deemed a material breach of this Contract.
- F. Waiver of Subrogation. All required insurance policies, except for Workers' Compensation, are to be endorsed with a Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or through other means, must agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its Commissioners, officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and the City's insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these policies that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Contractor for the City. It is the Contractor's responsibility to notify its 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 AND ITS INSURANCE CARRIERS FOR ANY LOSSES PAID, SUSTAINED, OR INCURRED, BUT NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE, THAT ARISE FROM THE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP OR WORK PERFORMED. THIS WAIVER APPLIES TO ANY DEDUCTIBLES OR SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS FOR WHICH THE CONTRACTOR OR ITS AGENTS MAY BE RESPONSIBLE.
- G. Policy Form.
- (1) All policies required by this Contract, except for Workers' Compensation, or unless specific approval is given by Risk Management through the City's Purchasing Division, are to be written on an occurrence basis, and must name the City of North Port, Florida, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Contract. Claims made policies may be accepted for professional liability, hazardous materials and other risks as are authorized by the City's Purchasing Division. All claims made policies contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements must have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, the Contractor must purchase the extended

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reporting period on cancellation or termination unless a new policy is affected with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.

- (2) Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of the Contractor, must be provided by or on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to its subcontractors.
 - (3) Each insurance policy required by this Contract must:
 - (a) Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - (b) Be endorsed to state that coverage must 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's Purchasing Division of any occurrence by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
 - (4) The City retains the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
 - (5) The Contractor is solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance required in this Contract and is solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles, SIR (self-insured retentions), any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy, and retention as set forth in the policies, whether 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.
 - (6) All certificates of insurance must be approved by the City before commencement of any work. All required certificates of insurance must be accompanied by a copy of the additionally insured documents/endorsements (CG 20101185 or combination of CG 2010370704 and CG 20370704). Certificates of insurance evidencing claims made or occurrences form coverage and conditions to this Contract, as well as the contract number and description of work, are to be furnished to the City's Purchasing Division at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286 prior to commencement of the work and a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the insurance contract when applicable. The certificate of insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier must certify compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract. No changes may be made to these specifications without prior written approval by the City Manager or designee.
- H. Notices. Notices of Accidents (Occurrences) and Notices of Claims associated with work being performed must be provided to the Contractor's insurer(s) and the City's Purchasing Division as soon as practicable after notice to the insured Contractor.

9. INDEMNITY, DEFENSE, AND RELEASE.

- A. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY FLORIDA LAW, THE CONTRACTOR ASSUMES ALL LIABILITY FOR, AND RELEASES AND AGREES TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS COMMISSIONERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM ALL LIABILITIES, FINES,**

CLAIMS, ASSESSMENTS, SUITS, JUDGMENTS, DAMAGES, LOSSES AND COSTS, INCLUDING CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES, (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS, WHETHER THE FEES AND COSTS ARE INCURRED IN NEGOTIATIONS, AT THE TRIAL LEVEL OR ON APPEAL, OR IN THE COLLECTION OF ATTORNEYS' FEES), ARISING OUT OF ANY ACTS, ACTIONS, BREACHES, NEGLIGENCE OR OMISSIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR, OR THE CONTRACTOR'S OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUB-CONTRACTORS, SUB-CONSULTANTS, AND OTHER PERSONS EMPLOYED OR UTILIZED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF, OR THE FAILURE TO PERFORM, THIS CONTRACT. THIS CONTRACT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OR CONSENT BY THE CITY OR ITS SUBDIVISIONS TO SUIT BY THIRD PARTIES.

- B. FURTHER, THE CONTRACTOR MUST FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, FROM ANY SUITS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, AND COSTS OF EVERY NAME AND DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING FROM, OR RELATING TO VIOLATION OR INFRINGEMENT OF A TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, PATENT, TRADE SECRET, OR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT.
- C. THE CITY MUST PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE THAT THE CONSULTANT MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE REGARDING ANY CLAIM. IN THE EVENT OF A CLAIM, THE CITY MUST PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE CONSULTANT IN WRITING BY PREPAID CERTIFIED MAIL (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) OR BY DELIVERY THROUGH ANY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COURIER SERVICE (SUCH AS FEDERAL EXPRESS OR UPS) WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF DELIVERY, AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED FOR RECEIPT OF NOTICES IN THIS AGREEMENT.
- D. THIS AGREEMENT FOR INDEMNIFICATION SURVIVES TERMINATION OR COMPLETION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND LIMITS REQUIRE IN THIS CONTRACT MAY OR MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE TO PROTECT THE CITY AND THE INSURANCE COVERAGE WILL NOT BE DEEMED A LIMITATION ON THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY UNDER THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. IN ANY PROCEEDINGS BETWEEN THE PARTIES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS INDEMNITY PROVISION, THE PREVAILING PARTY MUST BE REIMBURSED ALL COSTS, EXPENSES, AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES THROUGH ALL PROCEEDINGS (AT BOTH TRIAL AND APPELLATE LEVELS).
- E. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO AFFECT THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNITIES OF THE CITY AS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 768.28.
- F. THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Further, the Contractor shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City of North Port, Florida from any suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from, or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right.

10. TERMINATION.

- A. Termination With or Without Cause. The City Manager or designee may terminate the work under this Contract with or without cause, in whole or in part, whenever the City Manager or designee determines that termination is in the City's best interest.
- (1) Any termination must be effective by delivery to the Contractor of a written notice of termination at least thirty (30) calendar days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work is terminated and the date upon which the termination becomes effective.
 - (2) Except as otherwise directed, the Contractor must cease all work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of the portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims.
 - (3) The Contractor must deliver to the City all documents (including but not limited to reports, designs, specifications, and all other data) prepared or obtained by the Contractor in connection with its services.
 - (4) The City must pay the Contractor in full settlement of all claims by it hereunder as the work actually completed bears to the entire work under this Contract, as determined by the City, less payments already made to the Contractor, and any amounts withheld by the City to settle claims or to pay indebtedness of the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of this Contract. The City has no obligation under any circumstance to make any payment to the Contractor for services that have not been performed or that are performed after the termination date.
- B. Termination for Non-Appropriation. The parties acknowledge and agree that the financial obligations of the City in this Contract, or any subsequent contract entered into or referenced when the City is a party, are subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 166.241, as amended, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. Since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, the City's legal liability for the payment of any costs must not arise unless and until appropriations for the costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission; nor will liability arise if a request for the appropriations is excluded from the budget approved by the City Commission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Commissioner, officer, employee, director, member or other natural person or agent of the City will have any personal liability in connection with a breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by the City under this Section. This Contract does not constitute an indebtedness of the City nor an obligation of the City to levy or pledge any form of taxation nor an obligation for which the City has levied or pledged any form of taxation.
- C. Termination for Abandonment. If the Contractor abandons performance under this Contract, the City Manager or designee may terminate this Contract upon three (3) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor indicating the intention to do so. The written notice must state the evidence indicating the Contractor's abandonment.

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- D. Contractor's Termination. The Contractor may terminate this Contract only in the event of the City failing to pay the Contractor's properly documented and submitted payment request within ninety (90) calendar days of the approval by the City's Administrative Agent, or if the project is suspended by the City for a period greater than ninety (90) calendar days.
- E. Court Proceedings. The City Manager or designee reserves the right to terminate this Contract in the event the Contractor is placed in either voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed for the Contractor, or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors.
- F. Breach. In the event the Contractor is in breach of this Contract, the City must provide written notice of the breach and the Contractor will have ten (10) calendar days to cure, calculated from the date the Contractor receives the notice. If the Contractor fails to cure within the ten (10) calendar days, the City Manager or designee may immediately terminate the Contract and/or refuse to make any additional payment, in whole or in part, and may demand the return of a portion or the entire amount previously paid to the Contractor due to:
- (1) The quality of a portion or all the Contractor's work not being in accordance with the requirements of this Contract;
 - (2) The quantity of the Contractor's work not being as represented in the Contractor's payment request, or otherwise;
 - (3) The Contractor's rate of progress is, in the City's opinion, whether substantial or final completion, or both, inexcusably delayed;
 - (4) The Contractor's failure to pay the Contractor's project related obligations including, but not limited to, subcontractors, laborers, materialmen, equipment, and other suppliers;
 - (5) Claims made, or likely to be made, against the City or its property;
 - (6) Loss caused by the Contractor;
 - (7) The Contractor's failure or refusal to perform any of the obligations to the City, after written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure, as set forth above; or
 - (8) Violation of any local, state, or federal law in the performance of this Contract constitutes a breach of this Contract.
- G. Waiver. Any delay or failure to enforce any breach of this Contract by either the City or the Contractor will not be binding upon the waiving party unless the waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, the waiver will not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach must not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.
- H. Payment Adjustments. If the City makes written demand upon the Contractor for amounts previously paid by the City, the Contractor must promptly comply with the demand. The City's

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rights hereunder survive the term of this Contract and are not waived by final payment and/or acceptance.

I. E-Verify Violation.

- (1) If the City has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Florida Statutes Section 448.095(2), then this Contract may be terminated by the City.
- (2) If the City has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Florida Statutes Section 448.095(2), but the Contractor has otherwise complied, then the City will promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate this Contract with the subcontractor.
- (3) Any challenge to termination of this Contract under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If this Contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one year after the date of termination and will be liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of this Contract.

J. Remedies. In the event of a default or breach of the Contract terms, the City may avail itself of every remedy specifically given to it now existing at law or in equity, and every remedy must be in addition to every other remedy so specifically given or otherwise so existing and may be exercised from time to time and as often and in the order as may be deemed expedient by the City. The exercise, or the beginning of the exercise, of one remedy must not be deemed to be a waiver of the right to exercise, at the same time or thereafter, any other remedy. The City's rights and remedies as set forth in this Contract are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies available to it in law or in equity.

K. Dispute Resolution Procedure. Any dispute must be finally determined by the City pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure as established by the City which will commence within 30 days after the receipt date of the payment request. The City must notify the Contractor of its intent to invoke the dispute resolution process. The City will issue its final decision in writing and conclude the proceeding within 45 days after the payment request.

11. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

The City of North Port, Florida, consistent with the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII") and the regulations issued pursuant to Title VII and Florida Statutes Section 287.09451, states that in any contract entered into pursuant to the advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit replies in response to the advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

12. NOTICES.

Any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted by this Contract must be in writing and transmitted by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by delivery through any

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nationally recognized courier service (Federal Express, UPS, USPS, and others) that provides evidence of delivery, at the address provided for receipt of notices in this Contract and e-mailed to:

As to the City: John Mills, Project Manager
City of North Port, Florida
Public Works Department
1100 N. Chamberlain Blvd.
North Port, Florida 34286
Tel: 941.240.9321
Fax: 941.240.8073
jmills@northportfl.gov

With copies of claims
and demands sent to: City of North Port, Florida
City Attorney's Office
4970 City Hall Boulevard
North Port, Florida 34286
northportcityattorney@northportfl.gov

As to Contractor: Craig Ketron
Preferred Materials, Inc.
5701 Hillsborough Avenue, Suite 1122
Tampa, Florida 33610
Tel: 813.612.5740
Fax: 813.664.8523
craig.ketron@preferredmaterials.com

Notices are effective when received at the addresses specified above. Changes to the respective addresses may be made from time to time by either party by written notice. This Section must not be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of the Contractor and the City.

13. ATTORNEYS' FEES.

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

14. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES.

- A. Certification. As required by Florida Statutes Section 287.135(2), for contracts of any amount, the Contractor must certify on a form provided by the City, that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 215.4725, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- B. Requirements. As required by Florida Statutes Section 287.135(5), for contracts of \$1,000,000 or more, the Contractor must certify on a form provided by the City, that all of the following are true:

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- (1) The Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 215.4725, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel; and
 - (2) The Contractor 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 Florida Statutes Section 215.473; and
 - (3) The Contractor is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.
- C. Termination. If the Contractor provides a false certification or has been placed on one of the above-noted Lists of Scrutinized Companies or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, the Contractor will be in breach of this Contract and the City may terminate this Contract.
- D. Penalty.
- (1) A Contractor 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 this Contract, plus all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including any costs for investigations that led to the finding of the false certification; and
 - (2) Will be ineligible to bid on any contract with the City for three (3) years after the date the City determined that the Contractor submitted a false certification.

15. FORCE MAJEURE.

- A. Should performance of any obligation created under this Contract become illegal or impossible by reason of:
- (1) A strike or work stoppage, unless caused by a negligent act or omission of either party;
 - (2) An act of God, tornado, hurricane, flood, sinkhole, fire, explosion, landslide, earthquake, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, pestilence, or extremely abnormal and excessively inclement weather;
 - (3) An act of a public enemy, act of war, terrorism, effect of nuclear radiation, blockage, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, state of martial law, or national or international calamity;
 - (4) A declared emergency of the federal, state, or local government; or
 - (5) Any other like event that is beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing party;
- then the performance of the obligation is suspended during the period of, and only to the extent of, the prevention or hindrance, provided that:
- (6) The non-performing party provides written notice within five (5) calendar days of the event of *force majeure*, describing the event in sufficient detail, including but not limited to: the nature of the occurrence, a good faith estimate of the duration of the delay, proof of how the

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

- (7) The excuse of performance is no greater in scope or duration than required by the event of *force majeure*;
 - (8) No obligations of either party that arose before the *force majeure* are excused as a result of the event of *force majeure*; and
 - (9) The non-performing party uses all reasonable diligence to remedy its inability to perform.
- B. Economic hardship of a party does not constitute an event of *force majeure*. A party must not be excused from performance due to forces that it could have reasonably prevented, removed, or remediated prior to, during, or immediately after their occurrence.
- C. The non-performing party's affected obligations under this Contract will be temporarily suspended during, but not longer than, the continuance of the event of *force majeure* and a reasonable time thereafter as may be required to commence or resume performance of its obligations. Notwithstanding the above, performance will not be excused under this Section for a period exceeding two (2) consecutive months, provided that in extenuating circumstances, the City may excuse performance for a longer term.
- D. The term of this Contract will be extended by a period equal to that during which the non-performing party's performance is suspended under this Section.

16. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. Authority to Execute. The signature by any person to this Contract will be deemed a personal warranty that the person has the full power and authority to bind any corporation, partnership, or any other business or governmental entity for which the person purports to act hereunder.
- B. Binding Effect/Counterparts. By the signatures affixed hereto, the parties intend to be bound by the terms and conditions hereof. This Contract is binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns. It may be signed in counterparts.
- C. Governing Law and Venue. The laws of the State of Florida govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the parties under this Contract. The exclusive venues for any legal or judicial proceedings in connection with the enforcement or interpretation of this Contract are the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida, and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.
- D. No Agency. Nothing contained herein must be deemed or construed as creating the relationship of principal and agent, or of partnership or joint venture, between the parties, it being understood and agreed that no provision, or any acts of the parties will be deemed to create any relationship between them other than that as detailed.

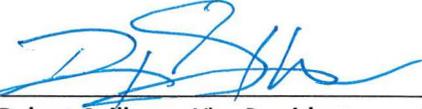
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- E. Severability. In the event any court holds any provision of this Contract to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions must be valid and binding upon the parties. One or more waivers by either party of any breach of any provision, term, condition, or covenant must not be construed as a waiver of a subsequent breach by the other party.
- F. Headings. The descriptive titles appearing in each respective paragraph are for convenience only and are not a part of this Contract and do not affect its construction.
- G. Complete Contract. This Contract incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, agreements, or understandings between the parties, and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Contract that are not contained in this document. This Contract supersedes all other agreements between the parties, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter.
- H. Amendment. No amendment, change, or addendum to this Contract is enforceable unless agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into this Contract. Any amendments changing the City's financial obligations under this Contract will require approval by the City Commission. The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager or designee to approve and execute all Contract amendments on behalf of the City that do not change the City's financial obligations under this Contract.
- I. Assignment. The Contractor must not assign this Contract or any right or responsibility without the written consent of the City.
- J. Non-Discrimination. The City of North Port, Florida 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. The Contractor must not administer this Contract in an unlawfully discriminatory manner, nor deny participation in or the benefits of same to any individual based on that individual's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical characteristic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the dates as indicated below.

CONTRACTOR

Preferred Materials, Inc.

By: 
Robert Spillman, Vice President



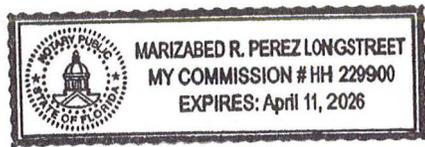
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, on this 28th day of August 2023, by Robert Spillman **[insert person's name]** as Vice President **[insert title]** for Preferred Materials, Inc. **[insert Contractor's name]**.


Notary Public Marizabed R. Perez de Longstreet

X Personally Known OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced N/A



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Approved by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida on _____, 2023.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

A. JEROME FLETCHER II, ICMA-CM, MPA
CITY MANAGER

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

AMBER L. SLAYTON, B.C.S.
CITY ATTORNEY

ATTACHMENT I:
QUALIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES

The Bidder (Company) must be fully licensed to do business in the State of Florida and be currently licensed as a Certified General Contractor in the State of Florida and provide proof of licensure with the submitted Bid Proposal. **Bidder shall demonstrate successful completion of a minimum of Three (3) projects completed within the past five (5) years of similar size and scope of the project described herein. ATTACH LICENSE AND FDOT CERT PER SP-56 WITH SUBMITTAL.**

1. Business/Customer Name: Charlotte County

Name of Contact Person/Title: James E. Layport Jr. Paving Program Project Manager

Telephone# 941-575-3672 Fax 941-743-1598 E-mail james.layport@charlottecountyfl.gov

Address 18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Phone Number 941-575-3672

Duration of Contract or business relationship 2 Years

Type of Services Provided 120,000 tons of asphalt paved over 81.6 miles of County Roadways

Contract Period: FROM May 2021 TO March 2023

Contract Price \$ 12,410,178.02 Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ 12,410,178.02

2. Business/Customer Name: Florida Department of Transportation

Name of Contact Person/Title: Kouser Manzer Project Administrator

Telephone# 813-440-8045 Fax 813-975-6278 E-mail kouser.manzer@dot.state.fl.us

Address 2822 Leslie Rd, Tampa, FL 33619

Phone Number 813-440-8045

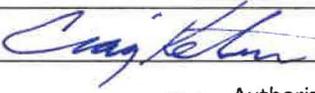
Duration of Contract or business relationship 10 months

Type of Services Provided milling and resurfacing approximately 5 miles of SR 60. Brandon Blvd for E7M95

Contract Period: FROM April 2022 TO February 2023

Contract Price \$ 6,430,299.00 Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ 7,311,657.00

Date: 7/14/2023

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): 

Name (printed): Craig Ketron Title: Authorized Employee

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3. Business/Customer Name: Sarasota County Government

Name of Contact Person/Title: Robbin L. Levar

Telephone# 941-650-9815 Fax _____ E-mail rlevar@scgov.net

Address 1660 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34236

Contract Period: FROM March 2022 TO March 2023

Contract Price \$ 6,868,600.00 Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ 6,868,600.00

Phone Number 941-650-9815

Duration of Contract or business relationship 12 months

Type of Services Provided Resurfacing FY 21-3 Turtle Ave.

Contract Period: FROM 3-8-2022 TO 3-16-2023

Contract Price \$ 6,868,600.00 Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ 6,868,600.00

4. Business/Customer Name: City of Marco Island - Public Works Department

Name of Contact Person/Title: Michael Daniel - Manager of Construction & Operations

Telephone# 239-825-9554 Fax _____ E-mail mdaniel@cityofmarcoisland.com

Address 50 Bald Eagle Dr. Marco Island, Florida 34145

Phone Number 239-825-9554

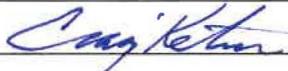
Duration of Contract or business relationship 5 months

Type of Services Provided Milling & Resurfacing Local Roads

Contract Period: FROM September 2022 TO February 2023

Contract Price \$ 1,589,176.00 Contract Price at Completion of the Project \$ 1,574,903.00

Date: 7/14/2023

Signed (Person authorized to bind the company): 

Name (printed): Craig Ketron Title: Authorized Employee

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Attachment J

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

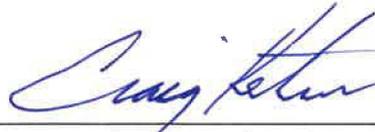
1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The Contractor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.



Signature of Contractor's Authorized Representative

Craig Ketron

Name

Authorized Employee

Title

7/14/2023

Date

Attachment K

NON-COLLUSIVE AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority ("Affiant"), personally appeared:

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

- 1. Affiant is the Authorized Employee [insert Owner, Partner, Officer Representative or Agent] of Preferred Materials, Inc., [insert name of Contractor] the Respondent that has submitted the attached reply;
2. Affiant 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 on 14th, 20 23.

Signature Craig Ketron
Printed Name Craig Ketron
Authorized Employee
Title

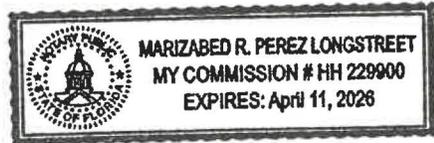
SWORN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of X physical presence or online notarization, this 14th day of July 2022 by Craig Ketron

Notary Public Marizabed R. Perez de Longstreet

Personally Known X OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced N/A



Attachment L

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

Florida Statutes Section 112.313 places limitations on public officers (including advisory board members) and employees' ability to contract with the City of North Port, Florida ("City") either directly or indirectly.

PART I. [Select and complete all that apply]:

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

Identify the position and/or board: _____

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

Identify the name of the spouse or child: _____

I am an employee, public officer or advisory board member of the City, or my spouse or child, is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor of Respondent/Contractor or has a material interest in Contractor. "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 Florida Statutes Section 112.313, indirect ownership does not include ownership by a spouse or minor child.

Identify the name of the person and the entity _____

Bidder/Contractor employs or contracts with an employee, public officer, or advisory board member of the City.

Identify the name of the employee, public officer, or advisory board member

None of the Above

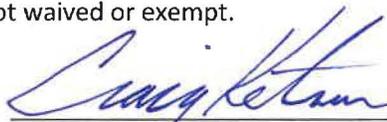
PART II: Will you request an advisory board member waiver?

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



Signature of Person Authorized to Bind the Contractor

Craig Ketron

Printed Name

Authorized Employee

Title

7/14/2023

Date

Date

Attachment M

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME INFORMATION

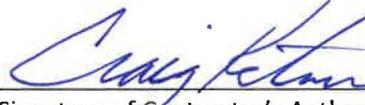
As provided by F.S. §287.133, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a Contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a Contract with a public entity for the 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, Craig Ketron, being an authorized representative of the Contractor, have read and understand the contents above.

I certify that the Contractor is not disqualified from replying to this solicitation/contracting because of Florida Statutes Section 287.133.

Telephone #: 813-612-5740 Fax #: 813-664-8526

Federal ID #: 58-1401468 Email: craig.ketron@preferredmaterials.com



Signature of Contractor's Authorized Representative

Craig Ketron, Authorized Employee

Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Representative

7/14/2023

Date

SWORN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 14th day of July 2023, by Craig Ketron.

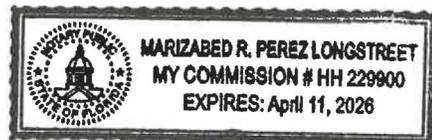
Notary Public – State of Florida

Manzabed R. Perez de Longstreet

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced N/A

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Attachment N

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned, in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 287.087, hereby certifies that the Contractor, Preferred Materials, Inc. (Company Name):

1. Publishes 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. Informs 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. Gives 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), notifies 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. Imposes 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. Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this section.

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
Craig Ketron

Printed Name
Authorized Employee

Title
7/14/2023

Date

Attachment O

SWORN STATEMENT: THE FLORIDA TRENCH SAFETY ACT

- 1. This Sworn Statement is submitted with Purchase Order or Contract [select one] No. 2023-23 for the construction of Road Rehabilitation
2. This Sworn Statement is submitted by Preferred Materials, Inc. ("Contractor") whose business address is 5701 E. Hillsborough Ave. Ste. 1122 Tampa, FL 33610 and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is 58-1401468.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The Contractor has appropriated \$ N/A 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:
6. The Contractor has appropriated \$ N/A per square foot for compliance with shoring safety requirements and intends to comply by instituting the following procedures:
7. The undersigned, in signing this Sworn Statement, 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) the Contractor will utilize on this Project.

Craig Keton
Signature
Craig Keton
Name
Authorized Employee
Title

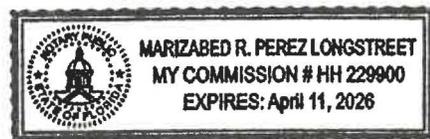
SWORN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of [X] physical presence or [] online notarization, this 14th day of July 2023 by Craig Keton (name), as Authorized Employee (title) for Preferred Materials, Inc. (entity).

Notary Public Marizabed R. Perez de Longstreet

[X] Personally Known OR [] Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced N/A



Attachment P

SCRUTINIZED COMPANY CERTIFICATION FORM

Contractor Name: Preferred Materials, Inc.
Authorized Representative Name and Title: Craig Ketron, Authorized Employee
Address: 5701 E. Hillsborough Ave Ste. 1122 City: Tampa State: Florida ZIP: 33610
Phone Number: 813-612-5740 Email Address: craig.ketron@preferredmaterials.com

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 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:



Signature of Contractor's Authorized Representative

Craig Ketron

Name

Authorized Employee

Title

7/14/2023

Date

Attachment Q

VENDOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR E-VERIFY SYSTEM

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.
7. Vendor understands that pursuant to Florida Statutes, section 448.095, the submission of a false certification may result in the termination of the contract if one is entered into, and may subject the Vendor named in this certification to civil penalties, attorney's fees and costs.

VENDOR: Preferred Materials, Inc. (Vendor's Company Name)

Certified By: 
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Print Name and Title: Craig Ketron, Authorized Employee

Date Certified: 7/14/2023

Attachment R

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND REQUIREMENTS

A. Security.

- (1) The Contractor must provide the required performance and payment bond or other acceptable security to the City within **ten (10) business days** of executing this Contract. Failure by the Contractor to provide the bond within **ten (10) business days** constitutes a default. Pursuant to Section 2-404 of the Code of City of North Port, Florida, upon default the City may immediately award the bid to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder and recover from the original successful bidder the difference in cost between the original winning bid and the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The default is only curable at the option of the City.
- (2) In addition, the Contractor is responsible and bears all cost associated with recording the Performance and Payment Bond with the Sarasota County Clerk's Office. The Contractor must furnish the receipt of the recording and certified copy of the recorded bond to the Purchasing Division at the time of the pre-construction meeting. Such default is only curable at the option of the City.

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

- (1) Is licensed to do business in the State of Florida;
- (2) Holds a certificate of authority authorizing it to write surety bonds in the State of Florida;
- (3) Has twice the minimum surplus and capital required by the Florida Insurance Code at the time the invitation to bid is issued;
- (4) Is otherwise in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code;
- (5) Holds a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of Treasury under 31 U.S.C. §§ 9304-9308;
- (6) Has a current rating of at least Excellent (A or A-) as reported in the most current Best Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Inc., of 75 Fulton Street, New York, New York 10038; and
- (7) Has an underwriting limitation of at least two times the dollar amount of the Contract price.

C. Substitute Bond Required. If the Surety Company for any bond furnished by the Contractor files for bankruptcy, has a receiver appointed, is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, has an assignment made for the benefit of creditors, has its right to do business terminated in the State of Florida, or ceases to meet the requirements imposed by this Contract, the Contractor must, within **five (5) calendar days** thereafter, substitute another Bond and Surety Company, both of which are subject to the City's approval.

D. Surety Acceptance of Terms. By execution of the bond, the Surety Company acknowledges that it has read the surety qualifications and surety obligations imposed by this Contract and satisfies all conditions.



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Acknowledge by initialing

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By this Bond, we, _____, as Principal ("Contractor") and _____, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____, with its principal office in the City of _____, as Surety ("Surety") are held firmly bound unto the City of North Port, Florida, as Obligee ("City"), in the amount of _____ Dollars (\$ _____), for the payment whereof Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, Contractor has by written agreement dated _____, entered into a Contract with City for _____
_____ in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by _____
_____, which Contract is by reference made a part hereof, and is hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACT.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is such that if Contractor:

1. Performs the Contract dated _____, between Contractor and City for construction for the **DESCRIPTION** the Contract being made a part of this bond by reference, at the times and in the manner prescribed in the Contract: and
2. Promptly makes payments to all claimants, as defined in Section 255.05(1), Florida Statutes, supplying Contractor with labor, materials, or supplies, used directly or indirectly by Contractor in the prosecution of the work provided for in the Contract: and
3. Pays City all losses, damages, expenses, costs, and attorney's fees, including appellate proceedings, that City sustains because of a default by Contractor under the Contract: and
4. Performs the guarantee of all work and materials furnished under the Contract for the time specified in the Contract, then this bond is void: otherwise it remains in full force.

Any action instituted by City under this bond for payment must be in accordance with the notice and time limitation provisions in Section 255.05(2), Florida Statutes.

Any changes in or under the Contract documents and compliance or noncompliance with any formalities connected with the Contract or the changes does not affect Surety's obligation under this bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Contractor and Surety have signed and sealed this instrument as follows:

CONTRACTOR

_____ *ck* _____ [insert name of principal]

By: _____

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Title _____ (SEAL)

Date _____

SURETY

By: _____ [insert name of surety] (SEAL)

Title _____

Date _____

Any Claims under this bond may be addressed to
(name and address of Surety):

Telephone No: _____

Name and address of agent or representative in Florida if different from above:

Telephone No.: _____



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CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE

A. Insurance.

- (1) Before performing any work, the Contractor and subcontractors must procure and maintain during the Contract Time the insurance identified in this Section 8 against all claims of injury to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with its performance of the Contract work, unless otherwise specified. The insurance policies must remain in full force and effect until their obligations and warranty periods have been discharged or satisfied.
- (2) The policies of insurance must be primary and written on forms acceptable to the City, placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the State of Florida Department of Financial Services, and meet a minimum financial A.M. Best and Company, Inc. rating of no less than "A – Excellent: FSC VII."
- (3) The City Manager or designee may alter the amounts or types of insurance policies required by this Contract upon written agreement with the Contractor.
- (4) Proof of insurance must be filed by the Contractor with the City within ten (10) calendar days after the Effective Date of this Contract.
- (5) These insurance requirements are minimum requirements and in no way limit the indemnity covenants contained in this Contract. The City in no way warrants that the minimum limits are sufficient to protect the Contractor from liabilities that might arise out of the performance of the work done by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. The Contractor is free to purchase additional insurance as it may determine necessary. The extent of the Contractor's liability for indemnity of the City must not be limited by insurance coverage or lack thereof, or unreasonably delayed for any reason, including but not limited to, insurance coverage disputes between the Contractor and its carrier.

B. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance. Coverage pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 440 must apply to all employees at the statutory limits provided by state and federal laws. The policy must include Employers' Liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for each accident; \$1,000,000 for each employee; and \$1,000,000 policy limit for bodily injury or disease.

C. Comprehensive Commercial General Liability Insurance. A comprehensive commercial general liability policy, including but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, broad form contractual liability and Explosion, Collapse and Underground (XCU) coverage.

- (1) The general aggregate limit must apply separately to this Contract, or the general aggregate limit must be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (2) The policy must include General Liability with a limit of \$6,000,000 for general aggregate; \$3,000,000 for each occurrence; \$6,000,000 for products and completed operations; \$100,000 for damage to rented premises; and \$100,000 for fire damage.

D. Automobile Liability Insurance. Automobile liability insurance to include all owned, leased, hired, and non-owned vehicles.


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(1) Automobile liability insurance must be written on a standard ISO form (CA 00 01) covering any auto (Code 1), or if the Contractor has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned (Code 9) autos.

(2) The policy must include liability with a limit of \$1,000,000 for Combined Single Limit (CSL) for each accident; \$1,000,000 per person for bodily injury; and \$1,000,000 per accident for property damage.

E. Other Insurance. Other insurance is only required if checked below. If not checked, the referenced insurance is not required.

[N/A] Builder's Risk Insurance for the Course of Construction or Installation Floater Insurance. The policy must include the "All Risk" (Special Perils) coverage with limits equal to the completed value of the project; and must not include coinsurance penalty provisions.

[N/A] Contractor's Pollution Legal Liability for Projects Involving Environmental Hazards. The policy must include liability insurance with a limit of \$_____ [insert numerical value, must obtain confirmation from Risk] for each occurrence or claim and \$_____ [insert numerical value, must obtain confirmation from Risk] for policy aggregate.

[N/A] Environmental/Pollution Liability. Required when chemicals being used are listed as "hazardous" on www.epa.gov website. The Environmental/Pollution Liability policy must include a limit of \$_____ [insert numerical value, must obtain confirmation from Risk] general aggregate, and \$_____ [insert numerical value, must obtain confirmation from Risk] each occurrence. The Contractor must notify the City prior to usage of hazardous chemicals so that adequate insurance coverage is provided prior to use. Failure to notify the City shall be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

F. Waiver of Subrogation. All required insurance policies, except for Workers' Compensation, are to be endorsed with a Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance companies, by proper endorsement or through other means, must agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its Commissioners, officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and the City's insurance carriers, for losses paid under the terms of these policies that arise from the contractual relationship or work performed by the Contractor for the City. It is the Contractor's responsibility to notify its 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 AND ITS INSURANCE CARRIERS FOR ANY LOSSES PAID, SUSTAINED, OR INCURRED, BUT NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE, THAT ARISE FROM THE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP OR WORK PERFORMED. THIS WAIVER APPLIES TO ANY DEDUCTIBLES OR SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS FOR WHICH THE CONTRACTOR OR ITS AGENTS MAY BE RESPONSIBLE.

G. Policy Form.

(1) All policies required by this Contract, except for Workers' Compensation, or unless specific approval is given by Risk Management through the City's Purchasing Division, are to be written on an occurrence basis, and must name the City of North Port, Florida, its Commissioners, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers as additional insured as their interest may appear under this Contract. Claims made policies may be accepted for professional liability, hazardous materials and other risks as are authorized by the City's Purchasing Division. All claims made policies contributing to the satisfaction of the insurance requirements must have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two (2) years. If provided as an option, the


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Contractor must 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) Insurance requirements itemized in this Contract, and required of the Contractor, must be provided by or on behalf of all subcontractors to cover their operations performed under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible for any modifications, deviations, or omissions in these insurance requirements as they apply to its subcontractors.
 - (3) Each insurance policy required by this Contract must:
 - (a) Apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made and suit is brought, except with respect to limits of the insurer's liability.
 - (b) Be endorsed to state that coverage must 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's Purchasing Division of any occurrence by written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested.
 - (4) The City retains the right to review, at any time, coverage, form, and amount of insurance.
 - (5) The Contractor is solely responsible for payment of all premiums for insurance required in this Contract and is solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles, SIR (self-insured retentions), any loss or portion of any loss that is not covered by any available insurance policy, and retention as set forth in the policies, whether 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.
 - (6) All certificates of insurance must be approved by the City before commencement of any work. All required certificates of insurance must be accompanied by a copy of the additionally insured documents/endorsements (CG 20101185 or combination of CG 2010370704 and CG 20370704). Certificates of insurance evidencing claims made or occurrences form coverage and conditions to this Contract, as well as the contract number and description of work, are to be furnished to the City's Purchasing Division at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, Suite 337, North Port, FL 34286 prior to commencement of the work and a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to expiration of the insurance contract when applicable. The certificate of insurance issued by the underwriting department of the insurance carrier must certify compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract. No changes may be made to these specifications without prior written approval by the City Manager or designee.
- H. Notices. Notices of Accidents (Occurrences) and Notices of Claims associated with work being performed must be provided to the Contractor's insurer(s) and the City's Purchasing Division as soon as practicable after notice to the insured Contractor.


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Company ID Number:11815
(AMAT / CRH)

Client Company ID Number:1453256
(PMI)

Employer Preferred Materials, Inc	
Name (Please Type or Print) Jonathan Walker	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date October 02, 2019
E-Verify Employer Agent Form I-9 Compliance, LLC	
Name (Please Type or Print) Andre Gorash	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date October 02, 2019
Department of Homeland Security - Verification Division	
Name USCIS Verification Division	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date October 02, 2019

THE E-VERIFY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR EMPLOYERS USING A WEB SERVICES E-VERIFY EMPLOYER AGENT

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Oldcastle Materials (Employer), and the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent. The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer and the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the E-Verify Employer Agent, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

References in this MOU to the Employer include the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent when acting on behalf of the Employer.

For purposes of this MOU, the E-Verify browser refers to the website that provides direct access to the E-Verify system: <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp>. You may access E-Verify directly free of charge via the E-Verify browser.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. Section 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

ARTICLE II
RESPONSIBILITIES

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. For purposes of this MOU, references to the Employer include the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent when acting on behalf of the Employer.
2. By enrolling in E-Verify and signing the applicable MOU, the Employer asserts that it is a legitimate company which intends to use E-Verify for legitimate purposes only and in accordance with the laws, regulations and DHS policies and procedures relating to the use of E-Verify.
3. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS (through the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent) in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
 - A. Notice of E-Verify Participation
 - B. Notice of Right to Work
4. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
5. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual. The Employer will obtain the E-Verify User Manual from the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent, and will be notified by the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent when a new version of the E-Verify User Manual becomes available.
6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:
 - A. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo

requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

- B. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.

7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.
8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.
 - A. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.
 - B. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.
9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.
10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.
11. The Employer must use E-Verify (through its Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent) for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.
12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.
13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the

Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. Section 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).
15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify (through its Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent) only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as Personal Identification Numbers and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.
16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at E-Verify@dhs.gov. Please use "Privacy Incident - Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.
17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA through its Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.
18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.
19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.
20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.
21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see M-795 ([Web](#))) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.
22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by

this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WEB SERVICES E-VERIFY EMPLOYER AGENT

1. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to complete its Web Services interface no later than six months after the date the Web Services User signs this MOU. E-Verify considers your interface to be complete once it has been built pursuant to the Interface Control Agreement (ICA), submitted to E-Verify for testing, and approved for system access.
2. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to perform sufficient maintenance on the Web Services interface in accordance with the requirements listed in the ICA. These requirements include, but are not limited to, updating the Web Services interface to ensure that any updates or enhancements are incorporated no later than six months after the issuance of an ICA. Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents should be aware that this will require the investment of time and resources. Compliance with the requirements of the ICA must be carried out to the satisfaction of DHS and or its assignees.
3. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to provide to SSA and/or DHS the names, titles, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent representative who will access information, as well as ensure cooperation, communication, and coordination with E-Verify. In addition, Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents must provide to SSA and/or DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of its clients and their staff who will access information through E-Verify. Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents must ensure the contact information is updated with SSA and DHS whenever the points of contact change.
4. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to become familiar with and comply with the E-Verify User Manual and provide a copy of the most current version of the manual to the Employer so that the Employer can become familiar with and comply with E-Verify policy and procedures. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to obtain a revised E-Verify User Manual as it becomes available and to provide a copy of the revised version to the Employer no later than 30 days after the manual becomes available.
5. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that any person accessing E-Verify on its behalf is trained on the most recent E-Verify policy and procedures.
6. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that any of its representatives who will perform employment verification cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual initiates any cases.
 - A. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that all of its representatives will take the refresher tutorials initiated by E-Verify as a condition of continued use of E-Verify, including any tutorials for Federal contractors, if any of the Employers represented by the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent is a Federal contractor.
 - B. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and Employer from continued use of E-Verify.
7. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the employee is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.
8. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to obtain the necessary equipment to use E-Verify as required by the E-Verify rules and regulations as modified from time to time.
9. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, commit sufficient personnel and resources to meet the requirements of this MOU.
10. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to provide its clients with training on E-Verify processes, policies, and procedures. The E-Verify Employer Agent also agrees to provide its clients with ongoing E-Verify training as needed. E-Verify is not responsible for providing training to clients of E-Verify Employer Agents.
11. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to provide the Employer with the notices described in Article II.B.2 below.
12. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to create E-Verify cases for the Employer it represents in accordance with the E-Verify Manual, the E-Verify Web-Based Tutorial and all other published E-Verify rules and procedures. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent will create E-Verify cases using information provided by the Employer and will immediately communicate the response back to the Employer. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries on behalf of the Employer during the period of unavailability. If, however, the Web Services interface is unavailable due to no fault of E-Verify, then the three-day time period is not extended. In such a case, the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent must use the E-Verify browser during the outage.

13. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to ensure that all notices, referral letters and any other materials otherwise including instructions regarding tentative nonconfirmations, will be consistent with the most current E-Verify tentative nonconfirmation notices and referral letters, which are available on E-Verify's website.
14. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that any system or interface it develops will follow the steps for creating E-Verify cases and processing tentative nonconfirmations, as laid out in the ICA, this MOU and the User Manual, including but not limited to allowing an employer to close an invalid case where appropriate, allowing an employer to refer a tentative nonconfirmation only when an employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation (no automatic referrals), and referring a tentative nonconfirmation to the appropriate agency at the time the employer prints the referral letter and provides the letter to the employee. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent understands that any failure to make its system or interface consistent with proper E-Verify procedures can result in DHS terminating the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's agreement and access with or without notice.
15. When the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent receives notice from a client company that it has received a contract with the FAR clause, then the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent must update the company's E-Verify profile within 30 days of the contract award date.
16. If data is transmitted between the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and its client, then the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to protect personally identifiable information during transmission to and from the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent.
17. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at . Please use "Privacy Incident - Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.
18. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to fully cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, including permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9, employment records, and all records pertaining to the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's use of E-Verify, and to interview it and its employees regarding the use of E-Verify, and to respond in a timely and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.
 - A. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to cooperate with DHS if DHS requests information about the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's interface, including requests by DHS to view the actual interface operated by the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent as well as related business documents. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to demonstrate for DHS the functionality of its interface to E-Verify upon request.
 - B. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to demonstrate, if requested by DHS, that it has provided training to its clients that meets E-Verify standards. Training programs must provide a focused study of the topics covered in the E-Verify User Manual and pertinent Supplemental Guides. Furthermore, training programs and materials must be updated as E-Verify changes occur. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent is encouraged to incorporate information from existing E-Verify materials, including the Enrollment Quick Reference Guide, the E-Verify Employer Agent Client Handbook (formerly known as the Designated Agent Client Handbook), and existing tutorials and manuals into their training program. E-Verify also encourages the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent to supervise first-time use of the E-Verify browser or Web Services interface by its staff and Employer clients as part of any training program. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to submit its training program materials to DHS for review upon request.

Failure to provide adequate training could, in some instances, lead to penalties as described in Article V.F.1. of this MOU.
19. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent services and any claim to that effect is false.
20. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.
21. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not

be used in any manner that might imply that the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent shall ensure that the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and the Employers it represents carry out the following responsibilities if the Employer is a Federal contractor or becomes a federal contractor. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent should instruct the client to keep the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent informed about any changes or updates related to federal contracts. It is the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's responsibility to ensure that its clients are in compliance with all E-Verify policies and procedures.

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.
2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not reverify the employee through E-Verify.
 - A. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.
 - B. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.
 - C. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.
 - D. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.
 - E. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:
 - i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
 - ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and

- an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to train E-Verify Employer Agents on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require E-Verify Employer Agents to take mandatory refresher tutorials.
 5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer (through the E-Verify Employer Agent) a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
 6. DHS agrees to issue each of the E-Verify Employer Agent's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.
 7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides (through the E-Verify Employer Agent), and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
 8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
 9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

ARTICLE III

REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.
4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to

- contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
 3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.
 4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.
 5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.
 6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:
 - A. Scanning and uploading the document, or
 - B. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).
 7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.
 8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
 9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

ARTICLE IV

SERVICE PROVISIONS

A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer or the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLE V

SYSTEM SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE

A. DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Software developed by Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents must comply with federally-mandated information security policies and industry security standards to include but not limited to:
2. Public Law 107-347, "E-Government Act of 2002, Title III, Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)," December 2002.
3. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum (M-10-15), "FY 2010 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Management Act and Agency Privacy Management," April 2010.
4. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) and Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS).
5. International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 27002, Information Technology - Security Techniques - Code of Practice for Information Security Management.
6. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to update its Web Services interface to reflect system enhancements within six months from the date DHS notifies the Web Services User of the system update. The Web Services User will receive notice from DHS in the form of an Interface Control Agreement (ICA). The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to institute changes to its interface as identified in the ICA, including all functionality identified and all data elements detailed therein.
7. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to demonstrate progress of its efforts to update its Web Services interface if and when DHS requests such progress reports.

8. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent acknowledges that if its system enhancements are not completed to the satisfaction of DHS or its assignees within six months from the date DHS notifies the Web Services User of the system update, then the Web Services User's E-Verify account may be suspended, and support for previous releases of E-Verify may no longer be available to the Web Services User. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent also acknowledges that DHS may suspend the Web Services User's account after the six-month period has elapsed.
9. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to incorporate error handling logic into its development or software to accommodate and act in a timely fashion should an error code be returned.
10. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to complete the technical requirements testing which is confirmed upon receiving approval of test data and connectivity between the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and DHS.
11. DHS will not reimburse any Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent or software developer who has expended resources in the development or maintenance of a Web Services interface if that party is unable, or becomes unable, to meet any of the requirements set forth in this MOU.
12. Housing, development, infrastructure, maintenance, and testing of the Web Services applications may take place outside the United States and its territories, but testing must be conducted to ensure that the code is correct and secure.
13. If the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent includes an electronic Form I-9 as part of its interface, then it must comply with the standards for electronic retention of Form I-9 found in 8 CFR 274a.2(e).

B. INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents performing verification services under this MOU must ensure that information that is shared between the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and DHS is appropriately protected comparable to the protection provided when the information is within the DHS environment [OMB Circular A-130 Appendix III].

To achieve this level of information security, the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to institute the following procedures:

1. Conduct periodic assessments of risk, including the magnitude of harm that could result from the unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction of information and information systems that support the operations and assets of the DHS, SSA, and the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and its clients;
2. Develop policies and procedures that are based on risk assessments, cost-effectively reduce information security risks to an acceptable level, and ensure that information security is addressed throughout the life cycle of each organizational information system;
3. Implement subordinate plans for providing adequate information security for networks, facilities, information systems, or groups of information systems, as appropriate;
4. Conduct security awareness training to inform the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's personnel (including contractors and other users of information systems that support the operations and assets of the organization) of the information security risks associated with their activities and their responsibilities in complying with organizational policies and procedures designed to reduce these risks;
5. Develop periodic testing and evaluation of the effectiveness of information security policies, procedures, practices, and security controls to be performed with a frequency depending on risk, but no less than once per year;
6. Develop a process for planning, implementing, evaluating, and documenting remedial actions to address any deficiencies in the information security policies, procedures, and practices of the organization;
7. Implement procedures for detecting, reporting, and responding to security incidents;
8. Create plans and procedures to ensure continuity of operations for information systems that support the operations and assets of the organization;
9. In information-sharing environments, the information owner is responsible for establishing the rules for appropriate use and protection of the subject information and retains that responsibility even when the information is shared with or provided to other organizations [NIST SP 800-37].
10. DHS reserves the right to restrict Web Services calls from certain IP addresses.
11. DHS reserves the right to audit the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's application.
12. Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents and Software Developers agree to cooperate willingly with the DHS assessment of information security and privacy practices used by the company to develop and maintain the

software.

C. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

1. Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents must practice proper Internet security; this means using HTTP over SSL/TLS (also known as HTTPS) when accessing DHS information resources such as E-Verify [NIST SP 800-95]. Internet security practices like this are necessary because Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP), which provides a basic messaging framework on which Web Services can be built, allows messages to be viewed or modified by attackers as messages traverse the Internet and is not independently designed with all the necessary security protocols for E-Verify use.
2. In accordance with DHS standards, the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to appropriately protect the information shared under this MOU against loss, theft, misuse, unauthorized access, and improper disclosure, copying use, modification or deletion.
3. Any data transmission requiring encryption shall comply with the following standards:
 - A. Products using FIPS 197 Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithms with at least 256-bit encryption that has been validated under FIPS 140-2.
 - B. NSA Type 2 or Type 1 encryption.
4. User ID Management (Set Standard): All information exchanged between the parties under this MOU will be done only through authorized Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent representatives identified above.
5. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to use the E-Verify browser instead of its own interface if it has not yet upgraded its interface to comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) system changes. In addition, Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents whose interfaces do not support the Form I-9 from 2/2/2009 or 8/7/2009 should also use the E-Verify browser until the system upgrade is completed.
6. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to use the E-Verify browser instead of its own interface if it has not completed updates to its system within six months from the date DHS notifies the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent of the system update. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent can resume use of its interface once it is up-to-date, unless the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent has been suspended or terminated from continued use of the system.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Web Services E-Verify Employer Agents and Software Developers agree to develop an electronic system that is not subject to any agreement that would restrict access to and use of by an agency of the United States.
2. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to develop effective controls to ensure the integrity, accuracy and reliability of its electronic system.
3. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to develop an inspection and quality assurance program that regularly, at least once per year, evaluates the electronic system, and includes periodic checks of electronically stored information. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to share the results of its regular inspection and quality assurance program with DHS upon request.
4. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to develop an electronic system with the ability to produce legible copies of applicable notices, letters, etc.
5. All information exchanged between the parties under this MOU will be in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies, including but not limited to, information security guidelines of the sending party with respect to any information that is deemed Personally Identifiable Information (PII), including but not limited to the employee or applicant's Social Security number, alien number, date of birth, or other information that may be used to identify the individual.
6. Suspected and confirmed information security breaches must be reported to DHS according to Article II.A.17. Reporting such breaches does not relieve the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent from further requirements as directed by state and local law. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent is subject to applicable state laws regarding data protection and incident reporting in addition to the requirements herein.

E. SOFTWARE DEVELOPER RESTRICTIONS

1. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that if it develops a Web Services interface and sells such interface, then it can be held liable for any misuse by the company that purchases the interface. It is the responsibility of the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent to ensure that its interface is used in accordance with E-Verify policies and procedures.

2. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees to provide software updates to each client who purchases its software. Because of the frequency Web Services updates, an ongoing relationship between the software developer and the client is necessary.
3. DHS reserves the right to terminate the access of any software developer with or without notice who creates or uses an interface that does not comply with E-Verify procedures.
4. Web Services Software Developers pursuing software development independent of serving clients as a Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent are not eligible to receive an ICA. At this time, E-Verify does not permit Web Services software development without also being a Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent or Web Services Employer.

F. PENALTIES

1. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that any failure on its part to comply with the terms of the MOU may result in account suspension, termination, or other adverse action.
2. DHS is not liable for any financial losses to Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent, its clients, or any other party as a result of your account suspension or termination.

ARTICLE VI

MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.
2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.

B. TERMINATION

1. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties. In addition, any Employer represented by the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent may voluntarily terminate its MOU upon giving DHS 30 days' written notice. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent may not refuse to terminate the Employer based upon an outstanding bill for verification services.
2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent or Employer, or a failure on the part of either party to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.
3. A Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent for an Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent must provide written notice to DHS. If the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.
4. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent or the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

ARTICLE VII

PARTIES

- A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.
- B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent, its agents, officers, or employees.

- C. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.
- D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent or the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent or the Employer.
- E. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer, the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent and DHS respectively. The Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Web Services E-Verify Employer Agent, as the case may be, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.
- G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS, the Employer, and the E-Verify Employer Agent. Oldcastle Materials (Employer) hereby designates and appoints Jeremy Bateman (E-Verify Employer Agent), including its officers and employees, as the E-Verify Employer Agent for the purpose of carrying out (Employer) responsibilities under the MOU between the Employer, the E-Verify Employer Agent, and DHS.

Company ID Number:19959

Client Company ID Number:833181

If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

Approved by:

Employer	
Name (Please Type or Print)	Title
Signature	Date
E-Verify Employer Agent TALX Corporation	
Name (Please Type or Print)	Title
Jeremy Bateman	
Signature	Date
Electronically Signed	February 08, 2019
Department of Homeland Security - Verification Division	
Name	Title
Signature	Date

Information Required for the E-Verify Program	
Information relating to your Company:	
Company Name	Oldcastle Materials
Company Facility Address	900 Ashwood Parkway Atlanta, GA 30338
Company Alternate Address	
County or Parish	Fulton
Employer Identification Number	22-1729463
North American Industry Classification Systems Code	Administrative And Support Services (561)
Parent Company	
Number of Employees	100 to 499
Number of Sites Verified for	0

Company ID Number:19959

Client Company ID Number:833181

Are you verifying for more than 1 site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:

Company ID Number:19959

Client Company ID Number:833181

Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems:

Name	Stephanie Jordan
Phone Number	(770) 392-5397
Fax Number	
Email Address	Stephanie.jordan@oldcastlematerials.com

**ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT
IN LIEU OF AN ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
PREFERRED MATERIALS, INC.**

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Directors of Preferred Materials, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the “*Corporation*”), do hereby, pursuant to applicable Georgia statute, give this written consent (a) to the dispensation of an annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and (b) to the taking of the following actions, such actions to have the same force and effect had a meeting been duly called and held:

I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RESOLVED, that effective May 5, 2022, all previous elections of officers are terminated, and the following persons be, and hereby are, elected to serve as officers of the Corporation (each individually, an “*Officer*” and collectively, the “*Officers*”) in the capacities set forth opposite their respective names until such time as their successors shall be elected and qualified:

David Church	President/Chief Executive Officer
John Rothering	Secretary & Treasurer
Brian Morton	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Terrance Turner	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Gary Yelvington	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
John R. Hooper	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
John W. Taylor	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Carl Edward Ladd	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Kenneth C. Laing	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Lonnie Schaub	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Lothar Alomia	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Mark S. Marine	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Nicholas B. Wear	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Robert Spillman	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Travis Raitt	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
Miguel Alvarez	Vice President & Assistant Secretary
David M. Toolan	Admin. Vice President and Assistant Secretary

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver agreements, contracts, documents, certificates, and other instruments, under the seal of the Corporation if required, for the purpose of conducting the Corporation’s business, including without limitation, selling products and securing construction work, and to take such other action, as they may deem necessary, advisable, convenient, or appropriate to carry out and fully perform duties incident to the office or offices so appointed, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby designated Officers solely for the purpose of attesting signatures of other Officers signing on behalf of the Corporation, and for executing and attesting various corporate documents, tax returns, affidavits, and other instruments as may be necessary from time to time:

Bethany Casimir	Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Carmen Sutton	Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Deborah Lynn Idleman	Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Carmen Hess	Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Tracy Kinney	Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Vashti Moore	Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer
Ashley Losier	Assistant Secretary
Cheryl Kitzis	Assistant Secretary
David C. Lewis	Assistant Secretary
Tim George	Assistant Secretary
Marizabed R. Perez	
de Longstreet	Assistant Secretary
Michael F. Deaton	Assistant Secretary
Rick Jarvis	Assistant Secretary
Sylvia Rocek	Assistant Secretary
Tamara A. Albright	Assistant Secretary
William P. Jones	Assistant Secretary
Zachary Puralewski	Assistant Secretary

II. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

RESOLVED, that effective May 5, 2022, all previous appointments of authorized employees are terminated, and that the following persons be and each of them hereby is appointed to serve as an authorized employee of the Corporation, which persons shall be authorized to execute and deliver such agreements, contracts, documents, certificates and other instruments, under the seal of the Corporation if required, for the purpose of conducting the Corporation's business including, without limitation, selling products and securing construction work:

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Corporation may, from time to time, without further action by the Board of Directors, appoint other persons to serve as authorized employees, or remove any individuals from this capacity, and to direct those appointed to take such action, as he may deem necessary, advisable, convenient or appropriate to carry out and fully perform the duties incident to the office of President.

Bobbie Reilly	Kevin Price
Carl J. Thompson	Kevin Williams
Craig Ketron	Logan Miller
David Cerniglia	Matthew Saenz

Michael Vickrey
Nicholas Brown
Patrick Read
Roberto Perera, Jr.
Jeremy Minnillo
Tara Sutton
Tony DiPietro
W. Charles Molloy
Michael DiBurro

G. Michael Johnson
Jacob Unger
James Bass
Jennifer K. Edwards
Jerry Fletcher
Joe Liakos
Joseph F. Donaruma
Kenneth Dalton

III. AUTHORIZATION OF TRADE NAMES

RESOLVED, that the activities and operations of the Corporation may be carried on in any of the following manners or styles as may from time-to-time be deemed necessary or appropriate:

**Conrad Yelvington Distributors
Prestige Gunite**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Corporation may, from time to time, without further action by the Board of Directors, authorize the use of additional trade names, and to deem unauthorized any trade name previously authorized, as he may deem necessary, advisable, convenient or appropriate.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

RESOLVED, that all actions previously taken by any Officer of the Corporation appointed hereunder in his/her capacity as such Officer be, and each of them hereby is, adopted, ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects as the authorized acts and deeds of the Corporation;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each undersigned agrees that electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the Board of Directors are intended to authenticate this consent and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. As used in the previous sentence, the term "electronic signatures" means any electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically associated with this consent and executed and adopted by a member of the Board of Directors with the intent to sign such consent, including, but not limited to, e-mail electronic signatures executed through DocuSign Services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Consent, following execution by all of the members of the Board of Directors, be filed in appropriate order in the minute book of the Corporation.

DocuSigned by:
David Church
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David Church

DocuSigned by:
John Keating
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John J. Keating



Florida Department of Transportation

RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

JARED W. PERDUE, P.E.
SECRETARY

April 28, 2023

PREFERRED MATERIALS INC.
11482 COLUMBIA PARK DR W
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32258

RE: CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION

The Department of Transportation has qualified your company for the type of work indicated below.

FDOT APPROVED WORK CLASSES:

DEBRIS REMOVAL (EMERGENCY), DRAINAGE, ELECTRICAL WORK, FENCING, FLEXIBLE PAVING, GRADING, GRASSING, SEEDING AND SODDING, GUARDRAIL, HOT PLANT-MIXED BITUM. COURSES, INTERMEDIATE BRIDGES, MINOR BRIDGES, PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE ROADWAY PAVING, ROADWAY SIGNING, SIDEWALK, MILLING, REHABILITATION OF CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CONCRETE SLAB REPLACEMENT, CURB AND GUTTER, DRIVEWAYS, REINFORCED EARTH WALLS, SLIP FORM BARRIER WALL, TRAFFIC SEPARATORS, ATTENUATORS, UNDERGROUND UTILITIES (WATER & SEWER), FORCE MAIN, LIFT STATION, LEACHATE AND GAS PIPING.

Unless notified otherwise, this Certificate of Qualification will expire **6/30/2024**.

In accordance with Section 337.14(4), Florida Statutes, changes to Ability Factor or Maximum Capacity Rating will not take effect until after the expiration of the current certificate of prequalification (if applicable).

In accordance with Section 337.14(1), Florida Statutes, an application for qualification must be filed within (4) months of the ending date of the applicant's audited annual financial statements.

If the company's maximum capacity has been revised, it may be accessed by logging into the Contractor Prequalification Application System via the following link:

[HTTPS://fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/ContractorPreQualification](https://fdotwp1.dot.state.fl.us/ContractorPreQualification)

Once logged in, select "View" for the most recently approved application, and then click the "Manage" and "Application Summary" tabs.

The company may apply for a Revised Certificate of Qualification at any time prior to the expiration date of this certificate according to Section 14-22.0041(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), by accessing the most recently approved application as shown above and choosing "Update" instead of "View." If certification in additional classes of work is desired, documentation is needed to show that the company has performed such work.

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All prequalified contractors are required by Section 14-22.006(3), F.A.C., to certify their work underway monthly in order to adjust maximum bidding capacity to available bidding capacity. You can find the link to this report at the website shown above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Taylor II". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

James E. Taylor II, Prequalification Supervisor
Contracts Administration Office

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Addition to Florida's Procurement Code – Section 287.05705, Florida Statutes

This concerns a new provision of Florida's Procurement Code that applies to competitive procurements by local governments. Section 287.05705 was created during the 2021 legislative session, and provides:

287.05705 Procurement of road, bridge and, other specified public construction services.

(1) With respect to competitive solicitations for the procurement of contractual services that are limited to the classes of work for which the Department of Transportation issues certificates of qualification pursuant to s. 337.14, and which services do not involve the construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of any building, a governmental entity procuring such services may not prohibit a response from a vendor possessing a valid certificate of qualification under s. 337.14 or license under chapter 489 corresponding to the contractual services being procured.

(2) This section applies to all competitive solicitations issued by a governmental entity on or after October 1, 2021.

Under this statute, a governmental entity (including local governments) may *not* prohibit a bid, response, or reply from a FDOT prequalified contractor or Florida licensed contractor for projects limited to road, bridge, or other public construction that do not involve building construction. Stated differently, contractors holding a FDOT certificate of qualification or a Florida contractor license in the classes of work subject of the procurement *are prequalified to bid*. Local governments may *not* impose their own prequalification or licensure requirements on such contractors.

Section 287.05705 supplements a similar prohibition in an existing statute. Section 255.20(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides that a contractor that is FDOT-qualified in a given work class is presumptively qualified to perform the same type of work for local governments and restricts application of local government prequalification requirements to *only* those bidders that are not FDOT-qualified:

A prequalified contractor considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work described under the contract is presumed to be qualified to perform the work described. . . .

For contractors who are not prequalified by the Department of Transportation, the governmental entity shall publish prequalification criteria and procedures prior to advertisement or notice of solicitation. . . .

Both prequalification under Chapter 337 and licensure under Chapter 489 are robust regulatory processes. As contractors holding a FDOT certificate or state license have been vetted, other government-imposed qualification hurdles to bidding (such as local licenses or certifications) for road and bridge projects are disallowed.

We commend the statutes to your procurement, contract administration, and legal staffs.

Ananth Prasad, President
Florida Transportation Builder's Association, Inc.
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An act relating to preemption of local occupational licensing; creating s. 163.211, F.S.; providing definitions; preempting licensing of occupations to the state; providing exceptions; prohibiting local governments from imposing additional licensing requirements or modifying licensing unless specified conditions are met; specifying that certain local licensing that does not meet specified criteria does not apply and may not be enforced; amending s. 489.117, F.S.; specifying that certain specialty contractors are not required to register with the Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibiting local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain a license under specified circumstances; specifying job scopes for which a local government may not require a license; amending ss. 489.1455 and 489.5335, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to issue certain journeyman licenses; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 163.211, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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26 163.211 Licensing of occupations preempted to state.-
 27 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section:
 28 (a) "Licensing" means any training, education, test,
 29 certification, registration, or license that is required for a
 30 person to perform an occupation in addition to any associated
 31 fee.
 32 (b) "Local government" means a county, municipality,
 33 special district, or political subdivision of the state.
 34 (c) "Occupation" means a paid job, profession, work, line
 35 of work, trade, employment, position, post, career, field,
 36 vocation, or craft.
 37 (2) PREEMPTION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING TO THE STATE.-The
 38 licensing of occupations is expressly preempted to the state and
 39 this section supersedes any local government licensing
 40 requirement of occupations with the exception of the following:
 41 (a) Any local government that imposed licenses on
 42 occupations before January 1, 2021. However, any such local
 43 government licensing of occupations expires on July 1, 2023.
 44 (b) Any local government licensing of occupations
 45 authorized by general law.
 46 (3) EXISTING LICENSING LIMIT.-A local government that
 47 licenses occupations and retains such licensing as set forth in
 48 paragraph (2)(a) may not impose additional licensing
 49 requirements on that occupation or modify such licensing.
 50 (4) LOCAL LICENSING NOT AUTHORIZED.-Local licensing of an

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51 occupation that is not authorized under this section or
 52 otherwise authorized by general law does not apply and may not
 53 be enforced.

54 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 55 489.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

56 489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.-

57 (4)(a) A person ~~holding a local license~~ whose job scope
 58 does not substantially correspond to either the job scope of one
 59 of the contractor categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o), or
 60 the job scope of one of the certified specialty contractor
 61 categories established by board rule, is not required to
 62 register with the board ~~to perform contracting activities within~~
 63 ~~the scope of such specialty license.~~ A local government, as
 64 defined in s. 163.211, may not require a person to obtain a
 65 license for a job scope which does not substantially correspond
 66 to the job scope of one of the contractor categories defined in
 67 s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o) and (q) or authorized in s. 489.1455(1).
 68 For purposes of this section, job scopes for which a local
 69 government may not require a license include, but are not
 70 limited to, painting; flooring; cabinetry; interior remodeling;
 71 driveway or tennis court installation; handyman services;
 72 decorative stone, tile, marble, granite, or terrazzo
 73 installation; plastering; stuccoing; caulking; and canvas awning
 74 and ornamental iron installation.

75 Section 3. Section 489.1455, Florida Statutes, is amended

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76 to read:

77 489.1455 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

78 (1) Counties and municipalities are authorized to issue
 79 journeyman licenses in the plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical,
 80 or HVAC trades.

81 (2)~~(1)~~ An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman
 82 license in the plumbing, pipe fitting ~~plumbing/pipe fitting,~~
 83 mechanical, or HVAC trades issued by any county or municipality
 84 in this state may work as a journeyman in the trade in which he
 85 or she is licensed in any county or municipality of this state
 86 without taking an additional examination or paying an additional
 87 license fee, if he or she:

88 (a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,
 89 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and
 90 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
 91 by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;

92 (b) Has completed an apprenticeship program registered
 93 with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R. s. 29.2 and
 94 demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical experience in the
 95 trade for which he or she is licensed, or demonstrates 6 years'
 96 verifiable practical experience in the trade for which he or she
 97 is licensed;

98 (c) Has satisfactorily completed specialized and advanced
 99 module coursework approved by the Florida Building Commission,
 100 as part of the building code training program established in s.

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101 553.841, specific to the discipline or, pursuant to
 102 authorization by the certifying authority, provides proof of
 103 completion of such coursework within 6 months after such
 104 certification; and

105 (d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the
 106 last 5 years.

107 ~~(3)(2)~~ A local government may charge a registration fee
 108 for reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.

109 Section 4. Section 489.5335, Florida Statutes, is amended
 110 to read:

111 489.5335 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

112 (1) Counties and municipalities are authorized to issue
 113 journeyman licenses in the electrical and alarm system trades.

114 ~~(2)(1)~~ An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman
 115 license in the electrical or alarm system trade issued by any
 116 county or municipality in this state may work as a journeyman in
 117 the trade in which he or she is licensed in any other county or
 118 municipality of this state without taking an additional
 119 examination or paying an additional license fee, if he or she:

120 (a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,
 121 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and
 122 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
 123 by the board for the ~~electrical~~ trade in which he or she is
 124 licensed;

125 (b) Has completed an apprenticeship program registered

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126 with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R. s. 29.2 and
 127 demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical experience in the
 128 ~~electrical~~ trade for which he or she is licensed, or
 129 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
 130 ~~electrical~~ trade for which he or she is licensed;

131 (c) Has satisfactorily completed specialized and advanced
 132 module coursework approved by the Florida Building Commission,
 133 as part of the building code training program established in s.
 134 553.841, specific to the discipline, or, pursuant to
 135 authorization by the certifying authority, provides proof of
 136 completion of such curriculum or coursework within 6 months
 137 after such certification; and

138 (d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the
 139 last 5 years.

140 (3)~~(2)~~ A local government may charge a registration fee
 141 for reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.

142 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.