

Bid Notice

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, requests the submittal of bids from vendors that are interested in providing disposal of existing fencing and installation of new fencing as described herein. Sealed bids must be received in the Procurement Division, prior to the due date and time listed below.

Bid Number and Title: 23-449, Fencing for Stormwater Projects

Description: Provide all labor, material, equipment, and supervision necessary for the removal and disposal of existing fencing, installation of new fencing, and replacement of gates at three sites located in Polk County, Florida. The work includes trimming of trees and/or other vegetation as well as relocating any underground utilities necessary to complete the project.

Receiving Period: Wednesday, July 10, 2024, prior to 2:00 p.m.

Bid Opening: Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Special Instructions: To receive a copy of the specifications and drawings please go the following FTP site: <https://ftp3.polk-county.net>, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is *procurevendor* and the password is *solicitation*. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder “**Bid 23-449, Fencing for Stormwater Projects.zip**”, select “Open” or “Save As” to download the Bid documents, drawings, and technical specifications. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Brad Howard at bradhoward@polk-county.net.

Attached are important instructions and specifications regarding responses to this Bid. Failure to follow these instructions could result in Bid disqualification.

Questions regarding this bid should be in writing and should reference the above Bid. Submit all questions to Brad Howard, Sr. Procurement Analyst, via email at bradhoward@polk-county.net or via fax at (863) 534-6789 by 4:00 p.m. on July 1, 2024.

Bid Registration

You must register using this form to receive notice of any addenda to these documents. Please email or fax the completed form to the Procurement Division as soon as possible. It is the vendor's responsibility to verify if addenda have been issued.

Bid Number: 23-449

Bid Title: Fencing for Stormwater Projects

This form is for bid registration only. Please scroll down for additional information.

Carefully complete this form and return it to the Procurement Division via e-mail to procurement@polk-county.net or fax (863) 534-6789. You must submit one form for each bid that you are registering for.

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Affix this label to your sealed bid envelope to identify it as a "Sealed Bid." Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the bid where requested.

BID SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Respondents must submit one (1) original copy of the bid submittal prior to 2:00 p.m. on the bid receiving date. Bids must be submitted in a “sealed” parcel or electronically through Polk County’s secure website, Kiteworks. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

Sealed Parcel Submittal:

If you are submitting a sealed parcel bid, please cut along the outer border and affix this label to your sealed bid envelope to identify it as a “Sealed Bid”. Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the bid where requested.

Sealed Bid. DO NOT OPEN	
Sealed Bid Number	23-449
Bid Title	Fencing for Stormwater Projects
Due Date/Time:	July 10, 2024, prior to 2:00 pm
Submitted by:	
Deliver To:	Polk County Procurement Division 330 West Church Street, Room 150 Bartow, Florida 33830

Sealed parcel bids may be mailed, express mailed or hand delivered. It is the Bidders responsibility to ensure their package is delivered to the Procurement Division prior to 2:00 p.m. on the Receiving date and time referenced above. Bids delivered at 2:00 p.m. or later will not be accepted.

Electronic Bid Submittal:

If you are interested in submitting your bid electronically bidders may do so via the County’s secure electronic submittal website, Kiteworks. Bidders must email bradhoward@polk-county.net at least 48 hours prior to bid opening to receive a link to upload their submittal. Please only upload your documents as a PDF or Excel file for bid sheets. Please use the naming conventions for your files as follows:

For PDF documents “Bid 23-449 – Title of Document”

For Excel Bid Sheets “Bid 23-449 – Bid Sheet”

For more instructions, a video tutorial has been produced to further explain the electronic solicitation submittal process. It can be found by clicking here for Bid Submittals: https://youtu.be/vkn_7AHgioE. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Brad Howard at bradhoward@polk-county.net.

Procurement recommends that bidders submitting electronically double check the documents submitted into Kiteworks to ensure all requested information and bid sheet have been uploaded. Failure to upload the completed bid sheet will result in the bid submittal being deemed nonresponsive.

Statement of No Bid

Bid # 23-449, Fencing for Stormwater Projects

If you do not intend to submit a bid, please complete the information below and return to the Procurement Division via fax or e-mail. If returning by mail, please be sure the bid number and title are clearly marked on the front of the envelope.

- Insufficient time to respond
- Do not offer this product
- Specifications unclear
- Specifications too restrictive
- Unable to meet specifications
- Unable to meet bond/insurance requirements
- Schedule would not permit us to perform
- Other (please specify): _____

Company Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS:

To ensure acceptance of this bid, follow these instructions.

BID DOCUMENTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION PRIOR TO 2:00P.M. ON THE DATE SPECIFIED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

EXECUTION OF BID: Bid must contain an original signature of an authorized representative in the space provided on the signature page. Bid must be typed or printed in ink. Erasable ink is not permitted. Corrections made by bidder to any bid entry must be initialed by the person who signs the bid.

NO BID: Bidders not interested in submitting a bid should return a “no bid,” with an indication of the reason for no bid and the interest in future bid solicitations.

BID OPENING: It is the responsibility of the bidder to assure that their bid is delivered or submitted electronically at the proper time and place prior to the bid opening. All bid openings shall be public, at 2:00 p.m., on the date specified in the Notice to Bidders. If multiple bids are submitted by the same vendor, Procurement will only open the most recently dated submittal. Bids, which for any reason are not so delivered, will not be considered. **Bid Submittal Forms Using Facsimile Or Email Will Not Be Accepted.**

NOTE: In accordance with Florida Statute 119.071, a listing of vendors that provide a bid submittal shall be posted to the County’s website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/>. The sealed bids shall remain exempt from disclosure, including bid amounts, until recommendation of award or 30 days after bid opening, whichever event occurs first.

Should the Procurement Director reject all bids, before the recommendation of award or 30 days after bid opening, and concurrently provide notice of the County’s intent to reissue the bid, the rejected bids will remain exempt from Florida Statute 119.07 until such time as the County provides notice of recommendation of award of the reissued bid or until the County withdraws the reissued bid. The bid is not exempt for longer than 12 months after the notice of rejection of all bids.

COUNTY AS GATEKEEPER OF DOCUMENTS: This document is issued by Polk County and as such shall be the sole distributor of all addendums and/or changes to these documents. It is the responsibility of the bidder to determine issuance of documents directly with the Procurement Division. The County is not responsible for any solicitations issued through subscriber, publications, or other sources not connected with the County and the bidder should not rely on such sources for information regarding the solicitation.

TAXES: Bidders are responsible for the payment of any applicable taxes that are connected to the purchase of any materials or subcontractors used in the execution of this bid.

DISCOUNTS: Bidders may offer a cash discount for prompt payment; however, such discounts shall NOT be considered in determining the lowest net cost for bid evaluation purposes. Bidders are encouraged to reflect cash discounts in the unit prices quoted.

MISTAKES: Bidders are required to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices and all instructions pertaining to the requirements of this bid. Failure to do so will be at bidder's risk. In case of a mistake in extension of a unit price, the unit price will govern. Corrections made by bidder to any bid entry must be initialed by the person who signs the bid.

INVOICING AND PAYMENT: The successful bidder shall submit a properly certified invoice to the County at the prices bid. **An original invoice shall be submitted to the appropriate User Division.** The vendor shall include the bid number and/or the purchase order number on all invoices. The vendor's Project Manager or any authorized officer shall, by affidavit, attest to the correctness and accuracy of all charges. Invoices will be processed for payment when approved by the appropriate Division's Project Manager or designee. The County's payment of an invoice shall not constitute evidence of the County's acceptance of the Vendors performance of the Service or the County's acceptance of any work.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: All bidders must disclose, with their bid, the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the County or any of their agencies. Furthermore, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest of any amount in the bidder's firms or any of their branches. Award of this bid shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

WARRANTY: Unless otherwise specified, the bidder agrees that the services furnished under this bid shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the bidder gives to any customer for comparable services, and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the County by any other provision of this bid.

ADDENDUM: Any changes in the bid shall be made in the form of a written addendum by the Procurement Director or their designee. No other person shall be authorized to make changes verbally or in writing. If an addendum is issued, the addendum sheet should be signed and submitted with your bid.

LIABILITY: The vendor shall hold and save the County, its officers, agents and employees harmless from liability of any kind in the performance of this bid and against claims by third parties resulting from the supplier's breach of contract or the supplier's negligence.

PATENTS AND ROYALTIES: The bidder, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the County and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for, or on account of, any copyrighted, patented or non-patented invention, process, or article manufactured and used in the performance of this bid. If the bidder uses any design, device or material covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device or material in any way involved in the work.

CONE OF SILENCE: Bidders and any prospective bidders shall not contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to this Bid with any member

of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners or any employee of Polk County other than the County Procurement Director or the individual designated in the Procurement Division. This prohibition begins with the issuance of the Bid and ends upon award or execution of the final contract. Any such communication initiated by a bidder or prospective bidder shall be grounds for disqualifying the offender from consideration for an award pursuant to this bid and for bids or contracts to be awarded pursuant to RFPs, or Requests for Bid that the County may issue in the future.

BID PROTEST: Any bidder desiring to file a bid protest, with respect to a recommended award of any bid, shall do so by filing a written protest. The written protest must be in the possession of the Procurement Division within three (3) working days of the Notice of Recommended Award mailing date. All bidders who bid will be sent a Notice of Recommended Award, unless only one bid was received.

A copy of the bid protest procedures may be obtained from the Polk County Procurement Division or can be downloaded from the County's website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/protest-procedures/>.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW BID PROTEST PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE TIME FRAMES PRESCRIBED HEREIN AS ESTABLISHED BY POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE BIDDER'S RIGHT TO PROTEST AND ANY RESULTING CLAIM.

INDEMNIFICATION: Vendor, to the extent permitted by law, shall indemnify, defend (by counsel reasonably acceptable to County), protect and hold the County, and its officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all, claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, penalties, forfeitures, damages, losses, and expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred during negotiation, through litigation and all appeals therefrom) including, without limitation, those pertaining to the death of or injury to any person, or damage to any property, arising out of or resulting from (i) the failure of Vendor to comply with applicable laws, rules or regulations, (ii) the breach by Vendor of its obligations under any Agreement with the County entered into pursuant to this solicitation, (iii) any claim for trademark, patent, or copyright infringement arising out of the scope of Vendor's performance or nonperformance of the Agreement, or (iv) the negligent acts, errors or omissions, or intentional or willful misconduct, of Vendor, its professional associates, subcontractors, agents, and employees; provided, however, that Vendor shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the County with respect to any such claims or damages arising out of the County's sole negligence. The obligations imposed by this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Agreement.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES: The Contractor declares and warrants that neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's affiliates, as that term is defined in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, are subject to the restrictions in Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, regarding the commission of a public entity crime. If during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor or any affiliate is convicted of a public entity crime or is otherwise prohibited from performing work for or transacting business with the County pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, then the Contractor shall be in material

default of this Agreement, and in such case, the County shall have the rights and remedies as provided herein.

PREFERENCE FOR DRUG FREE WORKPLACE: Omitted intentionally, not applicable with Federal funds.

SEALED BIDS: All bid submittals must be completed and submitted either in a sealed parcel or submitted electronically. **(If Submitting a Sealed Parcel Bid, Please Do Not Include More Than One Bid Submittal Per Envelope.)** The original bid submittal(s) shall be submitted on the forms provided by Polk County. All bids are subject to the conditions herein; failure to comply will subject bid to rejection.

PRICES, TERMS AND PAYMENT: Firm prices shall be bid and include all packing, handling, shipping charges and delivery to any point within Polk County. Discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery at place of acceptance. Prices bid shall be firm for forty-five (45) days.

SAFETY STANDARDS: Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and carry evidence of Underwriters Laboratories' Listings (UL).

PACKAGING: All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment, and all prices should include standard commercial packaging.

MEETS SPECIFICATIONS: It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this bid shall be new (current model at the time of this bid) unless otherwise specified in the specifications. The bidder represents that all equipment offered under this specification shall meet or exceed the minimum requirements specified. Bidder shall strictly adhere to delivery specifications.

SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS: The apparent silence of this specification and any supplemental specifications to any details or the omission from same of any detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and that only materials of first quality and correct type, size and design are to be used. All workmanship is to be first quality. All interpretations of these specifications shall be made upon the basis of this statement.

GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS: In the event that any governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered on this bid/proposal prior to delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the supplier to notify the Procurement Division at once. Their letter shall indicate the specific regulation, which required an alteration. The County reserves the right to accept any such alteration, including any price adjustments, or to cancel the contract at no expense to the County.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Successful vendors must comply with OSHA Standard 1926.1200 Hazardous Communications Standard.

- a) The vendor will comply with all appropriate requirements of the Hazardous Communication Standard.
- b) Failure to provide MSDS, when applicable, shall be cause for rejection of bid.

INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND TITLE: Inspection and acceptance will be at the designated facility unless otherwise indicated. Title and risk of loss or damage to all items shall be the responsibility of the contract supplier until accepted by the County, unless loss or damage results from negligence by the County.

SAMPLES: Samples of items, when called for, must be furnished free of expense and may, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, bid number and item reference. Samples of successful bidder's items may remain on file with Procurement for the term of the contract. Request for return of samples shall be accompanied by instructions, which include shipping authorization and name of carrier, and must be received within ninety (90) days after bid opening date. If instructions are not received within this time, the Procurement Division shall dispose of the samples.

CODE OF ETHICS: If any bidder violates or is a party to a violation of the code of ethics of Polk County or the State of Florida, with respect to this bid, such bidder may be disqualified from performing the work described in this bid or from furnishing the goods or services for which the bid is submitted and shall be further disqualified from bidding on any future bids for work, goods, or services for the County.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEFINITIONS: The term "County" means the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and its authorized designees, agents or employees.

AWARD(S): As the best interest of the County may require, the right is reserved to make award(s) by individual item, group of items or as indicated in the bid form; to reject all bids or waive any minor irregularities or technicalities in bids received. In determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in addition to price, the following may be considered:

- Vendor's evaluation – quality of performance on previous projects.
- The ability, capacity, equipment and skill of the bidder to fulfill the contract.
- Whether or not the bidder can fulfill the contract within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
- The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to the contract.
- The sufficiency of the financial resources to fulfill the contract to provide the goods and/or services.
- The quality, availability and adaptability of the suppliers or contractual services to the particular use required.
- The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service, as required or needed.

- The number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

Prohibition Against Considering Vendor Interests: In accordance with Section 287.05701, Florida Statutes, the County may not (i) request documentation of or consider a Vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the Vendor is a responsible vendor; or (ii) give preference to a Vendor based on the Vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

LOCAL PREFERENCE: Omitted intentionally, not applicable with Federal funds.

VENDOR PREFERENCE: Omitted intentionally, not applicable with Federal funds.

NON-CONFORMANCE TO BID CONDITIONS: Services not delivered as per delivery date in bid and purchase order may result in bidder being found in default, in which event any and all re-procurement costs may be charged against the defaulting vendor. This non-conformance to bid conditions may result in immediate cancellation of the purchase order.

ASSIGNMENT: Any purchase order issued pursuant to this bid and the monies which may become due herein are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the Procurement Director.

DISPUTES: In the event of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the methods provided herein, or the level of performance rendered, the decision of the user department/division director shall be final and binding on both parties.

FACILITIES: The County reserves the right to inspect the bidder's facilities at any time, with prior notice.

PLACING OF ORDERS: The award of this bid does not constitute an order. Before any services can be performed, the successful bidder must receive written or oral notification in accordance with the practices of the User Division.

PRECEDENCE: Any requirement set forth in any section of the bid documents shall be binding as if called for by all sections. If there is a difference in the terms anywhere in this document, the most restrictive shall prevail.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/DELETIONS: Additions, revisions or deletions to the general conditions, specifications or bid price sheets that change the intent of the bid will cause the bid to be non-responsive and the bid will not be considered. The Procurement Director shall be the sole judge as to whether or not any addition, revision or deletion changes the intent of the bid.

TERMINATION: The Procurement Director reserves the right to terminate or suspend the award of this bid, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the County to do so. The Procurement Director will notify the vendor, in writing, of any such action with notice of the effective date of termination or suspension. This notice shall also specify the state of the work at the time of termination or suspension.

If the User Division determines that the performance of the vendor does not comply with the bid requirements, the division may:

- a) Immediately suspend the work; and

- b) Notify the vendor of the non-performance with a requirement that the deficiency be corrected within ten (10) days of notification.

PRICE ADJUSTMENTS: Any price decrease executed during the contract period, either by reason of market change or on the part of the contractor to other customers, shall be passed on to the County.

MANUFACTURERS NAMES AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS: Any manufacturer's names, trade names or brand names are for information only and are not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand for which they are an authorized representative that meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). If bids/proposals are based on equivalent products, indication should be made on the bid/proposal form of the manufacturer's name and number. Bidders shall submit with their bid/proposal, cuts, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. The bidder shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specification(s) and not be considered an exception thereto. Bids/proposals, which do not comply with these requirements, are subject to rejection. Bids/proposals lacking any written indication of intent to bid an alternate brand will be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications as listed on the bid form. The Procurement Division shall be notified of any proposed changes in the following:

- a) materials used;
- b) manufacturing process; and
- c) construction

Changes shall not be binding upon the County unless evidenced by a Change Notice issued and signed by the Procurement Director.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: The specifications and other bid documents upon which the prices in the vendor's bid proposal are based on are hereby made a part of the purchase order by reference thereto.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND: If a bond is required, it will be called out in the Special Conditions section of the bid. The vendor shall furnish a performance and payment bond, in an amount equal to the amount awarded, as security for the faithful performance and payment of all the vendor's obligations under the bid documents. The bond shall remain in effect at least until one year after the date when final payment becomes due, except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations or by the bid documents. All bonds shall be in the form prescribed by the bid document except as provided otherwise by Laws or Regulations, and shall be executed by such sureties as are named in the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by Audit Staff, Bureau of Government Financial Operations, U.S. Treasury Department and A.M. Best rated A VIII or better.

UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN(S): The vendor agrees that unauthorized aliens shall not be employed nor utilized in the performance of the requirements of this solicitation. The County shall consider the employment or utilization of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a). Such

violation shall be cause for unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County. As part of the response to this solicitation, the successful vendor will complete and submit the attached form "AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS."

Employment Eligibility Verification (E-Verify)

A. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this Section which are defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, shall have the meaning ascribed in said statute.

B. Pursuant to Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes, the contractor hereto, and any subcontractor thereof, must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the contractor or subcontractor. The contractor acknowledges and agrees that (i) the County and the contractor may not enter into this Agreement, and the contractor may not enter into any subcontracts hereunder, unless each party to this Agreement, and each party to any subcontracts hereunder, registers with and uses the E-Verify system; and (ii) use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System and compliance with all other terms of this Certification and Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., is an express condition of this Agreement, and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of this Agreement.

C. By entering into this Agreement, the contractor becomes obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes but is not limited to utilization of the E-Verify System to verify 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 shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of this Agreement. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this Agreement, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute or Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat., the subcontract must be terminated immediately. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., such termination is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If this Agreement is terminated for a violation of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., by the contractor, the contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of 1 year after the date of termination. The contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of this Agreement. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to allow intentional discrimination of any class protected by law.

UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES (FORCE MAJEURE): Either party hereunder may be temporarily excused from performance if an Event of Force Majeure directly or indirectly causes its nonperformance. An "Event of Force Majeure" is defined as any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. It includes, but is not limited to fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and governmental actions. Neither party shall be excused from performance if non-performance is due to forces which are reasonably preventable, removable, or remediable and which the non-performing party could have,

with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed, or remedied prior to, during, or immediately after their occurrence. Within five (5) days after the occurrence of an Event of Force Majeure, the non-performing party shall deliver written notice to the other party describing the event in reasonably sufficient detail, along with proof of how the event has precluded the non-performing party from performing its obligations hereunder, and a good faith estimate as to the anticipated duration of the delay and the means and methods for correcting the delay. The non-performing party's obligations, so far as those obligations are affected by the Event of Force Majeure, shall be temporarily suspended during, but no longer than, the continuance of the Event of Force Majeure and for a reasonable time thereafter as may be required for the non-performing party to return to normal business operations. If excused from performing any obligations under this Agreement due to the occurrence of an Event of Force Majeure, the non-performing party shall promptly, diligently, and in good faith take all reasonable action required for it to be able to commence or resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement. During any such time period, the non-performing party shall keep the other party duly notified of all such actions required for it to be able to commence or resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS: Each party shall be responsible for its own legal and attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any dispute or any litigation arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, including attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred for any appellate or bankruptcy proceedings.

Public Records Law.

(a)The Vendor acknowledges the County's obligations under Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution and under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to release public records to members of the public upon request and comply in the handling of the materials created under this Agreement. The Vendor further acknowledges that the constitutional and statutory provisions control over the terms of this Agreement. In association with its performance pursuant to this Agreement, the Vendor shall not release or otherwise disclose the content of any documents or information that is specifically exempt from disclosure pursuant to all applicable laws.

(b)Without in any manner limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent applicable, the Vendor acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records, and shall:

(i) keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the services required under this Agreement;

(ii) upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records or his/her designee, provide the County 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 in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

(iii) ensure that public 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 term of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the County; and

(iv) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the Vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the Vendor transfers all public records to the County upon completion of this Agreement, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.

(c) IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER
POLK COUNTY
330 WEST CHURCH ST.
BARTOW, FL 33830
TELEPHONE: (863) 534-7527
EMAIL: RMLO@POLK-COUNTY.NET**

Scrutinized Companies and Business Operations Certification; Termination.

A. Certification(s).

- (i) By its execution of this Agreement, the Vendor hereby certifies to the County that the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, nor is the Vendor engaged in a boycott of Israel, nor was the Vendor on such List or engaged in such a boycott at the time it submitted its bid, proposal, quote, or other form of offer, as applicable, to the County with respect to this Agreement.
- (ii) Additionally, if the value of the goods or services acquired under this Agreement are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), then the Vendor further certifies to the County as follows:
 - (a) the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
 - (b) the Vendor is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; and
 - (c) the Vendor is not engaged in business operations (as that term is defined in Florida Statutes, Section 287.135) in Cuba or Syria; and

- (d) the Vendor was not on any of the Lists referenced in this subsection A(ii), nor engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria when it submitted its proposal to the County concerning the subject of this Agreement.
 - (iii) The Vendor hereby acknowledges that it is fully aware of the penalties that may be imposed upon the Vendor for submitting a false certification to the County regarding the foregoing matters.
- B. Termination. In addition to any other termination rights stated herein, the County may immediately terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (i) The Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection A(i) above, or the Vendor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.
 - (ii) The Vendor is found to have submitted a false certification to the County with respect to any of the matters set forth in subsection A(ii) above, or the Vendor is found to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and the value of the goods or services acquired under this Agreement are greater than or equal to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).

No Construction Against Drafter. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement and all the terms and conditions contained herein have been fully reviewed and negotiated by the Parties. Accordingly, any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in interpreting this Agreement.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS - FEDERAL CLAUSES

The County has been awarded and received American Rescue Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) for the services to be provided under the Agreement from the U.S. Department of Treasury. In accordance with the federal procurement standards at 2 C.F.R. sections 200.317 through 200.327 the following clauses are incorporated in this Bid, any resulting award with the prime Contractor, and any resulting contracts between the prime Contractor and sub-contractors and material suppliers. The following conditions are supplemental to the General Terms and Conditions. Where there is conflict, these Supplemental Conditions prevail unless the General Terms and Conditions are stricter.

1. Equal Employment Opportunity. (Applicable to construction only)

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts

by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract/Purchase Order or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract/Purchase Order may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

2. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

(1) Overtime requirements. Neither the Contractor, nor any subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the Contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such consultant and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work

in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

(3) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. the U.S. Department of Treasury, the applicable Federal agency, or Polk County as the recipient shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

(4) Subcontracts. The Contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

3. Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Clean Air Act

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the U.S. Department of Treasury and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

(1) The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

(2) The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the U.S Department of Treasury, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

(3) The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

4. Debarment and Suspension. (Exhibit “A”)

(1) This Contract/Purchase Order is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The Contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Polk County. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the U.S. Department of Treasury and the County. The Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract or purchase order that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

5. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended)

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification (attached hereto as Exhibit “B”). Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

6. Procurement of Recovered Materials.

(1) In the performance of this Contract/Purchase Order, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—

(i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;

(ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or

(iii) At a reasonable price.

(2) Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designate items, is available at EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program.”>

8. Domestic Preference

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.322, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, the County must provide a preference for the purchase acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of this section.

(1) “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

(2) “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

9. Affirmative Action.

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.321, the County is committed to taking all necessary steps to assure that minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. The Contractor shall also take such affirmative steps in the selection of its subcontractors, laborers and materialmen. Affirmative steps include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women’s business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises; and

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

10. Access to Records. The following access to records requirements apply to this Contract and any Purchase Order issued hereunder:

(1) The Contractor agrees to provide Polk County and the U.S. Department of Treasury, or any of their authorized representatives, including but not limited to the Government Accountability Office (“GOA”), Treasury’s Office of Inspector General (“OIG”), and the Pandemic Relief Accountability Committee (“PRAC”), access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

(2) The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

(3) The Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. Department of Treasury or their authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the applicable Purchase Order.”

11. **USDT Seal, Logo, and Flags**. The Contractor shall not use the USDT seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of USDT agency officials without specific USDT pre- approval.

12. **Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders**. This is an acknowledgement that U.S. Department of Treasury American Rescue Plan financial assistance will be used to fund the Contract only. The Contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

13. **No Obligation by Federal Government**. The Federal Government is not a party to this Purchase Order and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from this Purchase Order.

14. **Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts**. The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractor’s actions pertaining to this Purchase Order.

15. **Default and Remedy**. **Process**. If the Contractor materially defaults in the timely performance of any Contract obligation, or if the Contractor is otherwise in material default of the Contract, including, without limitation, the Contractor’s failure to timely deliver any portion, or the entirety, of the Project Work in accordance with the Contract documents, then the County shall have the right to (i) with or without terminating the Contract, immediately call in any bonds or other form of security, and engage other consultants or providers at the Contractor’s sole cost and expense to provide those unperformed or deficient Contract obligations of the Contractor; (ii) set-off the monetary amount of any and all damages arising therefrom, whether direct or indirect, actual or liquidated, from the amounts due Contractor pursuant to the Contract documents, (iii) immediately terminate the Contract by delivering written notice to the Contractor, and (iv) pursue any and all remedies available in law, equity, and under the Contract, including, without limitation, the recovery of any increased cost to the County to complete the Project Work due to the loss of American Rescue Plan funding

caused, directly or indirectly, by the Contractor's delay. Upon any such termination pursuant to this Section, the County shall pay the Contractor the full amount due and owing for all services properly performed through the date of the Contract termination, less any amount subject to the County's right of set-off, and all liability of the County to the Contractor shall cease.

Certain Material Defaults. Among other matters, including without limitation, the Contractor's failure to timely deliver any portion, or the entirety, of the Project Work in accordance with the Contract documents, as described immediately above, any of the following shall constitute the Contractor's material default of the Contract: the appointment of a receiver to take possession of all or substantially all of the Contractor's assets, a general assignment by the Contractor for the benefit of creditors, or any action taken by or suffered by Contractor under any insolvency or bankruptcy act; or the Contractor is convicted of a public entity crime, is determined to have violated federal or state law prohibiting discrimination as stated in Section 287.134, Florida Statutes, or is prohibited from performing work for or transacting business with the County pursuant to Section 287.133 or to Section 287.134, Florida Statutes; or an assignment of the Contract made without the express written consent of the County; or the submission of a false certification to the County or engagement in prohibited business operations, both as described in the Contract Documents.

16. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

In accordance with 2 CFR §200.216 and Appendix II to Part 200, subsection (K), no funding or services provided pursuant to or in connection with this Contract, shall in any way be used to:

- (1) Procure or obtain;
- (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
- (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in [Public Law 115-232](#), section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - (i) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision

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Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).

(ii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

(iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Award will be based on low bid meeting specifications for each item. All bid items should be bid at a fair and reasonable price; failure to do so may cause the bid to be non-responsive. The Procurement Director shall be the sole judge of what is fair and reasonable. The Procurement Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any minor irregularities in the bids received, whichever would be in the best interest of the County.

A price analysis will be completed by Procurement and Parks and Natural Resources (P&NR) to determine if the submitted price(s) is fair and reasonable. If prices are not deemed to be fair and reasonable Procurement and P&NR must conduct a cost analysis with the low bid; OR if only one bid received a cost analysis must be performed. Contractor's profit must be negotiated as a separate cost from the Contractor's cost. Contractors must provide a complete breakdown of all costs associated with the purchase. (2 CFR, 200.323 Contract cost and price).

2. **PERFORMANCE OF WORK:** Portions of the work required under this bid may be performed by subcontractors. The vendor shall be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of their subcontractors and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them and of persons for those acts any of them may be liable to the same extent as if they were employed by the vendor. Any work performed by the successful vendor or sub-contracted out must meet all regulated deadlines.
3. Bid items must be inclusive of all costs for each project. This is a turnkey project.
4. Vendors must possess a Polk County Local Business Tax Receipt (f/k/a Business License) to do business with the Polk County Board of County Commissioners. A copy of such license must be provided to the Procurement Division before award is made to the successful vendor.
5. If it becomes necessary to revise or amend any part of this bid, an addendum will be issued and will be posted on the County's website at <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/>. It is the sole responsibility of the bidders to check the website to ensure that all available information has been received prior to submitting a bid.
6. Bidders may attend the Bid Opening via conference call by dialing (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 327 647 2818 or in person. A listing of all bidders will be posted to Procurement's website as soon as possible after bid opening.
7. The Successful Bidder must register in our Vendor Database if you have not already done so prior to the award of this bid. A purchase order cannot be issued to a vendor until they are registered. You may register at the following link: <https://www.polk-county.net/business/procurement/vendor-information/>.

Qualifications

1. Vendor must have been in business under the same FEIN number for past three (3) years. Evidence should be submitted with the bid submittal.
2. Vendor must provide two (2) references from clients in which the bidder has performed similar size and scope services as the prime vendor, within the past five (5) years. Each reference should include:
 - a. Name of the client
 - b. Address of the client
 - c. Contact person to include:
 - i. Phone number and email address.
 - d. Period of Performance (start and end date of the services).
 - e. Brief description of the services provided.
 - i. To include (footage of fence installed).

All information requested for qualifications should be submitted with the bid or must be provided within three (3) business days upon request and prior to award.

Scope of Work

The project is composed of fencing projects at three (3) sites located within Polk County managed by Polk County Parks and Natural Resources (P&NR). Information of each of the projects is provided below.

(1) Lake Annie

Project Overview

Removal and disposal of approximately 1,740 feet of existing fencing, posts, and gate. Replace with approximately 1,740 feet of new field fence as described in the specifications.

Replacement of one existing gate, as well as installation of one new gate, exact locations will be determined by the P&NR Project Manager.

Installation of approximately 1,960 feet of new barbed wire fence as described in the specifications.

The vendor is responsible for the trimming of any trees or other vegetation necessary to complete the project.

Vendor is responsible for having underground utilities located within the project site. If any underground utilities are located the vendor should notify the P&NR Project Manager, and a plan will be made to avoid disturbing the utilities.

Field Fence Specifications

- A. Fence shall be installed with wire facing private property or right of way.
- B. Field fence materials shall be 47", 12.5 gauge with class 3 (three) coating.
- C. Line posts shall be 4" diameter, pressure treated, and placed a maximum of 12 feet apart and embedded 2 ½ feet into the ground.
- D. Brace assemblies shall be a double assembly consisting of 3 (three) brace posts and 2 (two) line posts wrapped with one (1) strand of 9-gauge brace wire. Brace posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- E. Corner posts shall be embedded 3 ½ feet into the ground. Corner posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- F. One strand of bekaert gaucho 15.5 ga. 4-point high tensile barbed wire or equivalent on the top of the fence above the field fence.

Barbed Wire Fence Specifications

- A. Fence shall be installed with wire facing private property or right of way.
- B. Barbed wire material shall be five strands of bekaert gaucho 15.5 ga. 4-point high tensile barbed wire or equivalent.
- C. The top strand of barbed wire shall be approximately 3 inches from the top of the post, and the bottom strand approximately 6 inches from the ground. Remaining strands will be evenly spaced between the top and bottom strands.
- D. Line posts shall be 4" diameter, pressure treated, and placed a maximum of 12 feet apart and embedded 2 ½ feet into the ground.
- E. Brace assemblies shall be a double assembly consisting of 3 (three) brace posts and 2 (two) line posts wrapped with one (1) strand of 9-gauge brace wire. Brace posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- F. Corner posts shall be embedded 3 ½ feet into the ground. Corner posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- G. Metal tee posts shall be used in wetland areas in the place of wooden line posts.

Gates

- A. 14-foot pipe gates shall be used.

Project Location

Located at Polk County's recently acquired Lake Annie wetland, approximate address 386 Lincoln Avenue, Dundee, Florida (28.011313, -81.627434). Maps of the project location are provided in Attachment A – Project Maps. See page 1 of this document for instructions on how to access attachments.

Project Time Frame

The vendor will have 30 days from issuance of a notice to proceed complete the project.

(2) Lake Hamilton

Project Overview

Removal and disposal of approximately 8,050 feet of existing fencing and posts.

Installation of approximately 8,050 feet of new field fence as described in the specifications.

Replacement of one existing gate, installation of one new gate, and tying into one existing gate. Location of replacement and new gates may differ from the map, exact locations will be determined by the P&NR Project Manager.

The vendor is responsible for the trimming of any trees or other vegetation necessary to complete the project.

Vendor is responsible for having underground utilities located within the project site. If any underground utilities are located the vendor should notify the P&NR Project Manager, and a plan will be made to avoid disturbing the utilities.

Specifications

- A. Fence shall be installed with wire facing private property or right of way.
- B. Field fence materials shall be 47", 12.5 gauge with class 3 coating.
- C. Line posts shall be 4" diameter, pressure treated, and placed a maximum of 12 feet apart and embedded 2 ½ feet into the ground.
- D. Brace assemblies shall be a double assembly consisting of 3 brace posts and 2-line posts wrapped with one (1) strand of 9-gauge brace wire. Brace posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- E. Corner posts shall be embedded 3 ½ feet into the ground. Corner posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- F. One strand of bekaert gaucho 15.5 ga. 4-point high tensile barbed wire or equivalent on the top of the fence above the field fence.
- G. Removal of trees under 8" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), that would impede the installation of the new fence.
- H. Fencing may be placed around trees over 8" DBH, P&NR Project Manager will determine which side of the tree the fence should be installed on.

Gates

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- A. 14-foot pipe gates shall be used.

Project Location

Project is located along Dr Moody Road on the western shore of Lake Hamilton. Maps of the project location are provided in Attachment A – Project Maps. See page 1 of this document for instructions on how to access attachments.

Project Time Frame

The vendor will have 30 days from issuance of a notice to proceed to complete the project.

(3) Lake Lulu

Project Overview

Installation of approximately 4,440 feet of new field fence, and approximately 2,240 feet of barbed wire fence as described in the specifications.

Installation of three new gates, exact locations will be determined by the P&NR Project Manager.

The vendor is responsible for the trimming of any trees or other vegetation necessary to complete the project.

Vendor is responsible for having any underground utilities located within the project site. If any underground utilities are located the vendor should notify the P&NR Project Manager, and a plan will be made to avoid disturbing the utilities.

Field Fence Specifications

- A. Fence shall be installed with wire facing private property or right of way.
- B. Field fence materials shall be 47", 12.5 gauge with class 3 coating.
- C. Line posts shall be 4" diameter, pressure treated, and placed a maximum of 12 feet apart and embedded 2 ½ feet into the ground.
- D. Brace assemblies shall be a double assembly consisting of 3 brace posts and 2-line posts wrapped with one (1) strand of 9-gauge brace wire. Brace posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- E. Corner posts shall be embedded 3 ½ feet into the ground. Corner posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- F. One strand of bekaert gaucho 15.5 ga. 4-point high tensile barbed wire or equivalent on the top of the fence above the field fence.

Barbed Wire Fence Specifications

- A. Fence shall be installed with wire facing private property or right of way.
- B. Barbed wire material shall be five strands of bekaert gaucho 15.5 ga. 4-point high tensile barbed wire or equivalent.
- C. The top strand of barbed wire shall be approximately 3 inches from the top of the post, and the bottom strand approximately 6 inches from the ground. Remaining strands will be evenly spaced between the top and bottom strands.
- D. Line posts shall be 4" diameter, pressure treated, and placed a maximum of 12 feet apart and embedded 2 ½ feet into the ground.
- E. Brace assemblies shall be a double assembly consisting of 3 brace posts and 2-line posts wrapped with one (1) strand of 9-gauge brace wire. Brace posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.

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- F. Corner posts shall be embedded 3 ½ feet into the ground. Corner posts shall be 6" x 8' pressure treated.
- G. Metal tee posts shall be used in wetland areas in the place of wooden line posts.

Gates

- A. 14-foot pipe gates shall be used.

Project Location

Located at Polk County's recently acquired Lake Lulu wetland, approximate address 1050 Hoover Road, Winter Haven, Florida 33884 (27.989126, -81.728504). Maps of the projection location are provided in Attachment A – Project Maps. See page 1 of this document for instructions on how to access attachments.

Project Time Frame

The vendor will have 30 days from issuance of a notice to proceed to complete the project.

Signature Acknowledgement

(Submittal Page)

To Polk County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida

Date: _____

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same construction, service or material and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I have read and understand the bidding documents. I have completed and submitted all bid submittal forms, and I am authorized to sign this bid for the bidder. In submitting a bid to the County, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will convey, sell, assign or transfer to the County all rights, titles and interests in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-Trust Laws of the United States and the State of Florida for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the County. At the County's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the County tender's final payment to the bidder.

Vendor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

(Area Code) Telephone Number: _____

Toll Free Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Bidders Incorporation Information (Submittal Page)

The following section should be completed by all bidders and submitted with their bid submittal:

Company Name: _____

DBA/Fictitious Name (if applicable): _____

TIN #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Note: Company name must match legal name assigned to the TIN number. **A current W9 should be submitted with your bid submittal.**

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Organization (select one type)

- Sole Proprietorship
- Partnership
- Non-Profit
- Sub Chapter
- Joint Venture
- Corporation
- LLC
- LLP
- Publicly Traded
- Employee Owned

State of Incorporation: _____

The Successful vendor must complete and submit this form prior to award. The Successful vendor must invoice using the company name listed above.

Drug-Free Workplace Form

(Submittal Page)

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that, (Name of the Business): _____ does:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation programs, employee assistance programs and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program, if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Vendor Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder
(Submittal Page)

State of _____

County of _____

_____ being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He - She is _____ of _____, the Bidder that has submitted the attached Bid;
2. He - She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Bid and of all pertinent circumstance respecting such Bid;
3. Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Bid;
4. Neither the said Bidders nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with such Contract or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion of communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached bid of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the Bid Price or the Bid Price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant.

State of: _____

County of: _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ (*name*) as _____ (*title of officer*) of _____ (*entity name*), on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Printed Name of Notary Public: _____

Notary Commission # and Expiration: _____

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The successful vendor shall purchase and maintain in-force during the contract period the insurance as specified below with an insurer licensed to do business in the State of Florida; rated "A" or better by A.M. Best Rating Company for Class VIII financial size category.

- **Commercial General Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000** combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death, and property damage, and personal injury resulting from any one occurrence, including the following coverages: Completed Operations, Broad Form CG.
- **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance: \$1,000,000;** combined single limit of liability for bodily injuries, death and property damage resulting from any one occurrence, including all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles.
- **Workers' Compensation Insurance providing statutory benefits,** including those that may be required by any applicable federal statute. Any sole proprietor or partner actively engaged in the construction industry, and any corporate officer of a construction or non-construction industry corporation who elects to be exempt from the provisions of the workers' compensation law must provide either a workers' compensation exemption certificate (construction industry) or a letter stating the exemption status and number of employees (non-construction industry).

The general liability and workers' compensation policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of Polk County.

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, must be named as an additional insured with respect to liability arising from all work performed for Polk County, for Automobile and General Liability policies of insurance.

Each Certificate of Insurance must list the Certificate Holder as:

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida
330 W Church St, Room 150
Bartow, FL 33830

An original certificate of insurance must be on file in the Procurement Division before a purchase order will be issued.

Certificates of Insurance for policies requiring additional insured status and/or the waiver of subrogation must include notations that these requirements apply. In addition, the Vendor shall supply to the County copies of the endorsements to verify these requirements.

The Vendor must provide, or cause to be provided, the County with 30 days' prior written notice regarding the cancellation, suspension, or non-renewal of or material change to any policy.

All Certificates of Insurance must be submitted on ACORD 25 forms.

INSURANCE

(SUBMITTAL PAGE)

By signing below, the Bidder is stating that they fully understand the insurance requirements for this project and if awarded this bid will provide all insurance coverage as required in Bid this bid document.

The requirements are as follows:

- Bidder is insured with a company licensed to do business in the State of Florida
- The insurance company is rated A VIII or better by A.M. Best Rating Company (General policy)
- Polk County will be named as an additional insured for automobile liability and general liability.
- The General Liability and Workers Compensation policy will contain waiver of subrogation in favor of Polk County

Company Name: _____

Bidder Signature: _____

Safety Requirements/Regulations

1.0 All Bidders are required to submit, with their Bid Proposal, the Safety Requirements/Regulations form. Any questions regarding compliance with the safety requirements/regulations provision shall be directed to the County Safety Officer, Risk Management, at (863) 534-5267.

1.1 The Vendor is responsible for observing all OSHA regulations and shall self-inspect to ensure this is accomplished. The Vendor shall ensure that all personnel are properly trained and shall be able to provide documentation for their personnel that have attended training courses. Examples of such training courses are: Hazard Communications, Traffic Work Zone Safety, Personal Protective Equipment, First Aid/CPR, Permit Required Confined Space, Lock out/Tag Out of Hazardous Energy. All Vendors are required to comply with OSHA Standards regardless of the number of employees they may have.

1.2 A County representative may periodically monitor work site safety. Should there be safety and/or health violations, classified as Serious, Willful or Criminal/Willful Violations, the County's representative may have the authority, but not the duty, to require the Vendor to correct the violation in an expeditious manner. Inspections shall be based on requirements contained in law. The definitions of serious, willful and criminal/willful violations are as follows:

Serious Violation: A serious violation shall be deemed to exist in a place of employment if there is a substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a condition which exists, or from one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes which have been adopted or are in use, in such place of employment unless the employer did not, and could not, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, know of the presence of the violation.

Willful Violation: May exist where evidence shows that the employer committed an intentional and knowing violation of the Act.

Criminal/Willful Violation: A repeat violation of a previously cited willful violation.

Violation of Serious, Willful or Criminal violation may have the following consequences:

First violation: correction may be a verbal warning and the correction shall be done the same day. Written documentation may be maintained by the County.

Second violation: may result in work stoppage until the violation is corrected. The work stoppage shall not entitle the Vendor to additional contract time or compensation. Liquidated damages provision will remain in full force and effect.

Third violation: this may constitute a breach of contract for safety violations and may result in termination of the contract at the sole discretion of the County.

Note: The County Safety Officer may stop any job to ensure the safety of all concerned.

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1.3 Should the work site be in a hazardous area, the County shall furnish the Vendor with information concerning hazards such as types or identification of known toxic material, machine hazards, Material Safety Data Sheets, or any other information that would assist the Vendor in the planning of a safe work site.

1.4 The Vendor shall be aware that while working for the County, representatives from agencies such as the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Division of Safety, State of Florida, are invitees and need not have warrants or permission to enter the work site. These agencies, as well as the County Safety Officer, enter at the pleasure of the County.

1.5 The Vendor shall designate a competent person of its organization whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents at the site. This person shall be the Vendor's superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the Vendor to the County. All communications to the superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Vendor.

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Bidder must sign and have notarized:

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies that they fully understand the safety requirements/regulation provisions and will comply.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Name of Firm _____

By _____

Title of Person Signing

(SEAL)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ (*name*) as _____ (*title of officer*) of _____ (*entity name*), on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public Signature: _____

Printed Name of Notary Public: _____

Notary Commission Number and Expiration: _____

(AFFIX NOTARY SEAL)

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Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws

POLK COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 A(E) {SECTION 274A(E) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT ("INA")}.

POLK COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(E) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 274A(E) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY POLK COUNTY.**

BIDDER ATTEST THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

Company Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

State of: _____

County of: _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by _____ (*name*) as _____ (*title of officer*) of _____ (*entity name*), on behalf of the company, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public Signature: _____

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EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION (E-VERIFY) CERTIFICATION

(Florida Statutes, Section 448.095)

PROJECT NAME: Bid 23-449, Fencing for Stormwater Projects

The undersigned, as an authorized officer of the contractor identified below (the “**Contractor**”), having full knowledge of the statements contained herein, hereby certifies to Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the “**County**”), by and on behalf of the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as related to the contract entered into by and between the Contractor and the County on or about the date hereof, whereby the Contractor will provide labor, supplies, or services to the County in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration (the “**Contract**”), as follows:

1. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this Certification which are defined in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, shall have the meaning ascribed in said statute.

2. Pursuant to Section 448.095(5), Florida Statutes, the Contractor, and any subcontractor under the Contract, must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor or subcontractor. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that (i) the County and the Contractor may not enter into the Contract, and the Contractor may not enter into any subcontracts thereunder, unless each party to the Contract, and each party to any subcontracts thereunder, registers with and uses the E-Verify system; and (ii) use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System and compliance with all other terms of this Certification and Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., is an express condition of the Contract, and the County may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract.

3. By entering into the Contract, the Contractor becomes obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes but is not limited to utilization of the E-Verify System to verify 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 shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of the Contract, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute or Section 448.09(1), Fla. Stat., the subcontract must be terminated immediately. If the Contract is terminated pursuant to Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., such termination is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If the Contract is terminated for a violation of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of 1 year after the date of termination. The Contractor shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of the termination of the Contract. Nothing in this Certification shall be construed to allow intentional discrimination of any class protected by law.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____
PRINTED NAME: _____
Its: _____

By: _____
PRINTED NAME: _____
Its: _____

EXHIBIT “A”

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

For all awards, subawards, and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs and activities, the Offeror must complete and sign the following:

The Offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that-

(1) This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

(2) The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

(3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the “County”). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the Florida Division Emergency Management, the County, and the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

(4) The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

SIGNATURE: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT “B”

APPENDIX A, 44 C.F.R. PART 18 – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned _____ (Contractor) 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 Official _____

Name and Title of Contractor’s Authorized Official _____

Date _____