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## City of Port St. Lucie Electronic Bid ("eBid")

**Event Name: Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services**  
**eBid (Event) Number: 20230025**

### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1. Purpose of Procurement

Pursuant to the [City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, Sec. 35.05](#), this electronic ("eBid") is being issued to establish a contract with one or more qualified Contractors who will provide service for the **Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services** to the City of Port St. Lucie (hereinafter, "City") as further described in this eBid.

A descriptive overview of the City of Port St. Lucie can be found at <https://www.cityofpsl.com/discover-us/about-psl>. Please visit the City's website to familiarize yourself with how our city is structured and operates. Please contact the Issuing Officer with any questions.

#### 1.2. Restrictions on Communicating with Staff

From the issue date of this eBid until a City generated Purchase Order is submitted to the contracted contractor (or the eBid is officially cancelled), contractors are not allowed to communicate for any reason with any City staff or elected officials except through the Issuing Officer named herein, or during the Bidders/Offerors' conference (if any), or as defined in this eBid, or as provided by existing work agreement(s). This is commonly known as a cone of silence during the procurement process as identified in the [City Code of Ordinances, Section 35.13](#). Prohibited communication includes all contact or interaction, including but not limited to, telephonic communications, emails, faxes, letters, or personal meetings, such as lunch, entertainment, or otherwise. The City reserves the right to reject the response of any contractor violating this provision. Further information of this topic can be found on the Cone of Silence and eBid Communication Document.

#### 1.3. eBid Scope of Requested Commodities

The City desires to obtain proposals from qualified individuals, firms, and legal entities to enter into a fixed price contract relative to supplying maintenance services for Grounds Maintenance of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services. Contract period shall be for an initial two (2) year period with an option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods contingent upon satisfactory service and mutual agreement of the parties.

This contract allows for a CPI-U index increase/decrease as per Section VI of the Sample Contract. See link provided below.

[https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0?amp%253bdata\\_tool=XGtable&output\\_view=data&include\\_graphs=true](https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0?amp%253bdata_tool=XGtable&output_view=data&include_graphs=true)

### 1.3.1. Scope of Work

#### **Specific Duties to be Performed: Grounds Maintenance of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services**

**1.3.1.1.** Work to be performed by the Contractor under this section includes furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment, machinery, tools, materials, transportation, insurance, and all other incidentals necessary to comply with the specifications required to perform the grounds maintenance of the areas specified by the City's Project Managers.

**1.3.1.2.** The Contractor will make every reasonable effort to leave the area in an aesthetically pleasing condition.

**1.3.1.3.** At all locations the Contractor will be responsible to inspect and remove all trash prior to the commencement of mowing and maintenance. The Contractor will supply the number of 55-gallon trash bags removed at the conclusion of each cycle. The Contractor shall be required to trim around all signs, headwalls, culverts, grates, fire hydrants, delineators, utility poles, canal fronts, etc. that occupy these locations. The Contractor's responsibilities will include, but is not limited to, mowing and grounds maintenance, pruning/hedging all plants so as to remove all dead or diseased, and all parts of plants which present a visual hazard or physical obstacle to the use of traffic way(s); keep litter/debris removed from the required areas listed herein; and weeding/herbicide weed control, at all, and any other future locations as requested by the City. Locations that have sidewalks, tree wells or planter beds will be edged and blown during each mowing cycle to include either mechanical and/or herbicide treatment to control/remove weeds/invasive plants. Contractor will be held responsible for any plants/trees inadvertently killed during herbicide treatments in designated planter beds/tree wells, and at no cost to the City. Turf grass weed control will not be included in this contract. All other required licenses for herbicide treatment of planter beds/tree wells, sidewalk expansion joints, pavers, fence lines will apply. No indicator dye will be used on non-permeable surfacing. All designated planters/beds will be trimmed/hedged minimum of 12 times annually and pruning of trees/plants up to 12' in height and less will be included. No IPM or fertilizer applications will be included in this contract for Turf/grass areas. Locations identified as designated parking lots, walkways may experience higher than normal debris during the year, contractor will be expected to blow and remove debris from hard surfacing and take to an approved landfill for proper disposal. The City reserves the right to add or delete locations as the city grows and changes.

The Project Manager will furnish maps of all locations. Designated area maps can be found in Attachment A. The Project Manager shall provide an itemized check list to the Contractor. This check list will need to be signed and dated for each occurrence. The Project Manager will require the Contractor to remove all trash within the residential streets. Nothing larger than a tire will be removed. The City will address this issue on a case-by-case basis. Frequency of Grounds Maintenance services for all locations are detailed on Schedule A. The actual frequency of services will be at the discretion of the City's Project Manager.

**1.3.1.4.** The Contractor shall perform work in accordance with the Monthly Schedule issued by the Project Manager, or his/her designee.

**1.3.1.5.** It is the Contractor responsibility to maintain a uniform height of cut consistent with the terrain. Contractor will take all precautionary measures to keep grass clippings/debris from entering all mulch areas, planter beds, and tree wells. Cutting blades shall be sharpened as needed, to maintain a good cutting characteristic. Blades shall be set to cut grass at three (3) inches in height after being cut. All mowing is to be tied into private property. The Contractor shall agree at any time

deemed necessary by the Project Manager to allow the Project Manager, or his/her designee, the right to inspect the mowing blades of any machine being used.

**1.3.1.6.** When work is in progress, Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that cuttings will not be discharged into the street, onto private property or in the drainage “black swale liner”. The Contractor shall also make every reasonable effort to ensure that cuttings will be discharged onto the uncut area. Any debris as a result of the mowing operation discharged in these locations may be required to be moved by the Contractor at the discretion of the Project Manager before work continues.

**1.3.1.7.** Any damage occurring during mowing operations is to be immediately reported before the end of the daily shift by the Contractor to the Project Manager. The Project Manager will determine what corrective action is required and inform the Contractor. The Contractor will punctually perform the required corrective action at the Contractor’s expense no later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time it is reported.

**1.3.1.8.** The Contractor shall deliver bi-weekly reports VIA email, facsimile, or in person, a detailed work schedule to identify the specific work in progress, the name and number of personnel, street names, or sections being performed to the Project Manager or his/her designee.

**1.3.1.9.** The back side of the swale liners and sidewalks, if present, must always be cut, regardless if it’s wet or not. The Contractor shall weed-eat, use a walk behind mower, or boom mower if conditions are too wet.

<b>Grounds Maintenance Service Locations</b>		
<b>Line #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Annual Frequency</b>
1	Municipal Complex - 121 SW Port Saint Lucie Blvd.	52
2	2202 SW Best Street	44
3	2258 SW Best Street	44
4	2266 SW Best Street	44
5	2274 SW Best Street	44
6	120 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44
7	152 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44
8	162 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44
9	172 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44
10	182 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44
11	2243 SW Kail Street	44
12	2257 SW Kail Street	44
13	Mary Ann Cernuto Park - 2060 SE Grand Drive	52
14	Community Center - 2195 SE Airosa Blvd.	52
15	Intermodal Bus Transfer Station - 395 SE Deacon Ave.	44
16	2219 SE Belvedere Street	44
17	2234 SE Belvedere Street	44
18	2242 SE Belvedere Street	44
19	2250 SE Belvedere Street	44
20	2258 SE Belvedere Street	44
21	374 SE Thanksgiving Ave.	44

22	2225 SE Belvedere St.	44
23	2226 SE Belvedere St.	44
24	2233 SE Belvedere St.	44
25	2241 SE Belvedere St.	44
26	2249 SE Belvedere St.	44

**1.3.1.10.** The Contractor shall install and remove City Banners on an aluminum “post and panel” sign with brackets. The posts are 11’ high and hold two 42” X 96” vinyl banners with 4” pockets on them. Each location identified below will hold two banners each. There are currently seven banner locations throughout the City:

<b>Banner Installation and Removal Locations</b>	
<b>Line #</b>	<b>Location</b> (Two Banners Per Location)
<b>Single Sided</b>	
1	Floresta Dr./PSL Blvd.
2	Crosstown Parkway/East of I-95
3	Southbend Blvd./Navy Ave.
4	Bayshore Blvd./St. Lucie West Blvd.
<b>Double Sided</b>	
5	Midway Rd./East Torino Pkwy.
6	Melaleuca Blvd./Green River Pkwy.
7	Lennard Rd./Mariposa Ave.

Ladders are required for the work. When removing and installing new banners, the Contractor shall remove the bottom pole of each banner by unscrewing the threaded knob to release the banner and then lift and remove the top banner pipe from the top channels and slide the new banners on for the top and bottom. The threaded knobs shall be re-screwed into the pipe channel through the pipe on both sides of each bottom banner pole holder to ensure it is inside the banner pipe and held securely.

The scheduling of the banners will be coordinated through the Communications Department. Contractor will be required to pick up and return the banners to the Communications Department, which is located inside City Hall.

**1.3.1.11.** The City reserves the right the modify the level of service due to environmental conditions funding availability, and/or the demands from the public.

**1.3.2. Inspections** - During the contract period the Project Manager, or his designee, shall continually inspect the work that has been performed and notify the Contractor of any deficiencies that require correction. The Contractor shall be responsible to remedy all deficiencies within twenty-four (24) hours after being notified to be eligible for that month's service payment.

**1.3.3. Equipment Storage** - The Contractor shall be responsible for to ensure that all equipment and supplies shall not be stored on City property without written permission from the Project Manager.

**1.3.4. Equipment** - Only equipment designed for performance of work described herein will be acceptable for operation. The equipment used must be in good operating condition at all times. All equipment used must have company identification signs including, but not limited to, trucks, boats, etc.

The City may inspect the equipment anytime during the course of the contract. Safety devices shall be properly installed and maintained at all times the equipment is in use.

**1.3.5. Limitation of Operations** – No equipment, regardless of width, shall be left on the roadway rights-of-way overnight or parked in the median without written approval from the City.

The Contractor shall prevent damage and preserve all property associated with, or located in the vicinity of, or is in any way affected by the work. This applies to public and private property and/or utilities.

Any damages occurring to such properties shall be immediately repaired at the expense of the Contractor to a condition equal to or better than that existing before such damage occurred.

The Contractor shall provide adequate protection for curbs and sidewalks over which trucks and equipment pass to reach the job site.

**1.4. Overview of the eBid Process**

The objective of the eBid is to select one or more qualified Contractors (as defined by Section 1.1 “Purpose of the Procurement”) to provide the goods and/or services outlined in this eBid to the City. This eBid process will be conducted to gather and evaluate responses from Contractor for potential award. All qualified Contractors are invited to participate by submitting responses, as further defined below. After evaluating all Contractor’s responses received prior to the closing date of this eBid and resolution of any contract exceptions, the preliminary results of the eBid process will be publicly announced, by the City Clerk’s office, including the names of all participating Contractors and the evaluation results. Subject to the protest process, final contract award(s) will be publicly announced thereafter.

NOTE TO CONTRACTORS: The general instructions and provisions of this document have been drafted with the expectation that the City may desire to make one award or multiple awards. For example, this document contains phrases such as “contract(s)” and “award(s)”. Please refer to Section 1.1 “Purpose of the Procurement” and Section 6.4 “Selection and Award” for information concerning the number of contract awards expected.

**1.5. Schedule of Events**

The schedule of events set out herein represents the City’s best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. However, delays to the procurement process may occur which may necessitate adjustments to the proposed schedule. If a component of this schedule, such as the close date, is delayed, the rest of the schedule may be shifted as appropriate. Any changes to the dates up to the closing date of the eBid will be publicly posted prior to the closing date of this eBid. After the close of the eBid, the City reserves the right to adjust the remainder of the proposed dates, including the dates for evaluation, award, and the contract term on an as needed basis with or without notice.

Description	Date	Time
Release of eBid	As Published on DemandStar	N/A
Deadline for written questions sent via email to the Issuing Officer referenced in Section 1.5.	Tuesday, April 11, 2023	5:00 p.m. ET
Responses to Written Questions	Friday, April 14, 2023	5:00 p.m. ET
Bids Due/Close Date and Time	Monday, April 24, 2023	3:00 p.m. ET

The City reserves the right to proceed to award without further discussions after receipt of the initial proposals, in which case, evaluation committee reviews, negotiations and Proposal Revisions may not be required.

\*In the event the estimated value of the contract is less than \$75,000, the City reserves the right to proceed directly to contract award without posting a Notice of Intent to Award.

## 1.6. Official Issuing Officer (Procuring Agent)

**Name:** Nadia Tourjee

**Email:** [NTourjee@CityofPSL.com](mailto:NTourjee@CityofPSL.com)

## 1.7. Definition of Terms

Please review the following terms:

Contractor(s) – companies desiring to do business with the City (Also called “Bidder”, “Proposer”, or “Offeror”.)

City of Port St. Lucie (City) – the governmental entity identified in Section 1.1 “Purpose of Procurement” of this eBid.

Immaterial Deviation - does not give the contractor a substantial advantage over other contractors.

Material Deviation - gives the contractor a substantial advantage over other contractors and thereby restricts or prevents competition

Procurement Management Division (PMD) - The City department that is responsible for the review and possible sourcing all publicly sourced solicitations.

Responsible - means the contractor, whether a company or an individual, has appropriate legal authority to do business in the City, a satisfactory record of integrity, appropriate financial, organizational, and operational capacity and controls, and acceptable performance on previous governmental and/or private contracts, if any.

Responsive - means the contractor, whether a company or an individual, has submitted a timely offer which materially conforms to the requirements and specifications of the solicitation.

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Any special terms or words which are not identified in this eBid Document may be identified separately in one or more attachments to the eBid. Please download, save, and carefully review all documents in accordance with the instructions provided in Section 2 “Instructions to Contractors” of this eBid.

## 1.8. Contract Term

The initial term of the contract(s) is for two (2) years with three (3), one (1) year option(s) to renew, which options shall be exercisable at the sole discretion of the City. Renewal will be accomplished through the issuance of a contract amendment from the City’s Procurement Management Division. In the event that the contract(s), if any, resulting from the award of this eBid shall terminate or be likely to terminate prior to the making of an award for a new contract for the identified products and/or services, the City may, with the written consent of the awarded Contractor(s), extend the contract(s) for such period of time as may be necessary to permit the City’s continued supply of the identified products and/or services. The contract(s) may be amended in writing from time to time by mutual consent of the parties. Unless this eBid states otherwise, the resulting award of the contract(s) does not guarantee volume or a commitment of funds.

### 1.7.1 Hours of Service

The standard hours of work allowed in the City’s rights-of-way are from 7:00 a.m. to sundown Monday through Friday. Any work performed by the Contractor outside of the aforementioned time limit requires special authorization by the City and requires that the Contractor obtain a noise permit from the City Police Department. All equipment operated at night shall comply with the noise levels established by the City of Port St. Lucie noise ordinance. Any additional costs associated with work outside of the hours of work allowed shall be borne by the Contractor. This shall include, but not be limited to, costs of inspection, testing, police assistance, and construction administration.

All night, Saturday, Sunday, and/or Holiday work must be authorized by the City and requires that the Contractor obtain a noise permit from the City Police Department. All night work within the City’s rights-of-way requires a minimum forty-eight (48) hour prior notice to the City. This clause shall not pertain to crews organized to perform maintenance work on equipment or to operate and maintain special equipment such as dewatering pumps, which may be required to work twenty-four (24) hours per day.

## 2. Instructions to Contractors

### 2.1. General Information and Instructions

#### 2.1.1. Familiarity with Laws and Regulations

Responding Contractors are assumed to be familiar with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Awarded Contractor will in no way relieve them from contract responsibility.

#### 2.1.2. Submitting Questions

All questions concerning this eBid must be submitted in writing via email to the Issuing Officer identified in Section 1.5 "Issuing Officer" of this eBid. No questions other than written will be accepted. No response other than written will be binding upon the City. All Contractors must submit questions by the deadline identified in the Schedule of Events for submitting questions. Contractors are cautioned that the City may or may not elect to entertain late questions or questions submitted by any other method than as directed by this section. All questions about this eBid must be submitted in the following format:

Company Name

Question #1 Question, *Citation of relevant section of the eBid*

Question #2 Question, *Citation of relevant section of the eBid*

#### 2.1.3. Attending Bidders/Offerors' Conference

The Bidders/Offerors' Conference or any other information session (if indicated in the schedule of events) will be held at the offices referred to in Section 1.4 "Schedule of Events" of this eBid. Unless indicated otherwise, attendance is not mandatory, although Contractors are strongly encouraged to attend. However, in the event the conference has been identified as mandatory, then a representative of the Contractor must attend the conference in its entirety to be considered eligible for contract award. The Contractor is strongly encouraged to allow ample travel time to ensure arrival in the conference meeting room prior to the beginning of any mandatory conference. The City reserves the right to consider any representative arriving late to be "not in attendance." Therefore, all contractors are strongly encouraged to arrive early to allow for unexpected travel contingencies.

#### 2.1.4. The City's Right to Request Additional Information – Contractor's Responsibility

Prior to contract award, the City must be assured that the selected contractor has all of the resources to successfully perform under the contract. This includes, but is not limited to, adequate number of personnel with required skills, availability of appropriate equipment in sufficient quantity to meet the on-going needs the City, financial resources sufficient to complete performance under the contract, and experience in similar endeavors. If, during the evaluation process, the City is unable to assure itself of the contractor's ability to perform, if awarded, the City has the option of requesting from the contractor any information deemed necessary to determine the contractor's responsibility. If such information is required, the contractor will be so notified and will be permitted approximately seven business days to submit the information requested.

#### 2.1.5. Failing to Comply with Submission Instructions

Responses received after the identified due date and time or submitted by any other means than those expressly permitted by the eBid will not be considered. The Contractor's response must be complete in all respects, as required in each section of this eBid.

#### 2.1.6. Rejection of Proposals; The City's Right to Waive Immaterial Deviation

The City reserves the right to reject any or all responses, to waive any irregularity or informality in a Contractor's response, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items, when to do so would be to the advantage of the City. The City reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements,

provided that all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirements and/or doing so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement of requested commodities and/or services. It is also within the right of the City to reject responses **that do not contain all elements and information requested in this eBid**. A Contractor's response will be rejected if the response contains any defect or irregularity and such defect or irregularity constitutes a material deviation from the eBid requirements, which determination will be made by the City on a case-by-case basis.

**NOTE: The City reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Contractor who has previously failed in the performance of an award or to deliver contracts of a similar nature on time or who is not in a position to perform properly under this award. This includes the firm, employees, and financial or legal interests. The City will not enter into a contract or conduct business with any firm or any personnel that is listed on the Federal, State, or other local government agencies' Excluded Parties List, Suspended List or Debarment List. Please see [Florida Statute 287.133](#) for further information regarding business transactions with companies that have been convicted of public entity crimes.**

#### **2.1.7. The City's Right to Amend and/or Cancel the eBid**

The City reserves the right to amend this eBid. All revisions must be made in writing prior to the eBid closing date and time. If a responding entity discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the eBid, they shall immediately notify the City of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Any modification made to this eBid will be issued as an addendum. Written notice will be posted to DemandStar without divulging the source of the request. If a responding entity fails to notify the City prior to the date and time fixed for submission of an error or ambiguity in the eBid known to them, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to them, they shall not be entitled to additional time by reason of the error/ambiguity or its late resolution. By submitting a response, the contractor shall be deemed to have accepted all terms and agreed to all requirements of the eBid (including any revisions/additions made in writing prior to the close of the eBid whether or not such revision occurred prior to the time the contractor submitted its response) unless expressly stated otherwise in the contractor's response. **THEREFORE, EACH CONTRACTOR IS INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE REVISED eBID AND MAKING ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSE PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE eBID.** All Notice(s) of Intent to Award (NOIAs) will be posted as referenced in Section 6.7 of this document. **Contractors are encouraged to frequently check the solicitation documentations and embedded URLs for additional information. Finally, the City reserves the right to amend or cancel this eBid at any time.**

#### **2.1.8. Assigning of the Contract & Use of Subcontractors**

Except as may be expressly agreed to in writing by the City, Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any portion thereof, or of the work provided for therein, or of his right, title, or interest therein, to any person, firm or corporation without the written consent of the City.

Each Bidder shall list all subcontractors and the work provided by the suppliers in the area provided on the Bid Reply Sheet. The successful Bidder(s) shall provide a listing of all subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material and equipment), other than those identified in the Bid Reply, to the City within ten (10) days after the bid opening. Such list shall be accompanied by an experience statement for each such subcontractor, supplier, person, or organization if requested by City. The City, after due investigation, has reasonable objection to any proposed subcontractor, supplier, other person, or organization, may, before the Notice of Award is given, request apparent successful Bidder to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in Bid price.

If apparent successful Bidder(s) declines to make any such substitution, City may award the Contract to the next acceptable Bidder(s) that proposes to use acceptable subcontractors, suppliers, and other



persons and organizations. Declining to make requested substitutions will not constitute grounds for sacrificing the Bid security of any Bidder(s). Any subcontractor, supplier, other person, or organization listed and to whom City does not make written objection prior to the giving of the Notice of Award will be deemed acceptable to City subject to revocation of such acceptance after the effective date of the Contract.

No subcontract which Contractor enters into with respect to performance of obligations or work assigned under the Contract shall in any way relieve Contractor of any responsibility, obligation, or liability under this Contract and for the acts and omissions of all Subcontractors, agents, and employees. All restrictions, obligations, and responsibilities of the Contractor under the Contract shall also apply to the Subcontractors. Any contract with a Subcontractor must also preserve the rights of the City. The City shall have the right to request the removal of a Subcontractor from the Contract with or without cause.

#### **2.1.9. Proposal of Addition Services**

If a Contractor indicates an offer of services in addition to those required by and described in this eBid, these additional services may be added to the original contract at the sole discretion of the City.

#### **2.1.10. Protest Process**

Proposers should familiarize themselves with the procedures set forth in [City Ordinance 20-15 Sec. 35.14](#).

#### **2.1.11. Costs for Preparing Responses**

Each Contractor's response should be prepared simply and economically, avoiding the use of elaborate promotional materials beyond those sufficient to provide a complete presentation. The cost for developing the response and participating in the procurement process (including the protest process) is the sole responsibility of the Contractor. The City will not provide reimbursement for such costs.

#### **2.1.12. Public Access to Procurement Records**

Solicitation opportunities will be publicly advertised as required by city ordinances and state and federal laws. Any material that is submitted in response to this eBid, including anything considered by the Contractor to be confidential or a trade secret, will become a public document pursuant to [Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes](#). Any claim of confidentiality is waived upon submission, effective after the City's opening of the proposals pursuant to Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Contractor is hereby cautioned to NOT submit any documents that the Contractor does not want to be made public. The City is allowed to assess a reasonable charge to defray the cost of reproducing documents. A City employee must be present during the time of onsite inspection of documents. PLEASE NOTE: Even though information (financial or other information) submitted by a Contractor may be marked as "confidential", "proprietary", etc., the City will make its own determination regarding what information may or may not be withheld from disclosure. Contractors should review [Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes](#) for all updates before requesting exceptions from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.

## **2.2. Submittal Instructions**

### **Submittal Instructions to DemandStar**

Listed below are key action items related to this eBid. The Schedule of Events in Section 1.4 identifies the dates and time for these key action items. This portion of the eBid provides high-level instructions regarding the process for reviewing the eBid, preparing a response to the eBid, and submitting a response to the eBid.

#### **2.2.1. eBid Released**

The release of the eBid is only communicated through the posting of this eBid as an event in [DemandStar](#). This eBid is being conducted through DemandStar an online, electronic tool, which allows a contractor to register, logon, select answers, and type text in response to questions, and upload any necessary documents. Each contractor interested in competing to win a contract award

must complete and submit a response to this eBid using [DemandStar](#). Therefore, each contractor MUST carefully review the submittal instructions on DemandStar's website and following the submittal guidance that is provided in Section 2.2 of this eBid document.

### 2.2.2. eBid Review

The eBid (or "Sourcing Event") consists of the following: this document, entitled "City's eBid Document", and any and all information included in the Sourcing Event, as posted to DemandStar, including any and all documents provided by the City as attachments to the Sourcing Event or links contained within the Sourcing Event or its attached documents.

Please carefully review all information contained in the Event, including all documents available as attachments or available through links. Any difficulty accessing the Event or opening provided links or documents should be reported immediately to the Issuing Officer (See Section 1.5). Attached documents may be found as follows:

### 2.2.3. Preparing a Response

When preparing a response, the Contractor must consider the following instructions:

1. Use the provided worksheets to prepare your response. Enter your responses directly into the worksheet. Unless otherwise directed, do not insert "see attached file" (or similar statements) in the worksheet to reference separate documents.
2. Answer each question in sufficient detail for evaluation while using judgment with regards to the length of response.
3. Proofread your response and make sure it is accurate and readily understandable.
4. Label any and all uploaded files using the corresponding section numbers of the eBid as specified by the City.
5. Use caution in creating electronic files to be uploaded. If the City is unable to open an electronic file due to a virus or because the file has become corrupted, the Contractor's response may be considered incomplete and disqualified from further consideration.
6. Use commonly accepted software programs to create electronic files. The City has the capability of viewing documents submitted in the following format: Microsoft Office 2007 and portable document format file (PDF). Unless the eBid specifically requests the use of another type of software or file format than those listed above, please contact the Issuing Officer prior to utilizing another type of software and/or file format. In the event that the City is unable to open an electronic file because the City does not have ready access to the software utilized by the contractor, the contractor's response will be considered incomplete and disqualified from further consideration.

### 2.2.4. Submitting, Reviewing, Revising or Withdrawing a Submitted Response

After the response has been submitted, the contractor may view and/or revise its response by logging into DemandStar. Please take note of the following:

1. BID SUBMISSION. All bids shall be submitted by completing and returning all required documents. All submittals are required to be electronic and be contained in ***two (2) files TOTAL.*** No hard copies will be accepted.
  - Upload the Excel Bid Reply Sheet - Schedule A in **Excel Format only.** (Save as File #1).
  - Upload in one file and in the following order: Contractor's General Information Worksheet, Cone of Silence and Communication Document, Contractor's Code of Ethics, E-Verify Form, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Drug Free Workplace Form, Equipment List, copy of Bid Bond, W-9, copy of Certificate of Insurance, and any license or certifications required for project. (Save as File #2).

2. REVIEW AND REVISE. In the event the Contractor desires to revise a previously submitted response, the Contractor may revise the response. If the revisions cannot be completed in a single work session, the Contractor should save its progress. Once revisions are complete, the Contractor **must resubmit** its corrected response. Please permit adequate time to revise and then resubmit the response. Please note submission is not instantaneous and may be affected by several events, such as the contractor temporarily losing a connection to the Internet.
3. WITHDRAW. A Contractor may withdraw the proposal by removing all documents from DemandStar prior to the deadline. In the event a Contractor desires to withdraw its response after the closing date and time, the Contractor must submit a request in writing to the Issuing Officer.

### 3. General Insurance, Bonding, and Permit Requirements

This section contains general business requirements. By submitting a response, the Contractor is certifying its agreement to comply with all of the identified requirements of this section and that all costs for complying with these general business requirements are included in the Contractor's submitted pricing.

#### 3.1. Standard Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverage, limits, including endorsements, as described herein. The requirements contained herein, as well as City's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by the Contractor are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Contractor under the Contract.

The parties agree and recognize that it is not the intent of the City of Port St. Lucie that any insurance policy/coverage that it may obtain pursuant to any provision of this Contract will provide insurance coverage to any entity, corporation, business, person, or organization, other than the City of Port St. Lucie and the City shall not be obligated to provide any insurance coverage other than for the City of Port St. Lucie or extend its immunity pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, under its self-insured program. Any provision contained herein to the contrary shall be considered void and unenforceable by any party. This provision does not apply to any obligation imposed on any other party to obtain insurance coverage for this project, any obligation to name the City of Port St. Lucie as an additional insured under any other insurance policy, or otherwise protect the interests of the City of Port St. Lucie as specified in this Contract.

Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employer's Liability: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employers' Liability in accordance with Section 440, Florida Statutes. Employers' Liability and must include limits of at least \$100,000.00 each accident, \$100,000.00 each disease/employee, and \$500,000.00 each disease/maximum. A Waiver of Subrogation endorsement must be provided. Coverage shall apply on a primary basis. Should scope of work performed by Contractor qualify its employee for benefits under Federal Workers' Compensation Statute (example, U.S. Longshore & Harbor Workers Act or Merchant Marine Act), proof of appropriate Federal Act coverage must be provided.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance, issued under an Occurrence form basis, including Contractual liability, to cover the hold harmless agreement set forth herein, with limits of not less than:

Each occurrence	\$1,000,000
Personal/advertising injury	\$1,000,000
Products/completed operations aggregate	\$2,000,000
General aggregate	\$2,000,000
Fire damage	\$100,000 any 1 fire
Medical expense	\$10,000 any 1 person

Additional Insured: An Additional Insured endorsement must be attached to the certificate of insurance (should be CG2026) under the General Liability policy. Coverage is to be written on an occurrence form basis and shall apply as primary and non-contributory. Defense costs are to be in addition to the limit of liability. A waiver of subrogation is to be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall extend to independent contractors and fellow employees. Contractual Liability is to be included. Coverage is to include a cross

liability or severability of interests provision as provided under the standard ISO form separation of insurers clause.

Except as to Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance, Certificates of Insurance and policies shall clearly state that coverage required by the Contract has been endorsed to include the City of Port St. Lucie, a municipality of the State of Florida, its officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insured for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability policies. The name for the Additional Insured endorsement issued by the insurer shall read "**City of Port St. Lucie, a municipality of the State of Florida, its officers, employees and agents, and shall include Contract# 20230025 Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services shall be listed as additional insured.**" Copies of the Additional Insured endorsements shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. The policies shall be specifically endorsed to provide thirty (30) day written notice to the City prior to any adverse changes, cancellation, or non-renewal of coverage thereunder. Formal written notice shall be sent to City of Port St. Lucie, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984, Attn: Procurement. In the event that the statutory liability of the City is amended during the term of this Contract to exceed the above limits, the Contractor shall be required, upon thirty (30) days written notice by the City, to provide coverage at least equal to the amended statutory limit of liability of the City. Copies of the Additional Insured endorsement shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance.

Automobile Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000.00 each accident covering any auto, owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event the Contractor does not own any automobiles; the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended, allowing Contractor to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto Coverage form. Certificate holder must be listed as additional insured. A waiver of subrogation must be provided. Coverage shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis.

Waiver of Subrogation: The Contractor shall agree by entering into this Contract to a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy. When required by the insurer or should a policy condition not permit an Insured to enter into a pre-loss Contract to waive subrogation without an endorsement then, Contractor shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent.

Deductibles: All deductible amounts shall be paid for and be the responsibility of the Contractor for any and all claims under this Contract. Where an SIR or deductible exceeds \$5,000, the City of Port St. Lucie reserves the right, but not obligation, to review and request a copy of the bidder's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

Pollution Insurance: Contractor shall procure and agree to maintain in full force during the term of this Agreement, Pollution Liability Insurance in limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, for any operations relating to the handling, storage, and transportation of hazardous materials and/or waste. The City of Port St. Lucie shall be listed as an additional insured. A waiver of subrogation shall be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that all independent contractors and sub-contractors comply with the same insurance requirements referenced herein. It will be the responsibility of the contractor to obtain Certificates of Insurance from all independent contractors and subcontractors listing the City as an Additional Insured without the language when required by written contract. If contractor, independent contractor, or subcontractor maintain higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by contractor/independent contractor/subcontractor.

The Contractor may satisfy the minimum limits required above for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employers' Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employers' Liability. When required by the insurer, or when Umbrella or Excess Liability is written on Non-Follow Form," the City shall be endorsed as an "Additional Insured."

The City by and through its Risk Management Department reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review, modify, reject, or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this contract. All insurance carriers must have an AM Best rating of at least A:VII or better. When a self-insured retention or deductible exceeds \$5,000, the City reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of bidder's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

A failure on the part of the contractor to execute the contract and/or punctually deliver the required insurance certificates and other documentation may be cause for annulment of the award.

**Contractor must review the City's Standard Contract for further details and coverage requirements.**

Within ten (10) business days of award, the awarded contractor must procure the required insurance and provide the City with an executed Certificate of Insurance. Certificates must reference the contract number and the City as the additional insured party. The Contractor's submitted pricing must include the cost of the required insurance. No contract performance shall occur unless and until the required insurance certificates are provided.

### 3.2. Bonds and/or Letter of Credit

#### **Bid Bond**

Each responding Contractor must supply a Bid Bond or Bid Deposit (certified check, cashier's check, bank money order, bank draft of any national or state bank), in a sum of not less than **\$1,000** made payable to the City. As a **Mandatory Requirement**, the Bid Bond or Bid Deposit must be scanned and uploaded into [DemandStar](#) along with all other required documents, thus showing evidence that a Bid Bond or Bid Deposit was obtained. Responding Contractors must send the Original Bid Bond or Bid Deposit to the City within five (5) days after the eBid Due Date as reflected above in Section 1.4. The responding Contractor's bid may be considered non-responsive if the Bid Bond or Bid Deposit is not received within the specified time frame. Responding Contractors must submit a Bid Bond or Bid Deposit made payable to the City in a sealed envelope to:

Nadia Tourjee  
121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
Attn: Procurement Management Department

Bonds must be issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida, in order to guarantee that the contractor will enter into a contract to deliver products and/or related services outlined in this solicitation, strictly within the terms and conditions stated in the contract.

#### **3.2.1 Proposal Certification**

By responding to this solicitation, the Contractor understands and agrees to the following:

1. That this electronically submitted proposal constitutes an offer, which when accepted in writing by the City, and subject to the terms and conditions of such acceptance, will constitute a valid and binding contract between the Contractor and the City; and
2. That the Contractor guarantees and certifies that all items included in the Contractor's response meet or exceed any and all of the solicitation's identified specifications and requirements except as expressly stated otherwise in the Contractor's response; and
3. That the response submitted by the Contractor shall be valid and held open for a period of **one hundred and twenty (120) days** from the final solicitation closing date and that the Contractor's offer may be held open for a lengthier period of time subject to the Contractor's consent; and
4. That the Contractor's response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same

materials, supplies, equipment, or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Contractor understands and agrees that collusive bidding is a violation of city ordinance, state, and federal laws, and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards.

### 3.3. Permits

The selected Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, certifications, etc., required by federal, state, county, and municipal laws, regulations codes, and ordinances for the performance of the work required in these specifications and to conform to the requirements of said legislation. Permit fees can be found on the [City's Building Department Website](#). All permit fees shall be included in the contract amount and paid by the successful Contractor(s).

## 4. eBid Bid Factors

This section contains the detailed technical requirements and related services for this Sourcing Event. The City has determined that it is best to define its own needs, desired operating objectives, and desired operating environment. The City will not tailor these needs to fit a particular solution a contractor may have available; rather, the Contractors shall propose to meet the City's needs as defined in this eBid. All claims shall be subject to demonstration. Contractors are cautioned that conditional responses/bids, based upon assumptions, may be deemed non-responsive.

Unless requested otherwise, all responses must be provided within the provided forms/Excel worksheets included with this Sourcing Event. Except as otherwise indicated, all requested forms and documents must be submitted electronically via the sourcing tool as an uploaded document to the contractor's response.

### 4.1. Introduction

All of the items described in this section are service levels and/or terms and conditions that the City expects to be satisfied by the selected Contractor. Each Contractor must indicate its willingness and ability to satisfy these requirements in the Contractor's submitted response.

Unless otherwise specified, references to brand name or trade name/mark products are intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and are used to indicate the quality and characteristics of products that may be offered. Other products may be considered for award if such products are clearly identified and are determined by the City to meet its needs in all respects. Each Contractor's response must indicate the brand name and model, or series number of the product offered and include such specifications, catalog pages, or other data that will provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered.

### 4.2. Contractor's General Information

Each contractor must complete all of the requested information in the electronic purchasing system entitled **Contractor's General Information Worksheet** for inclusion with their bid response.

### 4.3. Mandatory Requirements

As noted in the preceding section, this eBid contains mandatory requirements (e.g., product specifications, service or quality levels, staff requirements, experience, or license requirements, etc.) which must be met by the Contractor in order for the Contractor to be considered "responsive" and, therefore, eligible for contract award. These mandatory requirements will be defined in one or more of the following ways:

1. Requirements in this eBid document.
2. Requirements contained in any attachment to the Sourcing Event, such as a Mandatory Requirements Worksheet and the cost worksheet.
3. Copy of Current Insurance Certificate, Licenses, required Certifications, etc.
4. Provide a complete Equipment List that will be used on this project.
5. Provide a Project Management Plan to include all personnel to be assigned to this contract.

A Pass/Fail evaluation will be utilized for all mandatory requirements. Please review the Sourcing Event and its attachments carefully and respond as directed.

Some requirements may require a “Yes” or “No” response. Ordinarily, to be considered responsive, responsible, and eligible for award, all requirements identified as mandatory must be marked “YES” to pass. There may be rare instances in which a response of “NO” is the correct and logical response in order to meet the mandatory requirement (e.g., responding “NO” that the Contractor does not possess any conflicts of interest). Otherwise, any mandatory questions marked “NO” will fail the technical requirements and will result in disqualification of the Contractor’s response, except as otherwise provided in Section 6 “Evaluation and Award” of this eBid. Please note some requirements may require the Contractor to provide product sheets or other technical materials.

It is strongly encouraged that all Contractor’s review all documents that are electronically attached to this eBid. Reviewing the documentation ensures that Contractor understands the full scope of the City’s request.

## **5. Cost/Pricing**

Each Contractor is required to submit pricing as part of its response.

### **5.1. General Pricing Rules**

By submitting a response, the Contractor agrees that it has read, understood, and will abide by the following instructions/rules:

1. The submitted pricing must include all costs of performing pursuant to the resulting contract; and
2. All quantities and/or estimates are for information or tabulation purposes only and;
3. No warranty or guarantee is expressed or implied on the volume of products and/or services that the City may require through the negotiated contract period and;
4. Bids containing a minimum order/ship quantity or dollar value, unless otherwise called for in the eBid, will be treated as non-responsive and may not be considered for award; and
5. The Contractor is required to provide net prices. In the event there is discrepancy between a Contractor’s unit price and extended price, the unit price shall govern;
6. In the event there is a discrepancy between (1) the Contractor’s pricing as quoted on an uploaded, detailed cost sheet such as an Excel Worksheet (if any) and (2) the Contractor’s pricing as quoted by the Contractor in one or more single line entries directly into the Sourcing Event screen, the former shall govern; and
7. The prices quoted and listed in the response shall be firm throughout the term of the resulting contract, unless otherwise noted in the eBid or contract; and
8. Unless otherwise specified in any terms and conditions attached to the eBid, all product deliveries will be F.O.B. destination and all shipping charges must be included in the quoted cost; and
9. Unless expressly permitted by the eBid, responses containing provisions for late, or interest charges cannot be awarded a contract. Contractors must “strikethrough” any such provisions in printed forms and initial such revisions prior to submitting a response to the City; and
10. Contractor responses requiring prepayment and/or progress payment requirements may be determined non-responsive unless otherwise permitted by the eBid; and
11. Unless permitted by the eBid, responses requiring payment from the City in less than thirty (30) days will be considered non-responsive.

### **5.2 Cost Structure and Additional Instructions**

The City’s intent is to structure the cost format in order to facilitate comparison among all Contractors and foster competition to obtain the best market pricing. Consequently, the City requires that each Contractor’s cost be structured as directed in the eBid. Additional alternative cost structures will not be considered. Each Contractor is hereby advised that failure to comply with the eBid instructions, submission of an incomplete offer, or submission of an offer in a different format than the one requested may result in the rejection of the Contractor’s response.

Enter all information directly into the cost sheet(s). Enter numbers on each cost sheet in “number” (two-place decimal), not “currency” or other format unless otherwise stated. That is, omit dollar signs, commas, and any

other non-essential symbols. (e.g., \$7.90 should be entered as 7.90) Prices must be in US Dollars. Enter "n/a" to indicate not available or "0" if there is no charge. Cells left blank will be interpreted as "no offer".

Download the cost worksheet (if any), complete the worksheet, and then upload the worksheet by following the instructions in DemandStar

### **5.3 Payment by City's Visa Card Program**

The City currently utilizes the State of Florida [Visa Program](#). The awarded Contractor can take advantage of this program and in consideration, receive payment within several days instead of NET 30 terms. Any percentage off the quoted bid price for the acceptance of payment by Visa will be taken into account for consideration of the best value to the City. If no percentage is provided in the cost proposal, the City shall assume zero (0) percent discount applies.

## **6. Evaluation and Award**

All timely responses will be evaluated in accordance with the following steps. The objective of the evaluation process is to identify the most competitive bid. Once the evaluation process has been completed, the apparent successful Contractor(s) will be required to enter into discussions with the City to resolve any exceptions to the City's contract. The City will announce the results of the eBid as described further in Section 6.7 "Public Award Announcement."

### **6.1. Administrative/Preliminary Review**

First, the responses will be reviewed by the Issuing Officer to determine compliance with the following requirements:

1. Response was submitted by deadline via in accordance with Section 2.
2. Response is complete and contains all required documents.

### **6.2. Best Value Analysis:**

The following criteria will be used to select the bid that will provide the best value to the City:

- Has sufficient financial resources to complete the order.
- Can meet quoted delivery considering all other business commitments.
- Has a satisfactory record of performance.
- Has adequate staffing to fulfill requirements.
- Has the necessary production, technical equipment, and facilities (or ability to readily obtain them).
- Has necessary organization, experience, operational controls, and technical skills (or ability to readily obtain them).
- Is a manufacturer, supplier, authorized distributor, or vendor for the requirement.
- Is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.
- Has bid within a competitive price range in relation to the needed goods, services, or construction.
- The skill and experience demonstrated by the bidder in performing contracts of a similar nature.
- The bidder's past performance.
- Has met all requirements of the solicitation (delivery, quality, and price).
- Has met bounds of commonality. Absolute conformity is not required, just substantial or material compliance.
- Has met bid security requirements. Lack of security, where required, is a material nonconformity.
- City Ordinance Section 35.12, Local Preference in Purchasing or Contracting.

The element of price is but one of the criteria elements. When considering a proposal:

- Evaluate the pricing offered by the bidder; consider lifecycle costing, depreciation, and service contracts.
- Determine what proposal provides the best value to the City.

Value Added: The amount or dollar value of a service that the bidder may be able to provide the city.



- Value added may be an actual amount given to the City as a signing bonus.
- Value added may be equipment or services given to the City. In this case the value will be determined by the City for the goods or services not the bidder.

### **6.3. Evaluating Bid Factors (Section 4)**

If the Contractor's response passes the Administrative/Preliminary Review, the Contractor's responses to Section 4 "eBid Bid Factors" will be evaluated. Responses to mandatory requirements will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis. If a response fails to meet a mandatory requirement, the City will determine if the deviation is material. A material deviation will be cause for rejection of the response. An immaterial deviation will be processed as if no deviation had occurred.

### **6.4. Evaluating Cost**

The City may utilize lowest cost, lowest total cost, and total cost of ownership (TCO) or greatest savings to determine the most competitive pricing. Submitted pricing may be evaluated/scored on an overall basis or at the category/subcategory/line level (as applicable) relative to other responses/bids.

### **6.5. Selection and Award**

The City reserves the right to: (a) waive minor irregularities, variances, or non-material defects in a response; (b) reject any and all responses, in whole or in part; (c) request clarifications from Contractors; (d) request resubmissions from all Contractors; (e) award in whole, in part; or by line item and (f) take any other action as permitted by law. The City reserves the right to provide for similar and/or additional services from other companies if the City so deems necessary. If the City elects to exercise this right, the contract awarded under this solicitation shall remain in effect as for to all terms, agreements, and conditions without penalty or diminution of ongoing services as contained therein. Contractor agrees and understands that any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall not be construed as an exclusive arrangement and further agrees that the City may, at any time, secure similar or identical services, or award more than one contract under this solicitation, at its sole option.

#### **Single or Multiple Award**

Any contract award(s) resulting from the eBid will be made to the Responsive and Responsible Contractor(s) that exhibit the best value as evaluated in Section 6.3, that meet all required specifications, and with whom the City has reached agreement on all contract terms and conditions. The City reserves the right to select one or more contractors for award and to award all items to one or more contractors, individual line items to one or more contractors, or subcategories of products/services to one or more contractors when to do so is in the best interests of the City.

### **6.6. Local Preference in Purchasing or Contracting (Sec. 35.12, Ord. No. 10-26)\***

Except where otherwise provided by federal or state law or other funding source restrictions or as otherwise set forth in the purchasing policy. The City of Port St. Lucie shall give preference to local businesses in the following manner:

1. In purchasing of, or letting of contracts for procurement of, personal property, materials, contractual services, and construction of improvements to real property or existing structures for which a request for proposals is developed with evaluation criteria, a local preference of the total score may be assigned as follows:
  - a. Local businesses which meet all of the criteria for a local business as set forth in this section, shall be given a preference in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total quoted price of the local business.
  - b. The City Procurement Management Division shall have the sole discretion to determine if a Contractor meets the definition of a "local business."
2. Limitations:
  - a. The provisions of this section shall apply only to procurements which are above the formal bid threshold as set forth in the City Code and the City of Port St. Lucie Purchasing Manual.

- b. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any purchase exempted from the provisions of the City of Port St. Lucie Purchasing Manual.

\* Please review ([Sec. 35.12, Ord. No. 10-26](#)) for the full governing ordinance

#### **6.7. Site Visits, Samples, and Oral Presentations**

The City reserves the right to conduct site visits, request product/work samples, or to invite Contractors to present their product(s) and or service solutions to the evaluation team. Unless prohibited by federal, state, county, or local laws and/or ordinances, all Contractor requested presentations shall be performed in an in-person meeting. An oral presentation or product demonstration is not a negotiation and Contractors are not permitted to revise their responses as part of the presentation and/or demonstration. Samples of items, when required, must be furnished free of expense and, if not destroyed, will upon request, be returned at the Contractor's expense. Request for the return of samples must be made within thirty (30) days following opening of bids. Each individual sample must be labeled with Contractor's name, bid number, and item number. Failure of Contractor to either deliver required samples or to clearly identify samples as indicated may be reason for rejection of the bid. Unless otherwise indicated, samples should be delivered to the Procurement Management Department.

#### **6.8. Public Award Announcement**

The preliminary results of the evaluation will be announced through the public posting of a Notice of Intent to Award by the City Clerk's Office, pending final approval by the City Council at a publicly noticed meeting. The Notice of Intent to Award ("NOIA") is not notice of an actual contract award; instead, the NOIA is notice of the City's expected contract award(s) pending resolution of the protest process period pursuant to City Code of Ordinances, Section 35.14. The NOIA (if any) will identify the apparent successful contractor(s), unsuccessful contractor(s), and the reasons why any unsuccessful contractors were not selected for contract award. **NO CONTRACTOR SHOULD ASSUME PERSONAL NOTICE OF THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD ("NOIA") WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY. INSTEAD, ALL CONTRACTORS SHOULD FREQUENTLY CHECK [THE CITY CLERK'S WEBSITE](#) FOR NOTICE OF THE NOIA DURING A CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

### **7. Contract Terms and Conditions**

The contract that the City expects to award as a result of this eBid will be based upon the eBid, the successful Contractor's final response as accepted by the City and the contract terms and conditions, which terms and conditions can be downloaded from [DemandStar](#). The "successful Contractor's final response as accepted by the City" shall mean: the response submitted by the awarded Contractor, written clarifications, and any other terms deemed necessary by the City, except that no objection or amendment by a Contractor to the eBid requirements or the contract terms and conditions shall be incorporated by reference into the contract unless the City has explicitly accepted the Contractor's objection or amendment in writing.

Please review the [City's contract terms and conditions](#) prior to submitting a response to this eBid. Contractors should plan on the contract terms and conditions contained in this eBid being included in any award as a result of this eBid. Therefore, all costs associated with complying with these requirements should be included in any pricing quoted by the Contractors. The contract terms and conditions may be supplemented or revised before contract execution and are provided to enable Contractors to better evaluate the costs associated with the eBid and the potential resulting contract.

#### **Exception to Contract**

By submitting a response, each Contractor acknowledges its acceptance of the eBid specifications and the contract terms and conditions without change except as otherwise expressly stated in the submitted proposal. If a Contractor takes exception to a contract provision, the Contractor must state the reason for the exception and state the specific contract language it proposes to include in place of the provision. Any exceptions to the contract must be uploaded and submitted as an attachment to the Contractor's response. Proposed exceptions must not conflict with or attempt to preempt mandatory requirements specified in the eBid.

In the event the Contractor is selected for potential award, the Contractor will be required to enter into discussions with the City to resolve any contractual differences before an award is made. These discussions are to be finalized and all exceptions resolved within the period of time identified in the schedule of events. Failure to resolve any contractual issues will lead to rejection of the Contractor's response. The City reserves the right to proceed to discussions with the next best ranked Contractor.

The City reserves the right to modify the contract to be consistent with the apparent successful offer, and to negotiate other modifications with the apparent successful Contractor. Exceptions that materially change the terms or the requirements of the eBid may be deemed non-responsive by the City, in its sole discretion, and rejected. Contract exceptions which grant the Contractor an impermissible competitive advantage, as determined by the City, in its sole discretion, will be rejected. If there is any question whether a particular contract exception would be permissible, the Contractor is strongly encouraged to inquire via written question submitted to the Issuing Officer prior to the deadline for submitting written questions as defined by the Schedule of Events.

This eBid and the proposal response documents submitted shall be incorporated into the final contract by reference. Therefore, all requirements in the eBid not specifically addressed in an exception statement in the proposal and accepted in the contract documents, shall stand as contractual responsibilities of the proposal respondent. The Contract shall be the controlling document over the Proposal response and the eBid; the eBid shall be the ruling document over the Proposal response for all requirements in the eBid not specifically addressed in an exception statement in the proposal. Statement and requirements in the eBid shall rule over the Proposal document.

#### **Order of Preference**

In the case of any inconsistency or conflict among the specific provisions of the executed contract (including any amendments accepted by both the City and the Contractor attached hereto), the eBid (including any subsequent addenda and written responses to bidders' questions), and the Contractor's Response, any inconsistency or conflict shall be resolved as follows:

- (i) First, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the executed contract.
- (ii) Second, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the eBid.
- (iii) Third, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the Contractor's Response, except that objections or amendments by a contractor that have not been explicitly accepted by the City in writing shall not be included in this Contract and shall be given no weight or consideration.

#### **8. Payment**

To ensure proper payment the awarded Contractor must:

1. The City shall have not less than 30 days to pay for any products and/or services.
2. Invoices must clearly show the description of products and/or services to include the number of each product or line item fulfilled.
3. All invoices must reference the Contract Number as established by the City.
4. Under no circumstance, will interest of any kind be required as payment to the Awarded Contractor.
5. All charges, e.g., set up costs, must be included in the cost proposal. No charges will be allowed unless specified in the eBid and agreed upon by the City.
6. Any discrepancies noted by the City must be corrected by the Awarded Contractor within 48 hours.
7. The payment amount due on invoices shall not be altered by the City personnel. Once disputed items are resolved, the Awarded Contractor must submit an amended invoice, or a credit memorandum for the disputed amount.
8. The City will not make partial payments on an invoice where there is a dispute.
9. The City will only make payments on authorized transactions.
10. All invoices must be sent to: The Project Manager

## 9. List of eBid Attachments

The following documents make up this eBid. Please see Section 2.2.2 “eBid Review” for instructions about how to access the following documents. Any difficulty locating or accessing the following documents should be immediately reported to the Issuing Officer.

❖ PSL eBid (this document)

### **Attachments:**

- A. Location Maps (Attached)
- B. Excel Bid Reply- Schedule A from Section 5 of this eBid- Must be uploaded to DemandStar (Mandatory Document) as **File #1**.
- C. Sample Contract (Attached)
- D. Other Mandatory Documents- Must be uploaded to DemandStar as **File #2**:
  - Contractor’s General Information Worksheet/ Questionnaire
  - Cone of Silence and Communication Document from Section 2.1.2 of this eBid
  - Contractor’s Code of Ethics
  - E-Verify Form
  - Non-Collusion Affidavit
  - Drug Free Workplace Form
  - Complete Equipment List
  - Certificate of Insurance
  - W-9 Form
  - Licenses or Certifications

\*\*Any documents indicated in Section 4.3 of this eBid must be returned in the system as a part of the response by the Contractor. Failure to supply the completed document(s) will deem the Contractor as non-responsive.

LOCATION MAPS  
MOWING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE  
(ATTACHMENT "A")



City Hall Municipal Complex 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.



2202 SW Best Street

2258 SW Best Street

2266 SW Best Street

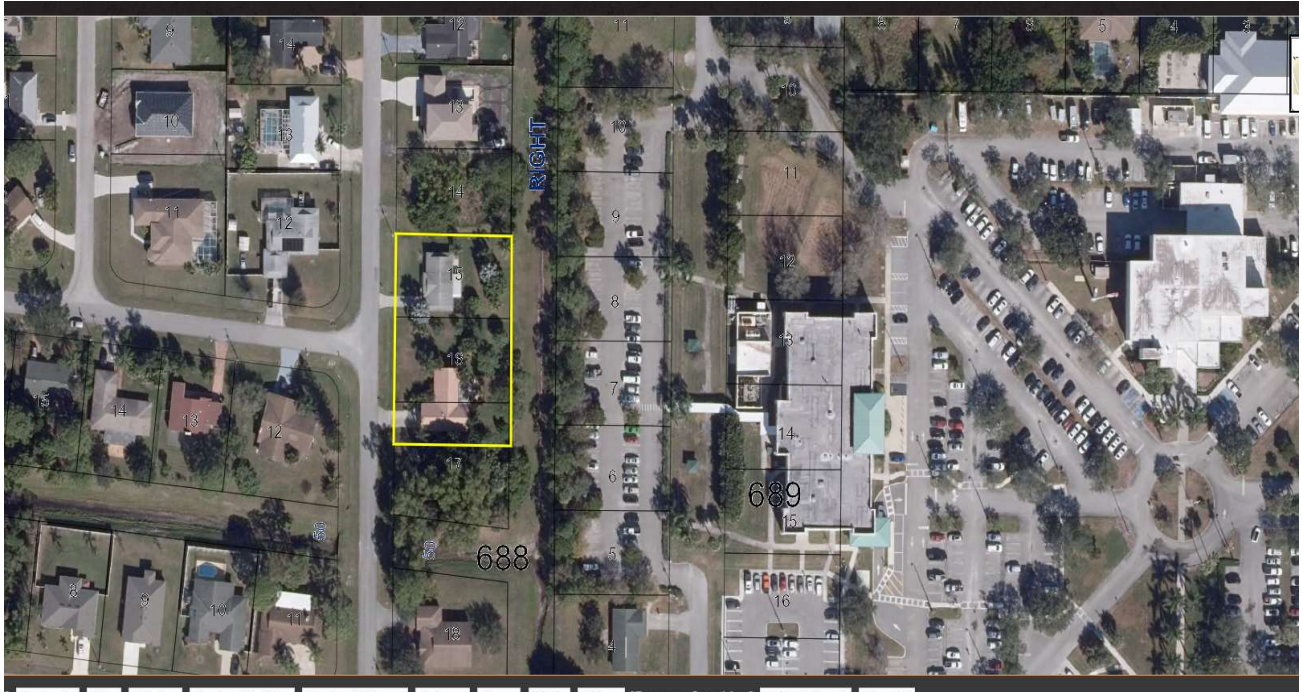
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Located within City Hall Complex

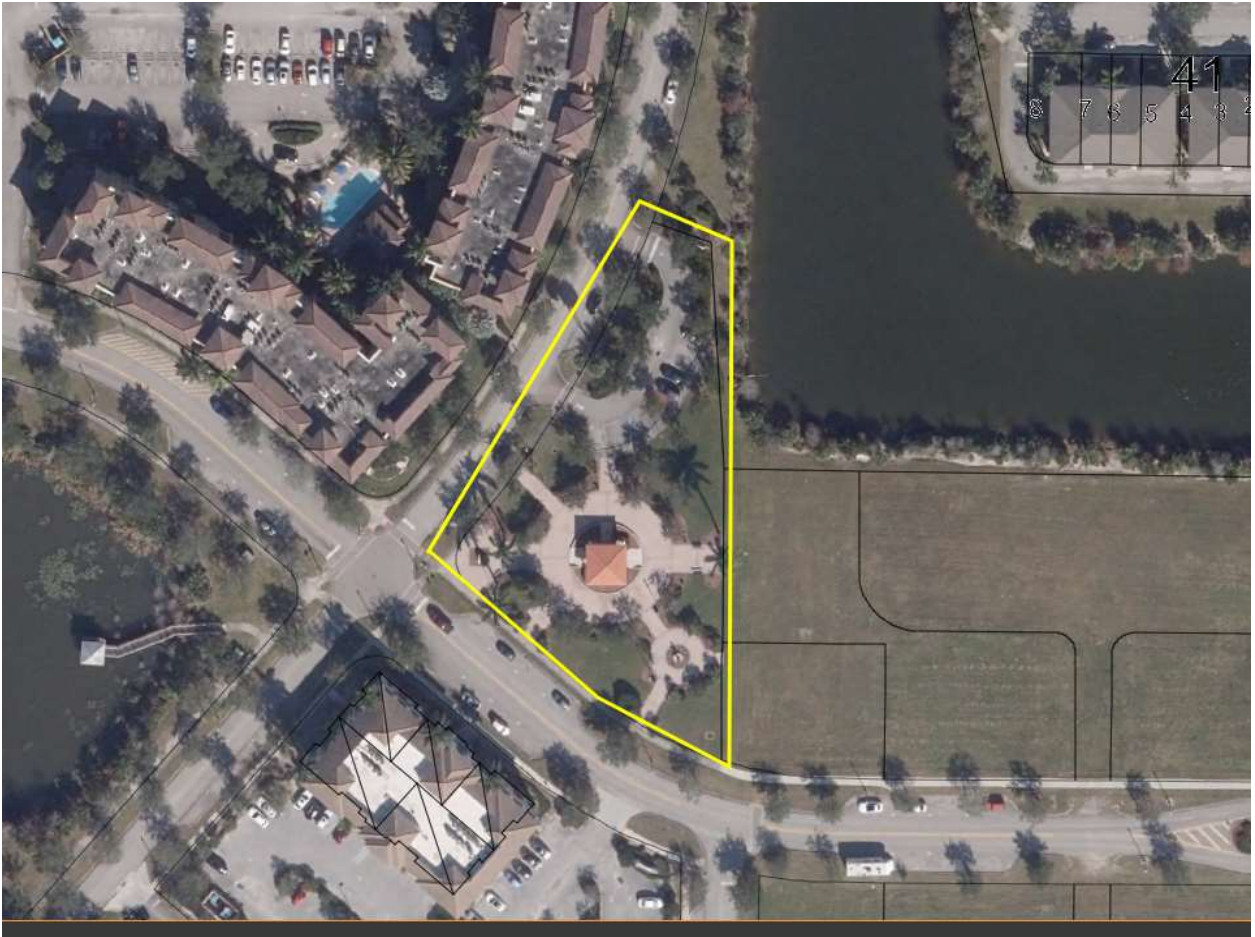


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120 SW Thanksgiving Avenue

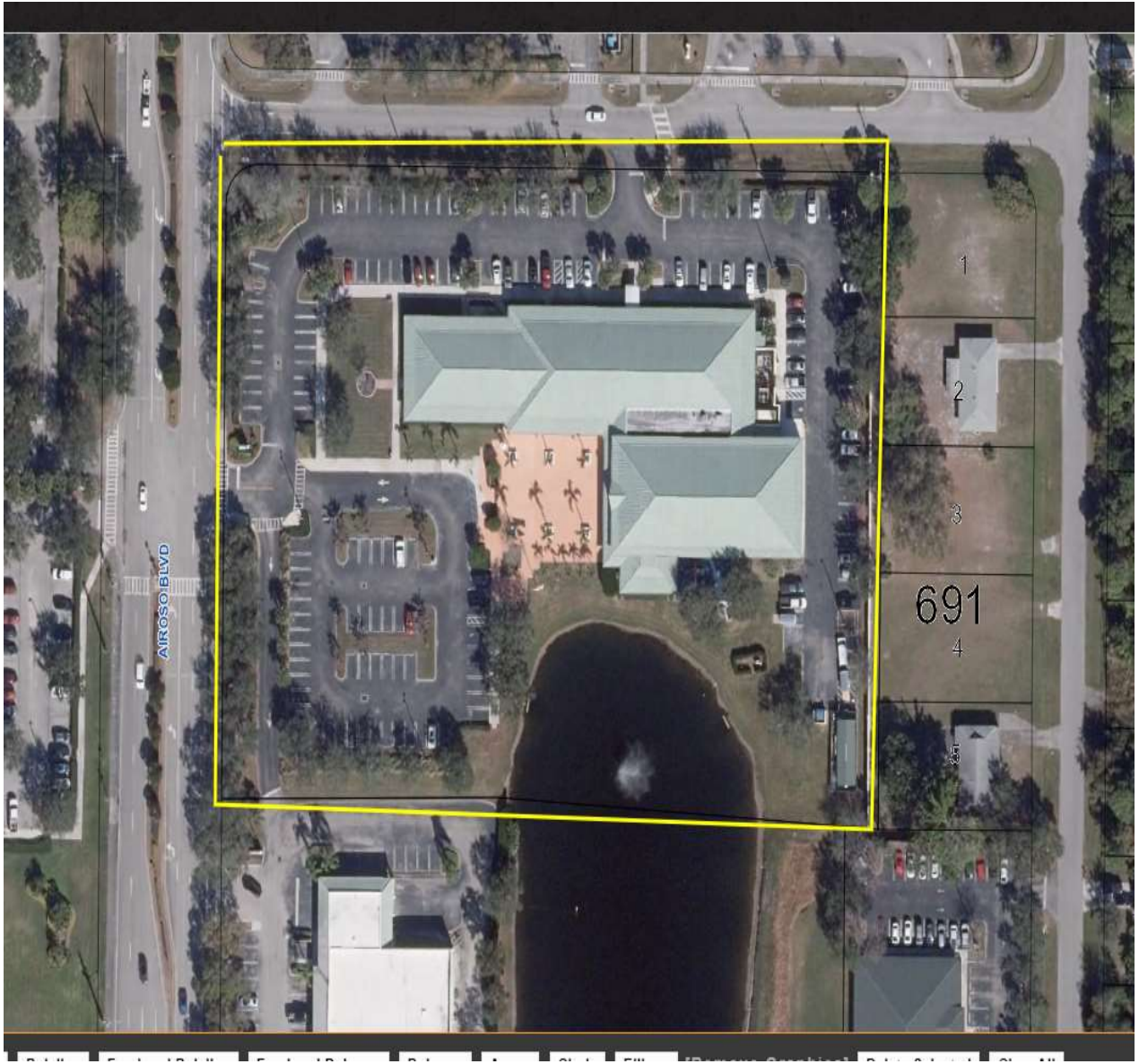


2243 SW Kail Street  
 2257 SW Kail Street



Mary Ann Cernuto Park 2060 SE Grand Drive





Community Center 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.



**Intermodal Bus Transfer Station 395 SE Deacon Avenue**

(Include Northern end of property under the trees- area has been cleaned out and can be mowed)



**2219 SE Belvedere Street**  
**2242 SE Belvedere Street**  
**2258 SE Belvedere Street**  
**2225 SE Belvedere Street**  
**2233 SE Belvedere Street**  
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**2234 SE Belvedere Street**  
**2250 SE Belvedere Street**  
**374 SE Thanksgiving Ave.**  
**2226 SE Belvedere St.**  
**2241 SE Belvedere St.**

**City of Port St. Lucie  
Procurement Management Department  
E-Bid #20230025**

**Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park,  
Various Locations, and Additional Services  
E-Bid Reply Excel Spreadsheet  
Schedule A (Attachment B)**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Grounds Maintenance Service Locations</b>				
<b>Line #</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Annual Frequency</b>	<b>Rate per Site per Mowing Cycle</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
1	Municipal Complex - 121 SW Port Saint Lucie Blvd.	52		\$ -
2	2202 SW Best Street	44		\$ -
3	2258 SW Best Street	44		\$ -
4	2266 SW Best Street	44		\$ -
5	2274 SW Best Street	44		\$ -
6	120 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44		\$ -
7	152 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44		\$ -
8	162 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44		\$ -
9	172 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44		\$ -
10	182 SW Thanksgiving Avenue	44		\$ -
11	2243 SW Kail Street	44		\$ -
12	2257 SW Kail Street	44		\$ -
13	Mary Ann Cernuto Park - 2060 SE Grand Drive	52		\$ -
14	Community Center - 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.	52		\$ -
15	Intermodal Bus Transfer Station - 395 SE Deacon Ave.	44		\$ -
16	2219 SE Belvedere Street	44		\$ -
17	2234 SE Belvedere Street	44		\$ -
18	2242 SE Belvedere Street	44		\$ -
19	2250 SE Belvedere Street	44		\$ -
20	2258 SE Belvedere Street	44		\$ -
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22	2225 SE Belvedere St.	44		\$ -
23	2226 SE Belvedere St.	44		\$ -
24	2233 SE Belvedere St.	44		\$ -
25	2241 SE Belvedere St.	44		\$ -
26	2249 SE Belvedere St.	44		\$ -
<b>Annual Total for Grounds Maintenance:</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

Line #	Banner Installation and Removal Services	Annual Frequency	Unit Price Per Week to Remove Two Banners and Install Two New Banners	Annual Cost
1	Floresta Dr. & Port St. Lucie Blvd.	52		\$ -
2	Crosstown Parkway & East of I-95	52		\$ -
3	Southbend Blvd. & Navy Ave.	52		\$ -
4	Bayshore Blvd. & St. Lucie West Blvd.	52		\$ -
5	Midway Rd. & East Torino Pkwy.	52		\$ -
6	Melaleuca Blvd. & Green River Pkwy.	52		\$ -
7	Lennard Rd. & Mariposa Ave.	52		\$ -
<b>Annual Total for Banner Services:</b>				\$ -

Line #	Additional Services	Unit Price
1	Future Sites (80' x 125' City lot)	
2	Additional Sites by the Acre	

**NOTE: Unit prices are limited to two decimals.**

**EXAMPLE: \$5.2555 is unacceptable - \$5.25 is acceptable**

Contractor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed - Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE  
SAMPLE CONTRACT  
Attachment C**

**(DO NOT EXECUTE-TERMS MAY CHANGE DUE TO CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSE)**

This Contract executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between the CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation, duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter called "City", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called "Contractor" or "Proposer".

**SECTION I  
RECITALS**

In consideration of the below agreements and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Contractor is licensed in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to contract with a Contractor to provide Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services based on the terms and subject to the conditions contained herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor is qualified, willing, and able to provide the Scope of Services and products / services specified on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enter into this Contract with Contractor to perform the Scope of Services and product / services specified and, with a commission amount to be paid as agreed upon below.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein name, the Parties agree as follows:

The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Contract and made a part of hereof for reference.

**SECTION II  
NOTICES**

All notices or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given if delivered in person, sent by certified mail with return receipt request, email or fax and addressed as follows unless written notice of a change of address is given pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.

Contractor: TBD

City Contract Administrator: Nadia Tourjee  
Procurement Agent I - Procurement Management Department  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984-5099  
772-871-5224 / FAX 772-871-7337  
E-mail: [NTourjee@cityofpsl.com](mailto:NTourjee@cityofpsl.com)

City Project Manager: Roger Jacob  
Facilities Maintenance Dept.  
City of Port St. Lucie  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
Telephone: 772-344-4220  
Email: [RJacob@cityofpsl.com](mailto:RJacob@cityofpsl.com)

### **SECTION III**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

The scope of work that the Contractor has agreed to perform pursuant to E-BID- #20230025 for Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services, and all addenda.

#### **1. Scope of Work**

##### **Specific Duties to be Performed: Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services**

- 1.1. Work to be performed by the Contractor under this section includes furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment, machinery, tools, materials, transportation, insurance, and all other incidentals necessary to comply with the specifications required to perform the grounds maintenance of the areas specified by the City's Project Managers.
- 1.2. The Contractor will make every reasonable effort to leave the area in an aesthetically pleasing condition.
- 1.3. At all locations the Contractor will be responsible to inspect and remove all trash prior to the commencement of mowing and maintenance. The Contractor will supply the number of 55-gallon trash bags removed at the conclusion of each cycle. The Contractor shall be required to trim around all signs, headwalls, culverts, grates, fire hydrants, delineators, utility poles, canal fronts, etc. that occupy these locations. The Contractor's responsibilities will include, but is not limited to, mowing and grounds maintenance, pruning/hedging all plants so as to remove all dead or diseased, and all parts of plants which present a visual hazard or physical obstacle to the use of traffic way(s); keep litter/debris removed from the required areas listed herein; and weeding/herbicide weed control, at all, and any other future locations as requested by the City. Locations that have sidewalks, tree wells or planter beds will be edged and blown during each mowing cycle to include either mechanical and/or herbicide treatment to control/remove weeds/invasive plants. Contractor will be held responsible for any plants/trees inadvertently killed during herbicide treatments in designated planter beds/tree wells, and at no cost to the City. Turf grass weed control will not be included in this contract. All other required licenses for herbicide treatment of planter beds/tree wells, sidewalk expansion joints, pavers, fence lines will apply. No indicator dye will be used on non-permeable surfacing. All designated planters/beds with be trimmed/hedged minimum of 12 times annually and pruning of trees/plants up to 12' in height and less will be included. No IPM or fertilizer applications will be included in this contract for Turf/grass

areas. Locations identified as designated parking lots, walkways may experience higher than normal debris during the year, contractor will be expected to blow and remove debris from hard surfacing and take to an approved landfill for proper disposal. The City reserves the right to add or delete locations as the city grows and changes.

The Project Manager will furnish maps of all locations. Designated area maps can be found in Attachment A. The Project Manager shall provide an itemized check list to the Contractor. This check list will need to be signed and dated for each occurrence. The Project Manager will require the Contractor to remove all trash within the residential streets. Nothing larger than a tire will be removed. The City will address this issue on a case-by-case basis. Frequency of Grounds Maintenance services for the City Hall Complex, Community Center, and Mary Ann Cernuto Park and all other locations are detailed on Schedule A. The actual frequency of services will be at the discretion of the City's Project Manager.

- 1.4. The Contractor shall perform work in accordance with the Monthly Schedule issued by the Project Manager, or his/her designee.
- 1.5. It is the Contractor responsibility to maintain a uniform height of cut consistent with the terrain. Contractor will take all precautionary measures to keep grass clippings/debris from entering all mulch areas, planter beds, and tree wells. Cutting blades shall be sharpened as needed, to maintain a good cutting characteristic. Blades shall be set to cut grass at three (3) inches in height after being cut. All mowing is to be tied into private property. The Contractor shall agree at any time deemed necessary by the Project Manager to allow the Project Manager, or his/her designee, the right to inspect the mowing blades of any machine being used.
- 1.6. When work is in progress, Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that cuttings will not be discharged into the street, onto private property or in the drainage "black swale liner". The Contractor shall also make every reasonable effort to ensure that cuttings will be discharged onto the uncut area. Any debris as a result of the mowing operation discharged in these locations may be required to be moved by the Contractor at the discretion of the Project Manager before work continues.
- 1.7. Any damage occurring during mowing operations is to be immediately reported before the end of the daily shift by the Contractor to the Project Manager. The Project Manager will determine what corrective action is required and inform the Contractor. The Contractor will punctually perform the required corrective action at the Contractor's expense no later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time it is reported.
- 1.8. The Contractor shall deliver bi-weekly reports VIA email, facsimile, or in person, a detailed work schedule to identify the specific work in progress, the name and number of personnel, street names, or sections being performed to the Project Manager or his/her designee.
- 1.9. The back side of the swale liners and sidewalks, if present, must always be cut, regardless if it's wet or not. The Contractor shall weed-eat, use a walk behind mower, or boom mower if conditions are too wet.



<b>Grounds Maintenance Service Locations</b>		
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- 1.10. The Contractor shall install and remove City Banners on an aluminum “post and panel” sign with brackets. The posts are 11’ high and hold two 42” X 96” vinyl banners with 4” pockets on them. Each location identified below will hold two banners each. There are currently seven banner locations throughout the City:

<b>Banner Installation and Removal Locations</b>	
<b>Line #</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>**Two Banners Per Location**</b>	
<b>Single Sided</b>	
1	Floresta Dr./PSL Blvd.
2	Crosstown Parkway/East of I-95
3	Southbend Blvd./Navy Ave.
4	Bayshore Blvd./St. Lucie West Blvd.
<b>Double Sided</b>	
5	Midway Rd./East Torino Pkwy.
6	Melaleuca Blvd./Green River Pkwy.
7	Lennard Rd./Mariposa Ave.

Ladders are required for the work. When removing and installing new banners, the Contractor shall remove the bottom pole of each banner by unscrewing the threaded knob to release the banner and then lift and remove the top banner pipe from the top channels and slide the new banners on for the top and bottom. The threaded knobs shall be re-screwed into the pipe channel through the pipe on both sides of each bottom banner pole holder to ensure it is inside the banner pipe and held securely.

The scheduling of the banners will be coordinated through the Communications Department. Contractor will be required to pick up and return the banners to the Communications Department, which is located inside City Hall.

- 1.11. The City reserves the right to modify the level of service due to environmental conditions funding availability, and/or the demands from the public.
2. **Inspections** - During the contract period the Project Manager, or his designee, shall continually inspect the work that has been performed and notify the Contractor of any deficiencies that require correction. The Contractor shall be responsible to remedy all deficiencies within twenty-four (24) hours after being notified to be eligible for that month's service payment.
3. **Equipment Storage** - The Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that all equipment and supplies shall not be stored on City property without written permission from the Project Manager.
4. **Equipment** - Only equipment designed for performance of work described herein will be acceptable for operation. The equipment used must be in good operating condition at all times. All equipment used must have company identification signs including, but not limited to, trucks, boats, etc.

The City may inspect the equipment anytime during the course of the contract. Safety devices shall be properly installed and maintained at all times the equipment is in use.

5. **Limitation of Operations** – No equipment, regardless of width, shall be left on the roadway rights-of-way overnight or parked in the median without written approval from the City.

The Contractor shall prevent damage and preserve all property associated with, or located in the vicinity of, or is in any way affected by the work. This applies to public and private property and/or utilities.

Any damages occurring to such properties shall be immediately repaired at the expense of the Contractor to a condition equal to or better than that existing before such damage occurred.

The Contractor shall provide adequate protection for curbs and sidewalks over which trucks and equipment pass to reach the job site.

#### **SECTION IV** **TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

The Contract Period start date will be \_\_\_\_\_ and will terminate two (2) years thereafter on \_\_\_\_\_. The Contractor will be required to commence work under this Contract within ten (10) calendar days after the start date identified in this Contract. In the event all work required in the bid specifications has not been completed by the specified date, the Contractor agrees to provide work as authorized by the Project Manager until all work specified in the bid specifications has been rendered and accepted by the City.

Written requests shall be submitted to the Project Manager for consideration of extension of completion time due to strikes, unavailable materials, or other similar causes over which the Contractor feels he has no control. Requests for time extensions shall be submitted immediately but in no event more than two (2) weeks upon occurrence of conditions, which, in the opinion of the contractor, warrant such an extension with reasons clearly stated and a detailed explanation given as to why the delays are considered to be beyond the Contractor's control.

#### **SECTION V** **RENEWAL OPTION**

In the event the Contractor offers in writing, prior to the termination of this Contract, to provide the identical materials required in this contract for three (3) additional twenty-four (24) month term for a total charge that is acceptable, then the City without additional bidding or negotiation, may, with the mutual agreement of the Contractor, extend this contract for an additional twenty-four (24) month term.

Economic price adjustments upward or downward may be considered at the time of renewal; adjustments must be agreed upon by both parties.

#### **SECTION VI** **COMPENSATION**

The total amount to be paid by the City to the Contractor is on a per unit price basis listed on Schedule "A" for a total amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payments will be disbursed in the following manner:

**The Contract Sum** - Work to be paid for on the basis of per unit prices: each, lump sum, linear feet, square yards, system, etc.

Invoices for services shall be submitted once a month, by the tenth (10th) day of each month, and payments shall be made within twenty (20) business days unless Contractor has chosen to take advantage of the Purchasing Card Program, which guarantees payment within several days. Payments shall be made within twenty (20) business days of receipt of Contractor's valid invoice, provided that the invoice is accompanied by adequate supporting documentation, including any necessary partial release of liens as described above, and is approved by the Project Manager as required under Section XV of the Contract.

No payment for projects involving improvements to real property shall be due until Contractor delivers to City a complete release of all claims arising out of the contract or receipts in full in lieu thereof, and an affidavit on his personal knowledge that the releases and receipts include labor and materials for which a lien could be filed.

All invoices and correspondence relative to this Contract must contain the City's Contract number and Purchase Order number, detail of items with prices that correspond to the Contract, a unique invoice number and partial and final release of liens.

All invoices are to be sent to the assigned Project Manager for this Contract.

The Contractor shall not be paid additional compensation for any loss or damage, arising out of the nature of the work, from the action of the elements, or from any delay or unforeseen obstruction or difficulties encountered in the performance of the work, or for any expenses incurred by or in consequence of the suspension or discontinuance of the work.

In the event the City deems it expedient to perform work which has not been done by the Contractor as required by these Specifications, or to correct work which has been improperly and/or inadequately performed by the Contractor as required in these Specifications, all expenses thus incurred by the City, at the City's option, will be invoiced to the Contractor and/or deducted from payments due to the Contractor. Deductions thus made will not excuse the Contractor from other penalties and conditions contained in the Contract.

All payments not made within the time specified by this section shall bear interest from 30 calendar days after the due date at the rate of one (1) percent per month on the unpaid balance.

**Taxes** - Contractor is responsible for all federal, state, and local taxes and other charges related to the performance of this contracts.

Upon renewal of the Contract, this contract allows for a price redetermination based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers - U.S. City Average- All Items. See link provided for more information.

[https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0?amp%253bdata\\_tool=XGtable&output\\_view=data&include\\_graphs=true](https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0?amp%253bdata_tool=XGtable&output_view=data&include_graphs=true)

After the first twenty-four (24) months of the contract, this contract allows for an annual price redetermination. The Contractor must request such an order renewal in writing no later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the anniversary of the Effective Date and must include in the written request documentation that the contractor has incurred bona fide cost increases providing services under this Contract during the year in which the request was made. The City will not allow Contract adjustments up or down to exceed five (5%)

combined total in any one (1) year. Any increases/decreases will be effective on the contract renewal date. The prices will be held firm for the initial term of the contract. Any future price adjustments will be held firm for each renewal term.

Price adjustment will be based on the annual index (Un-Adjusted) using the published figures two (2) months prior to the renewal date. The price adjustment will be calculated on a simple percentage method.

## **SECTION VII** **WORK CHANGES**

The City reserves the right to order work changes in the nature of additions, deletions or modifications without invalidating the Contract, and agrees to make corresponding adjustments in the contract price and time for completion. Any and all changes must be authorized by a written change order signed by the City's Purchasing Agent or his designee as representing the City. Work shall be changed and the contract price and completion time shall be modified only as set out in the written change order. Any adjustment in the contract price resulting in a credit or a charge to the City shall be determined by mutual agreement of the parties before starting the work involved in the change. Any dispute concerning work changes which is not resolved by mutual agreement shall be decided by the City Manager who shall reduce the decision to writing. The decision of the City shall be final and conclusive.

## **SECTION VIII** **CONFORMANCE WITH PROPOSAL**

It is understood that the materials and/or work required herein are in accordance with the proposal made by the Contractor pursuant to the Solicitation and Specifications on file in the Procurement Management Department of the City. All documents submitted by the Contractor in relation to said proposal, and all documents promulgated by the City for inviting proposals are, by reference, made a part hereof as if set forth herein in full.

## **SECTION IX** **INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS**

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the City, its officers, agents, and employees from, and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees for personal, economic or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, at law or in equity, which may arise or may be alleged to have risen from the negligent acts, errors, omissions or other wrongful conduct of Contractor, agents, laborers, subcontractors or other personnel entity acting under Contractor control in connection with the Contractor's performance of services under this Contract and to that extent Contractor shall pay such claims and losses and shall pay all such costs and judgments which may issue from any lawsuit arising from such claims and losses including wrongful termination or allegations of discrimination or harassment, and shall pay all costs and attorney's fees expended by the City in defense of such claims and losses including appeals. That the aforesaid hold-harmless Contract by Contractor shall apply to all damages and claims for damages of every kind suffered, or alleged to have been suffered, by reason of any of the aforesaid operations of Contractor or any agent laborers, subcontractors or employee of Contractor regardless of whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to be applicable to any of such damages or claims for damages. Contractor shall be held responsible for any

violation of laws, rules, regulations or ordinances affecting in any way the conduct of all persons engaged in or the materials or methods used by Contractor on the work. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Contract.

## **SECTION X** **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving the City's sovereign immunity protections existing under the laws of the State of Florida, or as increasing the limits of liability as set forth in [Section 768.28, Florida Statutes](#).

## **SECTION XI** **INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverage, limits, including endorsements, as described herein. The requirements contained herein, as well as City's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by the Contractor are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Contractor under the Contract.

The parties agree and recognize that it is not the intent of the City of Port St. Lucie that any insurance policy/coverage that it may obtain pursuant to any provision of this Contract will provide insurance coverage to any entity, corporation, business, person, or organization, other than the City of Port St. Lucie and the City shall not be obligated to provide any insurance coverage other than for the City of Port St. Lucie or extend its immunity pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, under its self-insured program. Any provision contained herein to the contrary shall be considered void and unenforceable by any party. This provision does not apply to any obligation imposed on any other party to obtain insurance coverage for this project, any obligation to name the City of Port St. Lucie as an additional insured under any other insurance policy, or otherwise protect the interests of the City of Port St. Lucie as specified in this Contract.

Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employer's Liability: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employers' Liability in accordance with Section 440, Florida Statutes. Employers' Liability and must include limits of at least \$100,000.00 each accident, \$100,000.00 each disease/employee, and \$500,000.00 each disease/maximum. A Waiver of Subrogation endorsement must be provided. Coverage shall apply on a primary basis. Should scope of work performed by Contractor qualify its employee for benefits under Federal Workers' Compensation Statute (example, U.S. Longshore & Harbor Workers Act or Merchant Marine Act), proof of appropriate Federal Act coverage must be provided.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance, issued under an Occurrence form basis, including Contractual liability, to cover the hold harmless agreement set forth herein, with limits of not less than:

Each occurrence	\$1,000,000
Personal/advertising injury	\$1,000,000
Products/completed operations aggregate	\$2,000,000
General aggregate	\$2,000,000

Fire damage	\$100,000 any 1 person
Medical expense	\$10,000 any 1 person

Additional Insured: An Additional Insured endorsement must be attached to the certificate of insurance (should be CG2026) under the General Liability policy. Coverage is to be written on an occurrence form basis and shall apply as primary and non-contributory. Defense costs are to be in addition to the limit of liability. A waiver of subrogation is to be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall extend to independent Contractors and fellow employees. Contractual Liability is to be included. Coverage is to include a cross liability or severability of interests provision as provided under the standard ISO form separation of insurers clause.

Except as to Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance, Certificates of Insurance and policies shall clearly state that coverage required by the Contract has been endorsed to include the City of Port St. Lucie, a municipality of the State of Florida, its officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insured for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability policies. The name for the Additional Insured endorsement issued by the insurer shall read **"City of Port St. Lucie, a municipality of the State of Florida, its officers, employees and agents, and shall include Contract# 20230025 Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services shall be listed as additional insured."** Copies of the Additional Insured endorsements shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. The policies shall be specifically endorsed to provide thirty (30) day written notice to the City prior to any adverse changes, cancellation, or non-renewal of coverage thereunder. Formal written notice shall be sent to City of Port St. Lucie, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984, Attn: Procurement. In the event that the statutory liability of the City is amended during the term of this Contract to exceed the above limits, the Contractor shall be required, upon thirty (30) days written notice by the City, to provide coverage at least equal to the amended statutory limit of liability of the City. Copies of the Additional Insured endorsement shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance.

Automobile Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000.00 each accident covering any auto, owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event the Contractor does not own any automobiles; the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended, allowing Contractor to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto Coverage form. Certificate holder must be listed as additional insured. A waiver of subrogation must be provided. Coverage shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis.

Waiver of Subrogation: The Contractor shall agree by entering into this Contract to a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy. When required by the insurer or should a policy condition not permit an Insured to enter into a pre-loss Contract to waive subrogation without an endorsement then, Contractor shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent.

Deductibles: All deductible amounts shall be paid for and be the responsibility of the Contractor for any and all claims under this Contract. Where an SIR or deductible exceeds \$5,000, the City of Port St. Lucie reserves the right, but not obligation, to review and request a copy of the bidder's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

Pollution Insurance: Contractor shall procure and agree to maintain in full force during the term of this Agreement, Pollution Liability Insurance in limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, for any operations relating to the handling, storage, and transportation of hazardous materials and/or waste. The City of Port St. Lucie shall be listed as an additional insured. A waiver of subrogation shall be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that all independent Contractors and sub-Contractors comply with the same insurance requirements referenced herein. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain Certificates of Insurance from all independent contractors and subcontractors listing the City as an Additional Insured without the language when required by written contract. If contractor, independent contractor, or subcontractor maintain higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by contractor/independent contractor/subcontractor.

The Contractor may satisfy the minimum limits required above for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employers' Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employers' Liability. When required by the insurer, or when Umbrella or Excess Liability is written on Non-Follow Form," the City shall be endorsed as an "Additional Insured."

The City by and through its Risk Management Department reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review, modify, reject, or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this contract. All insurance carriers must have an AM Best rating of at least A:VII or better. When a self-insured retention or deductible exceeds \$5,000, the City reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of bidder's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

A failure on the part of the Contractor to execute the contract and/or punctually deliver the required insurance certificates and other documentation may be cause for annulment of the award.

## **SECTION XII** **ACTS OF GOD**

The Contractor shall be responsible for all preparation of the site for Acts of God, including but not limited to; earthquake, flood, tropical storm, hurricane or other cataclysmic phenomenon of nature, rain, wind, or other natural phenomenon of normal intensity, including extreme rainfall. No reparation shall be made to the Contractor for damages to the Work resulting from these Acts. The City is not responsible for any costs associated with pre or post preparations for any Acts of God.

**Emergencies** – In the event of emergencies affecting the safety of persons, the work, or property, at the site or adjacent thereto, the Contractor, or his designee, without special instruction or authorization from the City, is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. In the event such actions are taken, the Contractor shall promptly give to the City written notice and contact immediately by phone, of any significant changes in work or deviations from the Contract documents caused thereby, and if such action is deemed



appropriate by the City a written authorization signed by the City covering the approved changes and deviations will be issued.

### **SECTION XIII** **PROHIBITION AGAINST FILING OR MAINTAINING LIENS AND SUITS**

Subject to the laws of the State of Florida and of the United States, neither Contractor nor any Sub-Contractor supplier of materials, laborer or other person shall file or maintain any lien for labor or materials delivered in the performance of this Contract against the City. The right to maintain such lien for any or all of the above parties is hereby expressly waived.

### **SECTION XIV** **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall otherwise comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes and shall, at his own expense, secure and pay the fees and charges for all permits required for the performance of the Contract. All materials furnished and works done are to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Contractor will comply with all requirements of [28 C.F.R. § 35.151](#). Contractors and Sub-Contractor, shall comply with [§ 119.0701, Fla. Stat.](#) The Contractor and Sub-Contractor, are to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the records are exempt from [Art. I, § 24\(a\), Fla. Const.](#) and [§ 119.07\(1\)\(a\), Fla. Stat. \(2013\)](#). Pursuant to [§ 119.10\(2\)\(a\), Fla. Stat.](#), any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of Ch. 119, Laws of Fla., commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in [§ 775.082](#) and [§ 775.083 Fla. Stat.](#)

### **RECORDS**

The City of Port St. Lucie is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Contractor shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES. Pursuant to Section 119.0701, F.S.

Contractor agrees to comply with all public records laws, specifically to:

Keep and maintain public records required by the City in order to perform the service;

1. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the [General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies](#).
2. During the term of the contract, the Contractor shall maintain all books, reports, and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The form of all records and reports shall be subject to the approval of the City.
3. Records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the City. Contractor's records under this Contract include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, emails and all other documentation generated during this Agreement.

4. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City, during normal business hours all books of account, reports and records relating to this contract.
5. A Contractor who fails to provide the public records to the City within a reasonable time may also be subject to penalties under Section 119.10, Florida Statutes.

Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the public agency 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 this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

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 contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the City.

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

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**CITY CLERK  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
(772) 871 5157  
[pr@cityofpsl.com](mailto:pr@cityofpsl.com)**

**SECTION XV  
INSPECTION AND CORRECTION OF DEFECTS**

In order to determine whether the required material has been delivered or the required work performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract documents, the Project Manager shall make inspection as soon as practicable after receipt from the Contractor of a Notice of Performance or delivery ticket. If such inspection shows that the required material has been delivered and required work performed in accordance with terms and conditions of the Contract documents and that the material and work is entirely satisfactory, the Project Manager shall approve the invoice when it is received. Thereafter the Contractor shall be entitled to payment, as described in Section VI. If, on such inspection the Project Manager is not

satisfied, he shall as promptly as practicable inform the parties hereto of the specific respects in which his findings are not favorable. Contractor shall then be afforded an opportunity if desired by him, to correct the deficiencies so pointed out at no additional charge to the City, and otherwise on terms and conditions specified by the Project Manager. Upon failure of the Contractor to perform the work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements with respect to the Schedule of Completion, and after five (5) days written notice to the Contractor, the City may, without prejudice to any other remedy he may have, correct such deficiencies. The Contractor shall be charged all costs incurred to correct deficiencies. Such examination, inspection, or tests made by the Project Manager, at any time, shall not relieve Contractor of his responsibility to remedy any deviation, deficiency, or defect.

**Contract Performance** - It is the intent of the City to ensure that the Contractor provides a quality level of landscape and ground maintenance services. All complaints will be reported to, and promptly resolved by the Contractor. The Contractor shall have twenty-four (24) hours to resolve any such complaints. The City may levy administrative charges for infractions by the Contractor at \$100.00 per day per incident. Such infractions shall include, but not be limited to: (a) Failure to resolve complaints within twenty-four (24) hour period. (b) Failure to provide safe equipment. (c) Failure to provide required documentation in a timely and accurate manner. (d) Failure to report damage to irrigation system(s). (e) Failure to report property damage or personal injury. (f) Failure to remove all trash from site(s). (g) Failure to perform scheduled service. (h) Landscape employees not adhering to uniform/protective clothing requirements. For the purpose of this section, the City may deduct any charges from payments due the Contractor. The City shall notify the Contractor in writing of any action to be taken. In the event the Contractor wishes to contest such assessment, the contractor shall submit a written protest within 72 hours after receiving such notice for an opportunity to be heard by the City and present a defense to such assessment. The City will notify the Contractor in writing of any action taken with respect to Contractor's claims. The decision of the City shall be final. Based on limited funds, the City may eliminate certain contracted areas or groups in order to stay within the budget. The City may, at its discretion, add or delete similar sized areas as a result of construction or unanticipated impacts.

**Authority** - The Contractor is hereby informed that City inspectors are not authorized to alter, revoke, enlarge, or relax the provisions of these specifications. They are not authorized to approve or accept any portion of the completed work, or instructions contrary to the specifications. An inspector is placed on the project (or sent to the location of materials) to inspect materials being used in the work and to observe the manner in which the work is being performed and to report the progress of the work to the City. The inspector shall have the authority to reject defective materials or suspend any work that is being improperly done subject to the final decision of the City.

**Notification** – The Contractor shall be responsible to give twenty-four (24) hour notification to the City, when field observations are required.

**Defective Work** – All work and/or materials not meeting the requirements of these specifications shall be deemed as defective by the City, and all such work and/or material, whether in place or not, shall be removed immediately from the site of the work. All rejected materials that have been corrected shall not be used until the City has issued written approval to the Contractor. Without unnecessary delay and without any additional cost to the City, all work that has been rejected shall be remedied or removed and replaced in a manner acceptable to the City. If the Contractor fails to promptly remove and properly dispose of rejected materials and/or work then replaces same immediately after being notified to do so, the City may employ labor to

remove and replace such defective work and/or materials. All charges for replacement of defective materials and/or work shall be charged to the Contractor and may be deducted from any moneys due to the Contractor or his Surety.

**Repair or Replacement** - Should any defect appear during the warranty period, the Contractor shall, at their own expense, have repaired or replaced such item upon receipt of written notice from the City of said defect. Said repair or replacement must be accomplished within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of notification from the City of the defect.

**Deductions** - In the event the City deems it expedient to perform work which has not been done by the Contractor as required by these Specifications, or to correct work which has been improperly and/or inadequately performed by the Contractor as required in these Specifications, all expenses thus incurred by the City, in the City's option, will be invoiced to the Contractor and/or may be deducted from payments due to the Contractor. Deductions thus made will not excuse the Contractor from other penalties and conditions contained in the Contract.

## **SECTION XVI** **SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

[Section 287.135, Florida Statutes](#), prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000 that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran petroleum Energy Sector List, or do any business with Cuba or Syria. Both lists are created pursuant to [Section 215.473, Florida Statutes](#) [https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/Portals/FSB/Content/GlobalGovernanceMandates/QuarterlyReports/Global\\_Governance\\_Mandates\\_and\\_Florida%20Statutes\\_2019\\_01\\_29.pdf?ver=2019-01-29-130006-790](https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/Portals/FSB/Content/GlobalGovernanceMandates/QuarterlyReports/Global_Governance_Mandates_and_Florida%20Statutes_2019_01_29.pdf?ver=2019-01-29-130006-790).

## **SECTION XXVII** **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

**Amendments** - The City and the Contractor agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge, and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged, and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for carrying out the expressed intention of the Contract. The Contract may be amended in writing from time to time by mutual consent of the parties. All amendments to the Contract must be in writing and fully executed by duly authorized representatives of the City and the Contractor.

**Fiscal Year** - All reference to Fiscal Year shall mean the City's Fiscal Year. The City's Fiscal Year is from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Integration of Terms** - This Contract represents the entire contract between the parties. The parties shall not rely on any representation that may have been made by either party which is not included in the Contract.

**Joint Venture** - Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as creating or constituting the relationship of a partnership, joint venture, (or other association of any kind or agent and principal relationship) between the vested parties. Each party shall be deemed to be an independent contractor contracting for the services and acting toward the mutual benefits expected to be derived from the mutually agreed upon contract. Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's agents, employees, subcontractors or contractors shall become or be

deemed to become agents, or employees of the City. Contractor shall therefore be responsible for compliance with all laws, rules and regulations involving its employees and any subcontractors, including but not limited to employment of labor, hours of labor, health and safety, working conditions, workers' compensation insurance, and payment of wages. No party has the authority to enter into any contract or create an obligation or liability on behalf of, in the name of, or binding upon another party to the Contract.

**Notice(s)** - Any and all notices, designations, consents, offers, acceptances or any other communication provided for herein shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, by receipted hand delivery, by Fed-EX, UPS, courier or other similar and reliable carrier which shall be addressed to the person who signed the Contract on behalf of the party at the address identified in the contract. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided:

- I. Within one (1) day in the case of overnight hand delivery, courier, or Services such as Fed-Ex or UPS with guaranteed next day delivery; or,
- II. Within seven (7) days after it is deposited in the U.S. Mail in the case of registered U.S. Mail.

From time to time, the parties may change the name and address of the person designated to receive notice. Such change of the designated person or their designees and/or address shall be in writing to the other party and as provided herein.

**Performance by Industry Standards** - The Contractor represents and expressly warrants that all aspects of the Services provided or used by it shall, at a minimum, conform to the standards in the Contractor's industry. This requirement shall be in addition to any express warranties, representations, and specifications included in the Contract, which shall take precedence

**Permits, Licenses, and Certifications** - The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, certifications, etc., required by Federal, State, County, and Municipal laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances for the performance of the work required in these specifications and to conform with the requirements of said legislation. The Contractor shall be required to complete a **W-9 Taxpayer Identification Form**, provided with the City's contract, and return it with the signed contract and insurance documents.

**Supersedes Former Contracts or Agreements** - Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, this Contract supersedes all prior contracts or agreements between the City and the Contractor for the Services provided in connection with the Contract.

**Use of Name or Intellectual Property** - Contractor agrees it will not use the name or any intellectual property, including but not limited to, City trademarks or logos in any manner, including commercial advertising or as a business reference, without the expressed prior written consent of the City.

**Waiver** - Except as specifically provided for in a waiver signed by duly authorized representatives of the City and the Contractor, failure by either party at any time to require performance by the other party or to claim a breach of any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as affecting any subsequent right to require performance or to claim a breach. Each waiver, if mutually agreed upon, shall be published as a contract amendment.

## **SECTION XVIII** **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions, appearing on any purchase order issued relative to this Contract, and those contained in this Contract and the Specifications herein referenced, the terms of this Contract and Specifications herein referenced shall apply.

**City's Public Relations Image** – The Contractor's personnel shall at all times handle complaints and any public contact with due regard to the City's relationship with the public. Any personnel in the employ of the Contractor involved in the execution of work that is deemed to be conducting him/herself in an unacceptable manner shall be removed from the project at the request of the City Manager.

**Contractual Relations** - The Contractor(s) are advised that nothing contained in the contract or specifications shall create any contractual relations between the City and Sub-Contractor of the Contractor(s).

**Cooperative Purchasing Agreement** - This contract may be expanded to include other governmental agencies provided a cooperative purchasing agreement exists or an inter-local agreement for joint purchasing exists between the City of Port St. Lucie and other public agencies. Contractor(s) may agree to allow other public agencies the same items at the same terms and conditions as this contract, during the period of time that this contract is in effect. Each political entity will be responsible for execution of its own requirements with the Contractor.

**Dress Code** – All personnel in the employ of the Contractor(s) shall be appropriately attired. Employees engaged in the course of work shall wear company uniforms neat and clean in appearance, readily identifiable to all City employees and the public. No tee shirts with obscene pictures or writings will be allowed. Swimsuits, tank tops, shorts and sandals are also prohibited. Safety toed shoes shall be worn at all times.

**Patent Fees, Royalties, and Licenses** – If the Contractor requires or desires to use any design, trademark, device, material, or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, the Contractor and his surety shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all claims for infringement in connection with the work agreed to be performed. The Contractor shall indemnify the City from any cost, expense, royalty or damage which the City may be obligated to pay by reason of any infringement at any time during the prosecution of or after completion of the work.

**Permits** - The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, certifications, etc., required by Federal, State, County, and Municipal laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances for the performance of the work required in these specifications and to conform with the requirements of said legislation. The Contractor shall be required to complete a **W-9 Taxpayer Identification Form**, provided with the City's contract, and return it with the signed contract and insurance documents.

**Cleaning Up** – The Contractor shall, during the performance of this Contract, remove and properly dispose of resulting dirt and debris, and keep the work area reasonably clear. Contractor shall remove equipment, materials, excess debris, and put the work area in a neat, clean, sanitary and safe condition by the end of each shift. All disturbed areas shall be restored to existing or better conditions. The Contractor shall only be entitled for payment of authorized areas within the project work limits. The project work limits shall be established by the City of Port St. Lucie prior to construction. Contractor shall make every effort to minimize

unnecessary damage. All damaged areas outside the project work limits must be repaired to existing conditions or better, at the cost of the contractor, prior to payment of invoices. Contractor shall also take care to avoid sprinkler heads and irrigation lines, unless the aforementioned cannot be avoided, in which case irrigation lines will be relocated to cover all grassed areas. This cost is incidental to the clearing and grubbing cost.

### **SECTION XIX** **ASSIGNMENT**

Contractor shall not delegate, assign or subcontract any part of the work under this Contract or assign any monies due him hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the City.

### **SECTION XX** **TERMINATION, DELAYS AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

**Termination for Cause** - The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute cause for the City to declare the Contractor in default of its obligations under the contract:

- I. The Contractor fails to deliver or has delivered nonconforming services or fails to perform, to the City's satisfaction, any material requirement of the Contract or is in violation of a material provision of the contract, including, but without limitation, the express warranties made by the Contractor;
- II. The Contractor fails to make substantial and timely progress toward performance of the contract;
- III. In the event the Contractor is required to be certified or licensed as a condition precedent to providing the Services, the revocation or loss of such license or certification may result in immediate termination of the contract effective as of the date on which the license or certification is no longer in effect;
- IV. The Contractor becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under federal or state law to the extent allowed by applicable federal or state law including bankruptcy laws; the Contractor terminates or suspends its business; or the City reasonably believes that the Contractor has become insolvent or unable to pay its obligations as they accrue consistent with applicable federal or state law;
- V. The Contractor has failed to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations and orders when performing within the scope of the contract;
- VI. If the City determines that the actions, or failure to act, of the Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, life, health or safety to be jeopardized;
- VII. The Contractor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the City to liability, as determined in the City's sole discretion;
- VIII. The Contractor furnished any statement, representation, or certification in connection with the contract, which is materially false, deceptive, incorrect or incomplete.

**Notice of Default** - If there is a default event caused by the Contractor, the City shall provide written notice to the Contractor requesting that the breach or noncompliance be remedied within the period of time specified

in the City's written notice to the Contractor. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied within the period of time specified in the written notice, the City may:

- I. Immediately terminate the contract without additional written notice(s); and/or
- II. Enforce the terms and conditions of the contract and seek any legal or reasonable remedies; and/or
- III. Procure substitute services from another source and charge the difference between the contract and the substitute contract to the defaulting Contractor

**Termination for Convenience** - The City may, at any time, with or without cause, or for its convenience terminate all or a portion of the Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to successful Contractor. Any such termination shall be accomplished by delivery in writing of a notice to Contractor. Following termination without cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation upon submission of invoices and proper proof of claim, for services provided under the contract to the City up to the time of termination, pursuant to Florida law.

**Termination for Non-Appropriation** - The City is a governmental agency which relies upon the appropriation of funds by its governing body to satisfy its obligations. If the City reasonably determines that it does not have funds to meet its obligations under the awarded contract, the City will have the right to terminate the contract, without penalty, on the last day of the fiscal period for which funds were legally available.

**Liquidated Damages for Delays** - If material is not provided or work is not completed within the time stipulated in this Contract, including any extensions of time for excusable delays as herein provided, (it being impossible to determine the actual damages occasioned by the delay) the Contractor shall provide to the City one hundred (\$100.00) dollars as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each calendar day of delay until the work is completed. The Contractor and his sureties shall be jointly and severally liable to the City for the amount thereof.

## **SECTION XXI** **LAW, VENUE AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**

This Contract is to be construed as though made in and to be performed in the State of Florida and is to be governed by the laws of Florida in all respects without reference to the laws of any other state or nation. The venue of any action taken to enforce this Contract shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

The Parties to this Contract hereby freely, voluntarily, and expressly, waive their respective rights to trial by jury on any issues so triable after having the opportunity to consult with an attorney.

## **SECTION XXII** **APPROPRIATION APPROVAL**

The Contractor acknowledges that the City of Port St Lucie's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the City Council. The Contractor agrees that, in the event such appropriation is not forthcoming, this Contract may be terminated by the City and that no charges, penalties or other costs shall be assessed.



### **SECTION XXIII** **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The City hereby acknowledges that the Contractor may be performing professional services for private developers within the Treasure Coast area. Should a conflict of interest arise between providing services to the City and/or other clients, the Contractor shall terminate its relationship with the other client to resolve the conflict of interest. The City Manager shall determine whether a conflict of interest exists. At the time of each Project Proposal the Contractor shall disclose all of its Treasure Coast clients and related Scope of Work.

### **SECTION XXIV** **PUBLIC RECORDS / TRADE SECRETS / COPYRIGHT**

The Proposer's response to the City's proposal request is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, [Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07](#) ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material submitted in connection with this City's proposal request and the Contract to be executed as subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the Solicitation purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the Solicitation, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the Solicitation constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city's treatment of records as public records. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected.

**EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.**

### **SECTION XXV** **PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The Contractor warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Contract and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

**SECTION XXIV**  
**ATTORNEY'S FEES**

If this matter is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or in the event suit or action is instituted by the City to enforce any of the terms or conditions of the Contract, Contractor shall pay to the City, in such suit or action in both trial court and appellate court, the City's costs, and reasonable attorney's fees for the anticipated cost of collection and judgment enforcement.

**SECTION XXVII**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

Contractor warrants and represents that its employees will abide by any applicable provisions of the State of Florida Code of Ethics in [Chapter 112.311 et seq.](#), Florida Statutes, and Code of Ethics Ordinances in [Section 9.14 of the City of Port St. Lucie Code](#).

**SECTION XXVIII**  
**POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Contractor shall not discriminate against any person in its operations, activities, or delivery of services under this Contract. Contractor shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local equal employment laws and shall not engage in or commit any discriminatory practice against any person based on race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a basis for service delivery.

**SECTION XXIX**  
**SEVERABILITY**

The Parties to this Contract expressly agree that it is not their intention to violate any public policy, statutory or common law rules, regulations, or decisions of any governmental or regulatory body. If any provision of this Contract is judicially or administratively interpreted or construed as being in violation of any such policy, rule, regulation, or decision, the provision, sections, sentence, word, clause, or combination thereof causing such violation will be inoperative (and in lieu thereof there will be inserted such provision, section, sentence, word, clause, or combination thereof as may be valid and consistent with the intent of the Parties under this Contract) and the remainder of this Contract, as amended, will remain binding upon the Parties, unless the inoperative provision would cause enforcement of the remainder of this Contract to be inequitable under the circumstances.

**SECTION XXX**  
**AUDITS**

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables the City to readily identify the Contractor's assets, expenses, costs of goods, and use of funds throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least seven (7) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures; subcontract files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders, bid recaps, etc.); all paid vouchers including those for out-of-pocket expenses; other reimbursement supported

by invoices; ledgers; cancelled checks; deposit slips; bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating work sheets; contract amendments and change order files; back charge logs and supporting documentation; insurance documents; payroll documents; timesheets; memoranda; and correspondence. The Contractor shall permit the City's authorized auditor or any authorized representative of the State, and where federal funds are involved, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other authorized representative of the United States government, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and to make copies of all books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records or other records relating or pertaining to this Contract kept by or under the control of the Contractor, including, but not limited to those kept by the Contractor, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors. Such records shall be made available to the City during normal business hours at the Contractor's office or place of business. The Contractor shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Contractor's books and records. If an audit discloses incorrect billings or improprieties, the City reserves the right to charge the Contractor for the cost of the audit and appropriate reimbursement. Any adjustments and/or payments that must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Contractor's invoices and/or records shall be made within a reasonable amount of time (not to exceed 90 days) from presentation of the City's findings to the Contractor. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.

The Contractor shall ensure the City has these rights with Contractor's employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, and the obligations of these rights shall be explicitly included in any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Contractor and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to the City.

#### **SECTION XXXI** **ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

In the case of any inconsistency or conflict among the specific provisions of this Contract (including any amendments accepted by both the City and the Contractor attached hereto), the E-Bid (including any subsequent addenda and written responses to bidders' questions), and the Contractor's Response, any inconsistency or conflict shall be resolved as follows:

- (i) First, by giving preference to the specific provisions of this Contract.
- (ii) Second, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the E-Bid.
- (iii) Third, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the Contractor's Response, except that objections or amendments by a contractor that have not been explicitly accepted by the City in writing shall not be included in this Contract and shall be given no weight or consideration.

#### **SECTION XXXII** **FORCE MAJEURE**

Any deadline provided for in this Contract may be extended, as provided in this paragraph, if the deadline is not met because of one of the following conditions occurring with respect to that particular project or parcel: fire, strike, explosion, power blackout, earthquake, volcanic action, flood, war, civil disturbances, terrorist acts, hurricanes and acts of God. When one of the foregoing conditions interferes with contract performance, then the party affected may be excused from performance on a day-for-day basis to the extent such party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with; provided, the party so affected shall use reasonable

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efforts to remedy or remove such causes of non-performance. The party so affected shall not be entitled to any additional compensation by reason of any day-for-day extension hereunder.

**SECTION XXXIII**  
**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The written terms and provisions of this Contract shall supersede any and all prior verbal or written statements of any official or other representative of the City. Such statements shall not be effective or be construed as entering into, or forming a part of, or altering in any manner whatsoever, this Contract or Contract documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this contract, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE FLORIDA

CONTRACTOR

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchasing Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

NOTARIZATION AS TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by [ ] physical presence or [ ] online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ who is [ ] personally known to me, or who has [ ] produced the following identification:

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Notary Public  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission expires:

NOTARY SEAL/STAMP

**CONTRACTOR'S GENERAL INFORMATION WORK SHEET**  
**eBID #20230025**

It is understood and agreed that the following information is to be used by the City to determine the qualifications of prospective Contractor to perform the work required. The Contractor waives any claim against the City that might arise with respect to any decision concerning the qualifications of the Contractor.

The undersigned attests to the truth and accuracy of all statements made on this questionnaire. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes any public official, Engineer, Surety, bank, material or equipment manufacturer, or distributor, or any person, firm or corporation to furnish the City any pertinent information requested by the City deemed necessary to verify the information on this questionnaire.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
(Location)

Name of Organization/Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title

1. Corporation, Partnership, Joint Venture, Individual or other? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Firm's name and main office address, telephone, and fax numbers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Firm's previous names (if any). \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many years has your organization been in business? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Total number of staff at this location: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of staff on the Treasure Coast: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is the Firm a minority business: YES / NO

If no, is your company planning to implement such a program? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is the firm claiming Local Preference under City Ordinance 35.12? YES / NO

9. List the license(s) that qualifies your firm to construct this project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

10. **ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGMENT** - Bidder acknowledges that the following addenda have been received and are included in its proposal/bid:

Addendum Number	Date Issued	Addendum Number	Date Issued

11. List five (5) grounds maintenance projects similar to this project completed by your firm in the last 5 years along with a brief description of project, location of project, client name, client phone number, email, value of contract, your firm’s percentage of the total contract value, as well as the number of change orders and the total change order value. **DO NOT USE the City of Port St Lucie as a reference.**

Project Number 1

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name, Phone Number & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Total Contract: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm’s Percentage of Total Contract: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Change Orders: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Change Orders: \_\_\_\_\_

Was Project Completed on Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Was Project Completed within Budget? \_\_\_\_\_

Project Number 2

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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Project Number 3

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Project Name:

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Description:

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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Project Number 4

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Project Name:

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Description:

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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Project Number 5

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Project Name:

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Description:

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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12. Status of current contracts. Please provide the name & number of current contracts as well as a sample list of the projects currently underway.

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13. How will the Contractor be able to meet the project timeline and budget given the current workload, work force and equipment?

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14. List the number of personnel that will be assigned to the project and include job titles and their licenses or certifications.

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15. Has the Contractor or any principals of the applicant organization failed to qualify as a responsible Contractor; refused to enter into a contract after an award has been made; failed to complete a contract during the past five (5) years or been declared to be in default in any contract or been assessed liquidated damages in the last five (5) years? List the name of project, location, client, engineer, date, and reason. Use additional pages if needed.

Total Number of Projects where Failure to Complete Work Occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Number 1

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Insert additional projects if needed.

16. Has the Contractor or any of its principals ever been declared bankrupt or reorganized under Chapter 11 or put into receivership?

Yes ( ) No ( )

If yes, please explain:

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17. List any lawsuits pending or completed within the past five (5) years involving the corporation, partnership or individuals with more than ten percent (10 %) interest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(N/A is not an acceptable answer - insert lines if needed)

18. List any judgments from lawsuits in the last five (5) years:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(N/A is not an acceptable answer - insert lines if needed)

19. List any criminal violations and/or convictions of the Proposer and/or any of its principals:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(N/A is not an acceptable answer - insert lines if needed)

20. List subcontractors and major material suppliers for the project. Include telephone numbers. Insert additional sheets if necessary.

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21. Provide a Project Management Plan.

22. Provide an Equipment List.

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Signature

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Title



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**NOTICE TO ALL PROPOSERS:**

To ensure fair consideration is given for all Proposers, it must be clearly understood that upon release of the proposal and during the proposal process, firms, and their employees of related companies as well as paid or unpaid personnel acting on their behalf shall not contact or participate in any type of contact with City employees, department heads or elected officials, up to and including the Mayor and City Council. The "Cone of Silence" is in effect for this solicitation from the date the solicitation is advertised on DemandStar, until the time an award decision has been approved by City Council and fully executed by all parties. Information about the Cone of Silence can be found under the [City of Port St. Lucie Ordinance 20-15, Section 35.13](#). Contact with anyone other than the Issuing Officer may result in the vendor being disqualified. All contact must be coordinated through **Nadia Tourjee**, Issuing Officer, for the procurement of these services.

All questions regarding this Solicitation are to be submitted in writing to Nadia Tourjee, Procurement Agent I with the Procurement Management Department via e-mail [NTourjee@cityofpsl.com](mailto:NTourjee@cityofpsl.com), or by phone 772-871-5224. Please reference the Solicitation number on all correspondence to the City.

All questions, comments and requests for clarification must reference the Solicitation number on all correspondence to the City. Any oral communications shall be considered unofficial and non-binding.

Only written responses to written communication shall be considered official and binding upon the City. The City reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine appropriate and adequate responses to the written comments, questions, and requests for clarification.

\*NOTE: All addendums and/or any other correspondence before bid close date (general information, question and responses) to this solicitation will be made available exclusively through the [DemandStar's Website](#) for retrieval. All notice of intent to award documentation will be published on the [City Clerk's Website](#). Proposers are solely responsible for frequently checking these websites for updates to this solicitation.

**I understand and shall fully comply with all requirements of City of Port. St. Lucie Ordinance 20-15, Section 35.13.**

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Company and Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**e-BID #20230025**  
**CONTRACTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS**

The City of Port St Lucie ("City), through its Procurement Management Department ("Procurement Management Department") is committed to a procurement process that fosters fair and open competition, is conducted under the highest ethical standards, and enjoys the complete confidence of the public. To achieve these purposes, Procurement Management Department requires each vendor who seeks to do business with the City to subscribe to this Contractor's Code of Ethics.

- ◆ A Contractor's bid or proposal will be competitive, consistent, and appropriate to the bid documents.
- ◆ A Contractor will not discuss or consult with other Vendors intending to bid on the same contract or similar City contract for the purpose of limiting competition. A Vendor will not make any attempt to induce any individual or entity to submit or not submit a bid or proposal.
- ◆ Contractor will not disclose the terms of its bids or proposal, directly or indirectly, to any other competing Vendor prior to the bid or proposal closing date.
- ◆ Contractor will completely perform any contract awarded to it at the contracted price pursuant to the terms set forth in the contract.
- ◆ Contractor will submit timely, accurate and appropriate invoices for goods and/or services actually performed under the contract.
- ◆ Contractor will not offer or give any gift, item, or service of value, directly or indirectly, to a City employee, City official, employee family member or other vendor contracted by the City.
- ◆ Contractor will not cause, influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any City employee or City Official, which might tend to impair his/her objectivity or independence of judgment; or to use, or attempt to use, his/her official position to secure any unwarranted privileges or advantages for that Vendor or for any other person.
- ◆ Contractor will disclose to the City any direct or indirect personal interests a City employee or City official holds as it relates to a Vendor contracted by the City.
- ◆ Contractor must comply with all applicable laws, codes or regulations of the countries, states and localities in which they operate. This includes, but is not limited to, laws and regulations relating to environmental, occupational health and safety, and labor practices. In addition, Contractor must require their suppliers

(including temporary labor agencies) to do the same. Contractor must conform their practices to any published standards for their industry. Compliance with laws, regulations and practices include, but are not limited to the following:

- Obtaining and maintaining all required environmental permits. Further, Contractor will endeavor to minimize natural resource consumption through conservation, recycling, and substitution methods.
- Providing workers with a safe working environment, which includes identifying and evaluating workplace risks and establishing processes for which employee can report health and safety incidents, as well as providing adequate safety training.
- Providing workers with an environment free of discrimination, harassment, and abuse, which includes establishing a written antidiscrimination and anti-bullying/harassment policy, as well as clearly noticed policies pertaining to forced labor, child labor, wage and hours, and freedom of association.

Name of Organization/Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

DISCLAIMER: This Code of Ethics is intended as a reference and procedural guide to contractors. The information it contains should not be interpreted to supersede any law or regulation, nor does it supersede the applicable contractor contract. In the case of any discrepancies between it and the law, regulation(s) and/or contractor contract, the law, regulatory provision(s) and/or vendor contract shall prevail.



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**E-Verify Form**

**Supplier/Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the following:**

1. Shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Supplier/Consultant during the term of the contract; and
2. Shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to the state contract to likewise utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the contract term.
3. The Contractor hereby represents that it is in compliance with the requirements of Sections 448.09 and 448.095, Florida Statutes. The Contractor further represents that it will remain in compliance with the requirements of Sections 448.09 and 448.095 Florida Statutes, during the term of this contract and all attributed renewals.
4. The Contractor hereby warrants that it has not had a contract terminated by a public employer for violating Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, within the year preceding the effective date of this contract. If the Contractor has a contract terminated by a public employer for any such violation during the term of this contract, it must provide immediate notice thereof to the City.

**E-Verify Company Identification Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Authorization** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contractor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Project** \_\_\_\_\_

**Solicitation Number  
(If Applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_(city), \_\_\_\_\_(state).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME

ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NOTARY PUBLIC \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



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**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

**EBID #20230025**

**Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ }

County of \_\_\_\_\_ }

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, disposes and says that:  
(Name/s)

1. They are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the Proposer that  
(Title) (Name of Company)

has submitted the attached PROPOSAL;

2. He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such PROPOSAL;

3. Such Proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham Proposal;

4. Neither the said Proposer 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 Proposer, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the contract for which the attached proposal has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Port St. Lucie or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and

5. The price or prices quoted in the attached Proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Title) \_\_\_\_\_





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STATE OF FLORIDA }  
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE} SS:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this *(Date)* \_\_\_\_\_

by: \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or who has produced  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM**  
**e-BID #20230025**

**Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services**

The undersigned vendor in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that

\_\_\_\_\_ does:  
(Name of Business)

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal 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 proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 Florida Statutes 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





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## Solicitation Addendum Form

<b>Solicitation Number: 20230025</b>	<b>Solicitation Title: Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center, Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services</b>
Issuing Officer: Nadia Tourjee, Procurement Agent I	Solicitation Initially Posted to Internet: See DemandStar
eMail Address: NTourjee@cityofpsl.com	Telephone: 772-871-5224
Addendum Number: 1	Date: 04/14/2023

Note: In the event of a conflict between previously released information and the information contained herein, the latter shall control.

### QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Question: Is this an all or nothing bid? As in, do we have to bid both the mowing and the banner work? Or can we bid either/or?

**Response: You can bid on any or all sections of this project. Please refer to EBID Document, Page 17, Section 6.5 Selection and Award.**

- 2.) Question: What will be the earliest time we can start servicing in the morning at the Municipal Complex? We are concerned about cars and wanted to start early before a lot of employees start arriving. This will help planning our production schedule.

**Response: 5:00 a.m. unless approved otherwise.**

- 3.) Question: What exactly are your expectations for services on "wooded" and "partially cleared lots"?

**Response: The wooded lots will need mowed, and herbicide applied around the tree wells to keep weeds and invasive plants from growing. Also, light trimming of low hanging limbs to keep out of the mowing crew's pathways.**



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- 4.) Question: At the 120 Thanksgiving location, we could not gain access to the back. Is there anything to service in the rear of the building? If so, how will the crews gain access?

Response: Access to the rear of 120 Thanksgiving is open. There are landscape materials to maintain in the rear of the building.

- 5.) Question: Is this going to be awarded to (1) vendor for all sites?

Response: Please see response to Question #1.

- 6.) Is there a previous bid tabulation?

Response: Yes, please see attached. (Page 3 & 4 of this Addendum)

**NOTE: The bid opening date has not been changed.**

E-Bid Tabulation Report # 20140126-R  
 REBID OF MOWING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF CITY HALL COMPLEX  
 OPENED NOVEMBER 26, 2014 - 3:00 PM

Line Item	Mowing Type	Ferry Enterprises, Inc.	Mow 4 Less	STS Maintain Services, Inc.	Sunshine Land Design Inc.	Treasure Coast Lawns	Valley Crest Kandscape Maintenance
		Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount
1	All areas listed in the Bid Specifications	\$52,200.00	\$59,860.00	\$47,400.00	\$56,000.00	\$69,903.64	\$55,620.00
2	Future Additional Sites	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$27.28	\$28.00
1	Acknowledged all Addenda.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Submitted original Bid Bond.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Submitted Certificate of Insurance.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Submitted all required forms.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Submitted Licenses to perform work.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Submitted the Questionnaire.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Accepts Visa.	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
8	Discount using Visa.	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
9	Submitted Equipment List.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
10	Submitted Sub-contractors list (if applicable).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	What is % fuel cost?	15%	20%	15%	20%	10%	5%
12	What is % labor cost?	65%	80%	65%	80%	30%	65%
13	Responsible Contractor:						
	Refused to enter contract after awarded	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Failed to complete contract - last 5 years	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
	Default of contract - last 5 years	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Assessed liquidated damages - last 5 years	No	No	No	No	No	No
14	Has the bidder or any of its principals ever been declared bankrupt or reorganized under Chapter 11 or put in receivership?	No	No	No	No	No	No
15	Any pending or completed lawsuits involving the corporation, partnership, or individuals with more than 10% interest?	No	No	No	No	No	No
16	Any judgements from lawsuits in the last 5 years?	No	No	No	No	No	No
17	Any criminal violations and/or convictions of the Bidder and/or any of the partners?	No	No	No	No	No	No
18	Local Preference?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Non Responsive Bidder:

Coast to Coast Landscaping, Inc. - Did not submit Bid Bond.

REBID OF MOWING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY CENTER AND VARIOUS LOCATIONS

OPENED NOVEMBER 26, 2014 - 3:00 PM

Line Item	Mowing Type	Ferry Enterprises, Inc.	Mow 4 Less	STS Maintain Services, Inc.	Sunshine Land Design Inc.	Treasure Coast Lawns	Valley Crest Kandscape Maintenance
		Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount	Total Annual Amount
1	All areas listed in the Bid Specifications	\$24,840.00	\$29,968.00	\$22,440.00	\$27,000.00	\$39,899.76	\$28,024.00
2	Future Additional Sites	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$27.28	\$28.00
1	Acknowledged all Addenda.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Submitted original Bid Bond.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Submitted Certificate of Insurance.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	Submitted all required forms.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	Submitted Licenses to perform work.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Submitted the Questionnaire.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	Accepts Visa.	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
8	Discount using Visa.	N/A	N/A	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
9	Submitted Equipment List.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
10	Submitted Sub-contractors list (if applicable).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	What is % fuel cost?	15%	20%	15%	20%	10%	5%
12	What is % labor cost?	65%	80%	65%	80%	30%	65%
13	Responsible Contractor:						
	Refused to enter contract after awarded	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Failed to complete contract - last 5 years	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
	Default of contract - last 5 years	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Assessed liquidated damages - last 5 years	No	No	No	No	No	No
14	Has the bidder or any of its principals ever been declared bankrupt or reorganized under Chapter 11 or put in receivership?	No	No	No	No	No	No
15	Any pending or completed lawsuits involving the corporation, partnership, or individuals with more than 10% interest?	No	No	No	No	No	No
16	Any judgements from lawsuits in the last 5 years?	No	No	No	No	No	No
17	Any criminal violations and/or convictions of the Bidder and/or any of the partners?	No	No	No	No	No	No
18	Local Preference?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Non Responsive Bidder:

Coast to Coast Landscaping, Inc. - Did not submit Bid Bond.

**NOTICE**  
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**Grounds Maintenance Services of City Hall Complex, Community Center,  
Mary Ann Cernuto Park, Various Locations, and Additional Services**  
**May 02, 2023**

All original Bid Bonds must be received, and time stamped in the Procurement Management Department no later than Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 5:00pm or your bid **may** be deemed non-responsive. All Bid Bonds are a mandatory even if you may not be the apparent low Bidder.

Official Bid results will be posted when available. This process may take up to 30 calendar days.

There will be no exceptions made.