

**CITY OF PORT SAINT LUCIE
CONTRACT # 20200115**

This CONTRACT, executed this ____ day of _____, 2020, by and between the CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, a municipality, duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter called "City", and *Nature's Keeper, Inc., 302 S Brocksmith Road, Fort Pierce, 34945, Telephone No (772-201-8216), Fax No (772-467-8923)*, hereinafter called "Contractor".

SECTION I
RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor is a licensed Florida Corporation doing business in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to contract for Furnish & Install Sod Projects as well as other tasks (Work) more specifically described in this Contract; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is qualified, willing and able to provide the Work on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into this Contract with Contractor to perform the Work specified and, in an amount, agreed to 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.

City Project Manager: To Be Determined on a Per Project Basis
City of Port St. Lucie
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port Saint Lucie, FL. 34983
Telephone:
Email:

City Contract Administrator: Jason Bezak, Procurement Agent I
Procurement Management Department
City of Port St. Lucie
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port Saint Lucie, FL. 34983
Telephone: 772-344-4068
Email: JBezak@cityofpsl.com

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Contractor:

Nature's Keeper, Inc.
Stewart Feketa, Vice President
302 S Brocksmith Road
Fort Pierce, 34945
Telephone: 772-201-8216 Fax: 772-467-8923
Stewart@Natures-keeper.com

SECTION III **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

The specific work that the Contractor has agreed to perform pursuant to the E-Bid Specifications # 20200115, and all agenda, are made part of this Contract for Furnish & Install Sod Installation Projects for the City of Port Saint Lucie.

1. Specifications and Quality of Sod

General: Sod shall have been mowed at least three (3) times with an approved lawn mower with final mowing not more than seven (7) days before the sod is cut. The typical estimated quantity of sod required each month ranges from 70,000 square feet to 100,000 square feet and is used on City projects including but not limited to swale liner installation, drainage right-of-way maintenance, culvert replacement, utility repairs, and projects on City owned properties and right-of-ways. These quantities are approximate only and neither the minimum nor maximum values provided are guaranteed. The City does not assume any responsibility that the actual quantities furnished shall remain in strict accordance with the estimated quantities, nor shall the Contractor plead misunderstanding or deception because of such estimate of quantities or of the character, location of the work, or other conditions pertaining thereto.

Infestation: All sod shall be free of any detrimental infestation (i.e. mole crickets, mold, army worms, parasites, red ants, etc.). Sod shall also be free from fungus, vermin and other diseases. Floratam sod and Certified 419 Bermuda sod shall be free from any weeds. Floratam sod or Certified 419 Bermuda Sod delivered or installed with any weeds will be rejected. The Contractor shall be responsible to remove all rejected Sod at their own expense and provide prompt replacement or punctual credit as desired by the City. Sod found to contain infestations and/or diseases prior to installation shall be rejected and replaced at the Contractor's expense. Sod found to contain infestations during the inspection following installation shall, at City's option, shall be chemically treated or replaced at Contractor's expense.

Sod Type: Unless a particular type of sod is called for in the release of desired materials, sod shall be Bahia. It shall be well matted with roots. Where sodding will adjoin, or be in sufficiently close proximity to private lawns, other types of sod may be specified by the City Representative including Floratam, Centipede, or Certified 419 Bermuda.

Dimensions: All sod delivered to a location shall be evenly cut and of uniform thickness and size. An acceptable size shall be rectangles measuring 16" x 24" or larger. Grass roots shall be adequately developed and matted, and soil containing grass shall have adequate moisture to allow sod to be handled without objectionable separation during installation. Rolled sod must be at least 16" inches in width and length consistent with the equipment and methods used to handle the rolls and place the sod. Sod shall be a minimum of 1 ¼ inches thick including a ¾ inch thick layer of roots and topsoil. Reducing the width of rolled sod is not permitted after the sod has been taken up from the initial growing location. Any netting contained in the sod shall be certified by the manufacturer to be bio-degradable within a period of three (3) months from installation. Any netting regardless of being bio-degradable will be removed during installation on all sports fields.

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Quality Control: The City retains the right to reject sod which has grown together, falls apart upon handling, is dry, is inconsistent in thickness/size/density/color, or is deemed unsuitable or unlayable. The Contractor shall be responsible to remove all rejected Sod at their own expense and provide prompt replacement or punctual credit as desired by the City. Floratam sod and Certified 419 Bermuda sod is to be of top quality, preferably from a muck field with **no weeds** or foreign infestation. Quality complaints will be addressed by the Contractor within three (3) days. The City retains the right to require replacement of poor-quality installed sod or fertilization in approved cases.

- **Sod Quality:** The sod shall be sufficiently thick to secure a dense stand of live turf. The sod shall be live, fresh, and uninjured at the time of planting. It shall have a soil mat of sufficient thickness adhering firmly to the roots to withstand all necessary handling.
- It shall be planted within 48 hours after being cut and kept moist from the time it is cut until planted. No sod which has been cut more than 48 hours may be used unless specifically authorized by the City Representative. A letter of certification from the turf contractor as to when the sod was cut and what type shall be provided to the City Representative upon delivery of the sod to the job site.
- **Sod Farm:** Contractors shall be aware the City reserves the right to inspect the sod farm where the Contractor proposes to procure sod. The City also reserves the right to determine if the sod proposed is acceptable and is certified as the correct species.

2. Contract Supervisor on behalf of the Contractor

Contractors are advised that they are responsible for designating a Contract Supervisor acceptable to the City for collaboration of all sod installations. Contractors will be required to list their Contract Supervisor's name and years of experience with this type of work.

3. Specifications of Sod Installation

Installation: When installation is required, installation shall be completed in the following manner:

- The setting pieces shall be staggered in such a manner as to avoid continuous seams with no over lapping. Sod shall be carefully placed by hand, edge-to-edge in rows at right angles to the slope, commencing at the base of the area to be sodded and working upward. However, extremely wet areas may require flexibility in this installation method. Sod shall be applied without leaving separations or voids between pieces.
- In addition to providing an attractive finished appearance, sod will be laid in a manner which will minimize erosion.
- Rolling of sodded surfaces will only be done when requested by the City. When Rolling is requested, the following operation shall provide a true and even surface and insure knitting without displacement of sod and/or deformation of the surfaces.
- Contractor shall be responsible to supply a Delivery Ticket to the City Representative if material is delivered for installation by City Personnel.
- Contractor shall be responsible to supply a Notice of Performance and a Delivery Ticket to the City department supplied within two (2) hours after sod is laid, when sod is installed by

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Contractor's personnel. Each department will assume responsibility for watering sod after documentation is received unless the watering option is specifically requested by the City representative.

- The City reserves the right to terminate any Contract after three (3) written notices of performance deficiency have been issued. **Note:** Section XXI for further explanation.

Watering: Watering of sodded surfaces will only be done when requested by the City. When watering is required as determined by the City, it shall be completed in the following manner:

- Watering shall be done until sod is properly rooted. The water used in the grassing operations may be obtained from any approved source. The water shall be free of any substance which might be harmful to plant growth. Effluent water shall meet all Federal, State, and local requirements. Watering frequency is at the discretion of the Contractor.
- Watering of sodded surfaces will only be completed when requested by the City representative and shall be quoted as an optional extra in the Bid Reply Sheet.
- Contractor shall be responsible to replace any sod that dies as a result of not being properly maintained.

Delivery: Contractor shall be responsible to deliver sod on pallets.

- Pallets will be removed from delivering vehicle by Contractor and placed on the job site at the locations designated by each Department. Equipment, labor, and supervision necessary to insure safe and proper placement of pallets is the Contractor's responsibility.
- Releases for required material and services will be communicated to the Contractor by facsimile, email, as materials are required. The request will be a Purchase Order or Visa Order. Contractor must deliver and install sod within forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturday and Sunday) after receipt of a facsimile/email/phone release from the City Representative.
- When time permits, the City Representative may allow the Contractor more notice than what is stated in the preceding paragraph. However, once a delivery requirement is communicated to the Contractor, the Contractor will be responsible to perform within the time frame specified. The Contractor must have adequate sources of supply to ensure that any temporary inaccessibility of any Contractors source will not cause an interruption to delivery.
- Sod which is not delivered and/or installed within the specified time may, at the City's option, be procured from an alternate source and all costs associated with the procurement including but not limited to the cost of sod, installation and any other cost incurred by the City shall be paid by the Contractor. In the event that untimely delivery and placement of sod results in the need for reworking and/or re-grading of the location, the contractor shall be invoiced for the cost of the time and materials incurred for the rework and/or re-grading.
- At any time, when inclement weather, equipment breaks down or other unforeseen circumstances, cause the Contractor to be unable to fulfill a delivery requirement, the Contractor must notify the City Representative of said circumstance as quickly as the Contractor becomes aware of the problem. Said notification will not relieve the Contractor of

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their obligation and/or of penalties as stated in these Specifications but will be considered by the City when weighing appropriate action.

- Upon completion of the work, all debris, pallets, etc. shall be removed from the site. Any paved areas, including driveways and streets, shall be thoroughly swept.

HOURS OF SERVICE: Work shall be performed by the Contractor between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday thru Saturday. 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.

SECTION IV
TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The Contract Period start date will be _____, 2021 and will terminate two (2) years thereafter on _____, 2023. 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.

SECTION V
RENEWAL OPTION

In the event Contractor offers in writing, prior to the termination of this Contract, to provide the identical services required in this Contract for the identical period of time in the subsequent calendar period 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 one (1) additional 2-year period.

Note: Contractor may exercise the option to renew by submitting a written submission three (3) months prior to the termination of the Contract period.

SECTION VI
COMPENSATION

The total amount to be paid by the City to the Contractor is on a per project basis for the unit prices identified on Schedule "A".

<u>Natures Keeper</u>			
Line No.	Description	Unit	Unit Price
1	Bahia Sod (Furnish and Install)	SF	\$ 0.229
2	Bahia Sod (Furnish only)	SF	\$ 0.19
3	Floritam Sod (Furnish and Install)	SF	\$ 0.41
4	Floritam Sod (Furnish only)	SF	\$ 0.35
5	Certified Bermuda Celebration (Furnish and Install)	SF	\$ 0.51
6	Certified Bermuda Celebration (Furnish only)	SF	\$ 0.79
<u>Additional Unit Pricing</u>			

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Restoration			
7	Restoration - Bahia Sod (including all labor)	SF	\$ 0.61
8	Restoration - Floratam Sod (including all labor)	SF	\$ 0.89
9	Restoration - Certified Bermuda Celebration	SF	\$ 0.99
Rolling			
10	Rolling - Bahia Sod	SF	\$ 0.02
11	Rolling - Certified Bermuda Celebration	SF	\$ 0.02
12	Rolling - Floratam Sod	SF	\$ 0.02
Watering			
13	Watering	1000 gallons	\$ 91.00
Hydroseed			
14	Hydro-mulch @ 1000 Lbs./ acre	AC	\$ 871.20
15	Bahia Seed @ 80 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 855.60
16	Cover Crop (Winter-Rye)(Summer - Millet) @ 160 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 555.00
Bermuda Hydroseed			
17	Hydro Mulch @ 1000 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 871.20
18	Hulled Bermuda Seed @ 120 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 915.60
Overseeding			
19	Bahia Seed/ Broadcast Seeder @ 40 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 871.20
20	Bahia Seed/ Driller Seeder @ 40 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 871.20
21	Cover Crop/ Broadcast Seeder @ 80 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 683.20
22	Cover Crop/ Driller Seeder @ 80 Lbs./Acre	AC	\$ 683.20

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

Contractor VISA Payment Procedures

1. An account with Bank of America (BOA) will be established for the project. The account dollar limit will be established by the City's estimate of monthly expenses. The account will also have limits as per the Merchant Category Code (MCC). Reasonable total invoice amounts will also be established. The account will be entered with the proper expense codes. The Contractor will be provided this account number to process payments.
2. A purchase order to the Contractor for this project may not be issued.
3. The Contractor will send the Project Manager by the 1st of each month a detailed pay request listing employee title, hours of work, hourly rate and related tasks that are completed. Partial release of liens will be provided if subcontractors were used by Contractor.
4. The (PM) will audit to determine that work and materials that are being billed have been completed and installed as per contract specifications. The PM will verify the partial release of liens. The PM will sign documents that state the payment is correct and payment by the City is authorized.
5. The PM will email the approved pay request to the Contract Specialist, City's P-Card Administrator, and the Contractor to proceed with placing the charge on the BOA specified account.

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6. The Contractor may not place the charge on the account until contacted by the City giving approval. Under no circumstances will the account be used between the 1st and 5th of the month.

7. Invoices that are not approved by the PM will be returned to the Contractor with a detailed explanation.

8. Procurement Management Department will balance statement and issue all dispute items.

9. Procurement Management Department will produce summary sheet and send all documentation to Finance for payment.

All work compensated for under this Contract, including partial payments, shall become the property of the City of Port St. Lucie without restrictions or limitations. Work under this Contract shall include, but not be limited to, sketches, tracings, drawings, computations, details, design calculations, plan, electronic files and other related documents. The Contractor shall not be held liable for any reuse of the work and shall not be held liable for any modifications made to the work by others.

All invoices and correspondence relative to this Contract must contain the last 4 digits of the BOA account and Contract number.

A Visa Order Form or Purchase Order constitutes as the Notice to Proceed.

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. All changes will be authorized by a written change order approved by the Procurement Department Director, or her designee. 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 at cost. 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 BID**

It is understood that the materials and/or work required herein are in accordance with the proposal made by the Contractor pursuant to the E-Bid 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

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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 **SOVERIEGN 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 agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligent act, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Contractor and persons employed or utilized, including any independent Contractors or subcontractors by the Contractor in the performance of this contract.

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 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.

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Commercial General Liability Insurance: 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 interest's provision as provided under the standard ISO form separation of insurers clause.

Except as to Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability, 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 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 for Contract # 20200115 Furnish & Install Sod 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. 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.

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.

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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.

Payment & Performance Bonds – N/A

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(s), 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(s) 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. Appropriate compensation adjustments will be approved, provided the cause of the emergency was beyond the control of the Contractor.

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

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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 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 it, on the work, and upon termination of this Contract for any reason, Contractor shall transfer such permits, if any, and if allowed by law, to the City. Contractor will comply with all requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 35.151. Contractors and subcontractors shall comply with § 119.0701, Fla. Stat. The Contractor and subcontractors 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. 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. (See <http://dos.dos.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).
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.

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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
PRR@cityofpsl.com**

SECTION XV
CLEANING UP

Contractor shall, during the performance of this Contract, remove and properly dispose of resulting dirt and debris, and keep the work area reasonably clear. Upon completion of the work, Contractor shall remove all of Contractors' equipment and all excess materials, and put the work area in a neat, clean, sanitary and safe condition.

SECTION XVI
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 continually make inspections 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 deficiencies. The Contractor shall be responsible to remedy all deficiencies within twenty-four (24) hours after being notified at no additional charge to the City, and otherwise upon terms and conditions specified by the Project Manager.

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Such examination, inspection, or tests made by the Project Manager, shall not relieve Contractor of its responsibility to remedy any deviation, deficiency, or defect.

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 Project Manager, or his designee. The Project Manager, or his designee, shall have the authority to require that work be stopped to allow inspections as he deems appropriate.

Notification - The Contractor(s) 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 Project Manager, or their designee, 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 Project Manager, or their designee. 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 Project Manager, or their designee, 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 XVII **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.

The City shall be listed as an original owner on all manufacturers' warranties, if any, for materials and services.

Implied Warranty of Merchantability -- N/A

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Warranty and Guarantee - All products furnished by the Contractor shall be supplied with all warranties and guarantees of the manufacturer. All products must be warranted by the Contractor to be free of defects in workmanship and material for a period of not less than three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days; said period to commence upon the date products are accepted by the City and Contractor has received final payment.

Miscellaneous Testing – The Contractor(s) must agree to reimburse the City for any expenditure incurred by the City in the process of testing products supplied by the Contractor if said products prove to be defective and/or in other manners not in compliance with the specifications. Expenditures as defined therein shall include, but not limited to, the replacement value of products destroyed in testing, the cost paid by the City to testing laboratories and other entities utilized to provide tests, and the value of labor and materials expended by the City in the process of conducting the testing. Reimbursement of charges as specified herein shall not relieve the Contractor from other remedies.

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.

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 that contain company name and logo. Uniforms shall be neat and clean in appearance and 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.

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.

Discrepancies - If, in the course of performing work resulting from an award under this specification, the Contractor finds any discrepancy between the area defined in these specifications and the actual area where work is being performed, the Contractor shall discontinue work on the subject and inform the City of the discrepancy. The Contractor shall thereafter proceed as authorized by the City who will document any modification to these specifications that City has authorized in writing as soon as possible.

Permission to Use - The Contractor(s) shall permit any portion of the new work, which is in suitable condition, to be used by the City for the purpose for which it was intended, provided such use does not hinder or make more expensive the work still to be done by the Contractor(s).

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

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Labor and Equipment - The Contractor(s) shall utilize experienced personnel who are thoroughly capable of performing the work assigned to them. The Contractor(s) shall utilize proper equipment in good repair to perform assigned work. Failure on the part of the Contractor(s) to furnish such labor or equipment shall be sufficient cause for annulment of any award resulting from these specifications.

Storage of Equipment - Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that all equipment and supplies of the Contractor and their Subcontractor(s) shall not be stored on City property without prior written approval of the Project Manager. The Contractor shall also be responsible to ensure that all equipment and supplies of the Contractor and their Subcontractor(s) shall not be stored on private property.

Storage and Stockpiling – All storage or stockpiling of tools or material (i.e., lumber, pilings, etc.) shall be limited to uplands. Excess lumber, scrap wood, trash, garbage or other types of debris shall be removed from the project site upon the completion of the work.

Standard Production Items - N/A

Florida Produced Lumber - The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 255.20, Florida Statutes, and as may be amended from time to time.

Erosion and Sediment Control – The Contractor is responsible for all erosion and sediment control in accordance with all local, State and Federal regulatory agency guidelines.

Water Resources – The Contractor shall not discharge without permit into waters of lakes, rivers, canals, waterways and ditches, any fuel, oils, bitumens, garbage, sewage, or other materials which may be harmful to fish, wildlife, or vegetation, or that may be detrimental to outdoor recreation. The Contractor shall be responsible for investigating and complying with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations governing pollution of waters. All work under this Contract shall be performed in such manner that objectionable conditions will not be created in waters through or adjacent to the project areas.

Native Vegetation – No Native Vegetation shall be removed without written authorization and prior approval of the City.

Sanitary Conditions - The Contractor(s) shall be responsible to provide and maintain in a neat and sanitary condition such accommodations for the use of employees as may be necessary to comply with the regulations of the County Board of Health or other bodies having jurisdiction. Contractor(s) shall commit no public nuisance.

Access to Work - The Contractor(s) shall be responsible to permit the City, its inspectors, and other authorized representatives of the City to have access to all parts of the work, and to all materials intended for use in the work, and to all factories where such materials are manufactured, at all times. The above designated City personnel shall be permitted during said access to remove materials and make such inspections, as they deem necessary. Materials submitted for approval will be inspected and passed upon as promptly as practical as will work in progress. However, failure to reject defective work at the time it is done and/or failure to reject materials shall in no way prevent rejection at any time prior to final acceptance of the work authorized by the City.

Foreman or Superintendent and Workmen - The Contractor(s) shall at all times during progress of the work, have on site a competent foreman or superintendent with authority to act for Contractor and to cooperate with the Project Manager or their designee. The Contractor(s) shall provide competent, careful and reliable workmen engaged on special work, or skilled work, such as concrete bases, pavements, or structures, or in any trade, with sufficient experience in such work to perform it properly and satisfactorily and

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to operate the equipment involved. Provide workmen that shall make do and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents.

It is prohibited as a conflict of interest for a Contractor to subcontract with a Contractor to perform Contractor Quality Control when the Contractor is under contract with the City to perform work on any project described in the Contractor's contract with the City. Prior to approving a Contractor for Contractor Quality Control, the Contractor shall submit to the City a certificate from the proposed Contractor certifying that no conflict of interest exists.

Adjustments – N/A

Damages - The Contractor(s) shall be responsible for the charge and care of all work from damage by the elements or from any cause whatsoever until contractor has been paid in full.

No claim for damages or any claim other than for an extension of time shall be made or asserted against the City by reason of any delays. Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or payment or compensation of any kind from the City for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses, or damages, including but not limited to, costs of accidental or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference from any cause whatsoever, whether such delay, disruption, interference or hindrance be reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable, or avoidable. Contractor shall be entitled only to extensions of the Contract Time as sole and exclusive remedy for such delays, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided herein.

Damage to Property – The Contractor shall preserve from damage all property along the line of work, or which is in the vicinity of or is in any way affected by the work, the removal, or destruction of which is not called for by the plans. This applies to public and private property, public and private utilities, trees, shrubs, crops, signs, monuments, fences, guardrail, pipe and underground structures, public highways, etc. Whenever such property is damaged due to the activities of the Contractor, it shall be immediately restored to a condition equal to or better than existing before such damage or injury was done by the Contractor, and at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor's special attention is directed to protection of any geodetic monument, horizontal, vertical or property corner, located within the limits of construction.

National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929 (NGVD '29) or North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD '88) monuments shall be protected. If in danger of damage, notify:

Geodetic Information Center
6001 Executive Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20852
Attn: Maintenance Center (301) 443-8319

City of Port St. Lucie vertical or horizontal datum shall also be protected. In case of damage or if relocation is needed, notify:

City of Port St. Lucie
Public Works Department
121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984-5099 (772) 871-5175

SECTION XVIII
LICENSING

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Contractor warrants that he possesses all licenses and certificates necessary to perform required work and is not in violation of any laws. Contractor warrants that his license and certificates are current and will be maintained throughout the duration of the Contract.

SECTION XIX **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Precaution shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons, including employees, and property. The safety provisions of all applicable laws and building and construction codes shall be observed.

A majority of the work sites contained in this contract is public thoroughfares. Vehicular traffic exists along the boundaries of most areas to be maintained. The safety and consideration of convenience to the public is of paramount importance in executing the requirements of this contract. The Contractor will not compromise public safety or allow any conditions that will inconvenience the public in the execution of work specified herein.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) – The Contractor is required to provide a copy of the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all chemicals used in the execution of their work. The SDS must be maintained by the user agency.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - All personnel are required to wear PPE in the process of the work including eye protection, hearing protection, respiratory protection as necessary, gloves, approved safety boots with steel or composite toes, reflective vests and any other PPE as necessary for the work.

Equipment Safety – Equipment used for the work contained in this contract shall be periodically inspected and maintained to ensure proper function and safety. Equipment used to transport litter, trimmings, leaves, garbage, etc. shall be constructed in a manner to prevent such items being misplaced along the roadway.

Safety Precautions - The Contractor shall erect and maintain all necessary safeguards for the protection of the Contractor's employees and subcontractors, City personnel, and the general public; including, but not limited to, posting danger signs, coned off vehicles, arrow boards and other warnings against hazards as is prudent and/or required by law to protect the public interest. The Contractor's employees shall wear company uniforms, safety vests, safety boots and safety glasses. All damage, injury or loss to persons and/or property caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the Contractor's employees, or subcontractor(s), or anyone directly or indirectly employed by said parties shall be remedied by the Contractor(s).

OSHA Compliance - Bidders must agree that the products furnished, and application methods will comply with applicable provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

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

Termination for Breach of Contract - If the Contractor refuses or fails to deliver material as required and/or prosecute the work with such diligence as will insure its completion within the time specified in this Contract, the City by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate Contractor's rights to proceed. Upon such termination, the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by Contract or otherwise,

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and the Contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the City for any additional cost incurred by it in its completion of the work. The City may also in event of termination obtain undelivered materials, by Contract or otherwise, and the Contractor and his sureties shall be liable to the City for any additional cost incurred for such material. Contractor and his sureties shall also be liable to the City for liquidated damages for any delay in the completion of the work as provided below. If the Contractor's right to proceed is so terminated, the City may take possession of and utilize in completing the work such materials, tools, equipment and facilities as may be on the site of the work and necessary, therefore.

Liquidated Damages - 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, the Contractor shall provide to the City two hundred dollars (\$200.00) 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.

Excusable Delays - The right of the Contractor to proceed shall not be terminated nor shall the Contractor be charged with liquidated damages for any delays in the completion of the work or delivery of materials due to: (1) any acts of the Federal Government, including controls or restrictions or requisitioning of materials, equipment, tools or labor by reason of war, national defense or any other national emergency, (2) any adverse acts of the City, (3) causes not reasonably foreseeable by the parties at the time of the execution of the Contract that are beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to, acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of another Contractor in the performance of some other Contract with the City, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine, restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes and weather of unusual severity such as hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones and other extreme weather conditions, and (4) any delay of any Subcontractor occasioned by any of the above mentioned causes. However, the Contractor must promptly notify the City in writing within two (2) calendar days of the cause of delay. If, on the basis of the facts and the terms of this Contract, the delay is properly excusable the City shall extend the time for completing the work for a period of time commensurate with the period of excusable delay.

Termination by the City - The City may terminate this Contract with or without cause by giving the Contractor thirty (30) day notice in writing. Upon delivery of said notice the Contractor shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Contract and shall proceed to cancel promptly all related existing third-party Contracts. Termination of the Contract by the City pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate all of the City's obligations hereunder and no charges, penalties or other costs shall be due Contractor except for work timely completed.

Termination for Insolvency. The City also reserves the right to terminate the remaining services to be performed in the event Contractor is placed either in voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or makes any assignment for the benefit of creditors.

SECTION XXII
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 XXIII
REIMBURSEMENT FOR INSPECTION

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The Contractor agrees to reimburse the City for any expenditures incurred by the City in the process of testing materials supplied by the Contractor against the specifications under which said materials were procured, if said materials prove to be defective, improperly applied, and/or in other manners not in compliance with specifications. Expenditures as defined herein shall include, but not be limited to, the replacement value of materials destroyed in testing, the cost paid by the City to testing laboratories and other entities utilized to provide tests, and the value of labor and materials expended by the City in the process of conducting the testing. Reimbursement of charges as specified herein shall not relieve the Contractor from other remedies provided in the Contract.

SECTION XXIV
APPROPRIATION APPROVAL

The Contractor acknowledges that the City of Port Saint 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, the City may terminate this Contract and that no charges, penalties or other costs shall be assessed.

SECTION XXV
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 XXVI
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 XXVII
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 XXVIII
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,

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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 XXIX
ENTIRE CONTRACT

The written terms and provisions of this Contract shall supersede all prior verbal 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

NATURE'S KEEPER, INC.

By: _____
City Purchasing Agent

By: [Signature]

State of: Florida

County of: St. Lucie

Before me personally appeared: Krysten Bieger
(Please print)

Please check one:

Personally known X

Produced Identification: _____
(Type of identification)

and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to and before me that she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed. (s/he)

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 8 day of December, 2020.

[Signature]
Notary Signature

Notary Public State of Florida at Large.

My Commission Expires march 19, 2021

(seal)

