

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE  
SAMPLE CONTRACT #20240014**

This Contract, executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, 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 Precision Landscape Company of Palm Beach County, Inc. , 9450 Old Dixie Highway , Lake Park Florida 33403 , 561-881-8866, hereinafter called "Contractor" or "Proposer." City and Contractor may be referred to herein individually as a "party" or collectively as the "parties."

**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 Lot Clearing and Tree Removal 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: Precision Landscape Company of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Neshal Tilochand  
9450 Old Dixie Highway  
Lake Park ,Florida 33403  
561-881-8866  
Email : [neshal@precisionlandscapeco.com](mailto:neshal@precisionlandscapeco.com)

City Contract Administrator: India Barr  
Procurement Contracting Officer I  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
772-344-4055  
E-mail: [ibarr@cityofpsl.com](mailto:ibarr@cityofpsl.com)

City Project Manager: Wesley Armstrong  
Neighborhood Services -Code Compliance Manager  
City of Port St. Lucie  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
772- 529-0019  
Email: [warmstrong@cityofpsl.com](mailto:warmstrong@cityofpsl.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 #20240014, attachments and all agenda, are made part of this Contract for **Lot Clearing , Nuisance & Tree Removal** for the City of Port Saint Lucie.

**Premises** - All work required by this specification will be performed within the geographical boundaries of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida.

**Scope of Work:** Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and supervision for Lot Clearing Nuisance & Tree Removal.

**Specific Duties to be Performed** – Pictures of the site before and after the work is completed are to be submitted with the invoice to the Project Manager prior to payment.

**Definitions –**

Tree – Vegetation having a trunk with a diameter of three (3) inches or more.

Brush – Bushes, undergrowth, or saplings having trunks less than three (3) inches in diameter.

Diameter – Trunk as measured at a point one (1) foot above the ground. In the case of a tree or sapling with multiple trunks diverging at a point less than one (1) foot above ground, the diameter shall be measured just below the point of divergence.

Trimming – The cutting and removal of any limbs, branches, etc.

Removing or removal – The complete removal by cutting down at or near the ground line.

Flat Clearing – Removal of all trees and brush to ground level within a specified area.

Selective Clearing – Removing of all trees and brush within a specified area, except for selected specimens, or any other as requested by the City.

Hazard Trees – Trees or branches that could endanger persons, personal property or real estate if broken or falls down.

Trimming – Bidder is to perform work in accordance with approved and scientific tree trimming practices.

- All trees will be trimmed by the lateral ("natural", "drop-crotching") method. All limbs will be trimmed to a main stem, or lateral, which extends away from the lie. When side trimming, all cuts will be made to just in front of the branch collar of a parent stem, all overhanging limbs removed, and tops of trees floated back away from the line.
- The natural symmetry and beauty of the trees, which are trimmed, shall be considered. No stubs will be permitted.
- In trimming, all cuts shall be made flush to laterals, which are at least one-third the size of the leader limb and spaced no closer than eighteen (18) inches.
- Branches or limbs growing generally vertically, when cut to obtain clearance or to direct growth horizontally, shall be cut flush with a laterally growing branch or limb.
- Avoid stubbing limbs to prevent stimulating development of sucker clusters or limb stubs.
- Tearing of bark shall be avoided and deemed unacceptable.
- Directional trimming will be used in order to permit the tree to follow closely with its normal growth habits.
- Protruding lower limbs which may need trimming shall be cut back to the branch collar at the trunk of the tree, if possible, not to lose its taper. One-third (1/3) of the taper shall always be maintained on the lower two-thirds (2/3) of the tree.
- Cuts shall be made according to current standards as endorsed by the International Society of Arboriculture.
- All cuts shall be made so as to provide maximum protection to the tree and to insure proper healing of the wound. Only men who have been given thorough and proper training in tree trimming and who are considered skilled and qualified shall be used for cutting and trimming work done off the ground. Common labor used as helpers in tree removal work shall be under the supervision of a skilled tree man.
- All tree removal and trimming shall be done in compliance with the "American National Standard for Tree Care Operations - Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance-Standard Practices," A.N.S.I. A300.
- Climbing irons shall not be used on any tree unless the City has determined that the tree must be removed.

Clean Up -

- All loose, broken, or cut branches shall be cleaned out from the tree before leaving the job. Disposal will be done off the site by methods and locations approved by the City. The Bidder will pay any disposal fees.

- In no case shall brush or wood be allowed to remain on public thoroughfares overnight or on lawns unless arrangements have been made with the Contract Supervisor and/or the property owner and the brush piles are properly marked for safety.
- Debris cleanup will be completed daily. Work sites shall be left in at least as neat and orderly a condition as found. Mulching of debris is allowed.
- Brazilian Pepper trees, Melaleuca, Acacia and any vines must be chemically treated with only approved herbicides. The Contract Supervisor must approve herbicide prior to application. A Department of Agriculture Right of Way License is needed to apply these herbicides. If trees are requested to be only trimmed back, the Bidder shall gird the base and chemically treat the vegetation listed.
- All debris such as appliances, white goods and other such items are to be removed and disposed of by Bidder. Bidder will pay any disposal fees.
- Bidder is allowed to mulch the vegetation and trees and distribute on the site no thicker than four (4") inches.

**Stump Removal** – Remove stump and roots below ground level to a minimum depth of three (3") inches and then chemically treat to ensure no re-growth or remove the entire trunk in a manner sufficient as to not require chemical treatment.

**Work Under Storm and or Emergency Conditions** - The Contractor may be required to perform emergency work at times other than normal working hours and shall be in a position to be available on a twenty-four (24) hour basis, weekends and holidays included, at the hourly rate identified on Schedule A. Under storm and/or emergency conditions, an aerial lift, operator and crew shall be available on all emergency work requests that the City needs assistance to secure and protect any and all of the City's infrastructure.

The Contractor shall provide the Project Manager with telephone number(s) at which the Contractor can be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. The Contractor shall give absolute preference of work requested by the City under storm and/or emergency conditions. The City Manager, or his designee, is the only person authorized who can declare the requested job of storm and/or emergency nature. The storm and/or emergency hourly rate would only apply once the Contract Supervisor, or his designee has accepted the job.

Storm and/or Emergency work may be ordered verbally by telephone and Contractor must arrive at the designated site, ready to work, within three (3) hours of receiving notification. The Project Manager will advise the Contractor of the nature of the emergency of any job when work is requested. Vegetative debris consists of whole trees, tree stumps, tree branches, tree trunks, and other leafy material. Depending on the size of the debris, the collection of vegetative debris may require the use of flatbed trucks, dump trucks, and grapple loaders.

**Permission for Trimming** – The Contractor shall obtain necessary consent or permission from the owner or owners, agents or individuals, or board having authority over each tree, bush, or hedge to be trimmed or removed. All expenses in the securing of said permission or consent shall be paid by the Contractor, except where said consent or permission is obtained by the City. Work to be performed is primarily on City rights of way.

All permission or consent for tree removals on private property will be obtained in writing, and the City, at its option, require that permission or consent for the removal or trimming of any other brush, trees, or hedges designated by this contract be in writing or in form satisfactory to the City.

The City will contact property owners to notify them of any vegetation that causes a hazardous condition. The property owner may be deemed liable for payment if they do not respond to any hazardous vegetation on their property.

All complaints received from property owners of any nature whatsoever shall be immediately reported to the City but shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to resolve, without cost to the City.

**Right to Work** – If the Contractor should neglect to prosecute the work properly or fail to perform any provision of this contract in the time specified, the City, after twenty-four (24) hour written notice to the Contractor, may, without prejudice to any other remedy the City may have, make good such deficiencies and may deduct the cost thereof from the payment then or thereafter due the Contractor

**Maintenance of Traffic** - The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper maintenance, control, and detour of traffic in the area during the tree removal or trimming operation. All traffic control and maintenance procedures shall be in accordance with the FDOT MOT requirements and the Contract Documents.

All traffic control signs and devices, barricades, flashers, and similar devices, shall be furnished and maintained by the Contractor. Excavated or other material stored adjacent to or partially upon a roadway pavement shall be adequately marked for traffic and pedestrian safety at all times. Necessary access to adjacent property shall be provided at all times.

The Contractor shall provide the City Project Manager the MOT schedule and plan that will be used for each project when applicable.

The Contractor shall be responsible for traffic control during operations performed by the Contractor's personnel and/or subcontractors. Traffic control shall be in conformance with Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition and the Florida Department of Transportation Roadway and Traffic Design Standards, latest edition. The Contractor must be DOT certified in MOT and have all safety equipment within their fleet to set up lane closures up to 300 feet. This would include all signage, arrow boards, cones, etc.

The foregoing requirements are to be considered as a minimum and the Contractor's compliance shall in no way relieve the Contractor of final responsibility for providing adequate traffic control devices for the protection of the public and employees throughout the work areas.

**Limitation of Operations** – No equipment, regardless of width, shall be left on the roadway right-of-way overnight or parked in the median.

The bidder shall preserve from damage 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 Bidder to a condition equal to or better than that existing before such damage occurred.

The Bidder shall provide applicable protection for adjacent property fencing. Any damage to fencing will be repaired by the Bidder.

**Traffic Control** – The Bidder shall be responsible for traffic control during operations performed by the Bidder's personnel and/or subcontractors. Traffic control shall be in conformance with Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition and the Florida Department of Transportation Roadway and Traffic Design Standards, latest edition.

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

The initial Contract Period start date will be **February 27<sup>th</sup> 2024** and will terminate Three (3) calendar years thereafter on **February 26, 2027**. 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 it 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 up to four (4) additional one (1) year periods 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 four (4) additional one (1) year periods.

Economic price adjustments upward or downward may be considered at the time of renewal; adjustments must be agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties. Economic price adjustments may be allowed if the appropriate documentation is provided to substantiate the price adjustment. 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.

**SECTION VI**  
**COMPENSATION**

The amount to be paid by the City to the Contractor shall be on a fixed per hourly rate unit price based on **Schedule A**. Hourly rate shall be based on Per Man, Per Hour. The hourly Rate includes providing all equipment necessary for completing the required jobs. The hourly Rate bid price shall always apply regardless of the equipment required or the size of the tree.

**Schedule A**

Line #	Services	Units	Unit Price
<b>Regular Services</b>			
1	1 Man, 1 Hour	HR	\$ 28.00
2	1 Man, 1 Hour w/ MOT	HR	\$ 33.00
<b>Emergency Services</b>			
3	1 Man, 1 Hour	HR	\$ 35.00
4	1 Man, 1 Hour w/ MOT	HR	\$ 40.00
<b>Vacant Real Property</b>			
5	Per Square Foot	SF	\$ 0.50
6	Per Square Foot W/ MOT	SF	\$ 0.48

**Estimates** – Contractor shall evaluate each work request and must submit a written proposal outlining the specifics of the work performed and amount of time required to complete the job. The prices quoted within this bid shall be used as the basis for preparing a quotation for each particular job.

**Invoicing** - The Contractor shall invoice the City for time worked as follows:

- .25 for ¼ hour worked
- .50 for ½ hour worked
- .75 for ¾ hour worked
- 1.0 for 1 hour worked

**Workers will be paid by ¼ (15 minute) increments.**

**Examples:**

If a person works 1 hour and 20 minutes, the person will only be paid for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

If a person works 1 hour and 50 minutes, the person will be paid for 2 hours.

**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 per 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 herein, 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 based on 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 and [mspittler@cityofpsl.com](mailto:mspittler@cityofpsl.com).

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 that 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 thirty (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.

**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 Manager 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 in full herein.

**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 arisen 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. 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 agreement 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 as may be amended from time to time.

**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 and 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 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, and as may be amended from time to time, 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 and/or 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, and as may be amended from time to time. Employers' Liability 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(s) for benefits under Federal Workers' Compensation Statute (for 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, Business Auto Liability, and Pollution 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 shall be listed as additional insured and shall include Contract #20240014 Lot Clearing, Nuisance and Tree Removal Services."** Copies of the Additional Insured endorsements shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. The policies shall be specifically endorsed to provide thirty (30) days 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.

Business 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: By entering into this Contract, the Contractor agrees 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 is not obligated, to review and request a copy of the Contractor's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

Pollution Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and agree to maintain in full force during the term of this Contract, Pollution Liability Insurance in limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$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 subcontractors 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, any independent contractors, and/or any subcontractors maintain higher limits than the minimums listed 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 is not obligated, to review and request a copy of Contractor'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 written notice to the City 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 or entity 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 any subcontractors shall comply with section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. The Contractor and any 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 Article I, § 24(a), Florida Constitution and section 119.07(1)(a), Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section 119.10(2)(a), Florida Statutes, any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of chapter 119, Florida Statutes, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

#### **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, Florida Statutes,

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 Contract.
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 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, AND AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, 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)**

Any material submitted to the City that Contractor contends constitutes or contains trade secrets or is otherwise exempt from production under Florida public records laws (including chapter 119, Florida Statutes) ("Trade Secret Materials"), must be separately submitted and conspicuously labeled: "EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORD PRODUCTION – TRADE SECRET." In addition, simultaneous with the submission of any Trade Secret Materials, the Contractor shall provide a sworn affidavit from a person with personal knowledge attesting that the Trade Secret Materials constitute trade secrets under section 688.002, Florida Statutes, and stating the factual basis to support the attestation. If a third party submits a request to the City of records designated by the Contract as Trade Secret Materials, the City shall refrain from disclosing the Trade Secret Materials, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorized in writing by the Contractor. Contractor shall indemnify and defend the City, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, fines, penalties, damages, judgments, and liabilities of any kind, including attorney's fees, litigation expenses, and court costs, relating to the nondisclosure of any Trade Secret Materials in response to a records request by a third party.

**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, upon 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 it may have, correct such deficiencies. The Contractor shall be charged all costs incurred to correct deficiencies. All such costs incurred by the City, in the City's option, may 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. 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 tree trimming and removal 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 are not limited to: (a) failure to resolve complaints within the 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; and/or (h) landscape employees not adhering to uniform/protective clothing requirements. For the purpose of this section, the City, at its discretion, 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 seventy-two (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 give 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/or 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 its 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 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Precaution shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons, including employees, and property. 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, and other warnings against hazards as is prudent and/or required by law to protect the public interest. 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. The safety provisions of all applicable laws and building and construction codes shall be observed.

**Safety Data Sheets** – The Contractor shall provide SDS's and description literature for each chemical/compound/mixture used in the performance of the Contract to the City before the commencement of any work. All SDS's shall be the latest version and comply with 29 CFR1910.1200. Hazardous products shall not be used except with prior approval of the City, and



must be disposed of properly by the Contractor in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 40-CFR 260-265. The Contractor shall maintain and have readily accessible on-site a complete SDS book of all chemicals and compounds/mixtures used in the execution of the Contract.

**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, and any other PPE as necessary for the work.

**OSHA Compliance** – Contractors agree that the products furnished and application methods will comply with applicable provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. These requirements shall include all primary and refresher training mandated under the OSHA guidelines.

**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/her designee, without special instruction or authorization from the City, is obligated to act, at his/her discretion, to prevent threatened damage, injury, or loss. In the event such actions are taken, the Contractor shall promptly give written notice to the Project Manager of any significant changes in work or deviations from the Contract documents caused thereby, and if such action is deemed appropriate by the Project Manager, a written authorization signed by the Project Manager covering the approved changes and deviations will be issued. Appropriate compensation adjustments may be approved, provided the cause of the emergency was beyond the control of the Contractor.

## **SECTION XVII** **SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

By entering into this Contract with the City, Contractor certifies that it and those related entities of Contractor, as defined by Florida law, are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and are not engaged in a boycott of Israel. The City may terminate this Contract if Contractor or any of those related entities of Contractor, as defined by Florida law, are found to have submitted a false certification or any of the following occur with respect to the company or a related entity: (i) it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, or (ii) for any contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or it is found to have been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Notwithstanding the preceding, the City reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, on a case by case basis, permit a company on such lists or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria to be eligible for, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, or may permit a company on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List to be eligible for, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract for goods or services of any amount, should the City determine that the conditions set forth in section 287.135(4), Florida Statutes, are met.

## **SECTION XVIII** **DISCRIMINATORY, CONVICTED, AND ANTITRUST VIOLATOR VENDOR LISTS**

Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates, as defined in the statutes below, have been placed on the discriminatory vendor list under section 287.134, Florida Statutes; the convicted vendor list under section 287.133, Florida Statutes; or the antitrust violator vendor list under section 287.137, Florida Statutes. Absent certain conditions under these statutes, neither contractors nor their affiliates, as defined in the statutes, who have been placed on such lists may submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

**SECTION XIX**  
**COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Pursuant to section 20.055, Florida Statutes, it is the duty of every state officer, employee, agency, special district, board, commission, contractor, and subcontractor to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to this section. Contractor understands and will comply with this statute.

**SECTION XX**  
**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 express 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>.

**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.

**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 express 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 XXI** **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.

**Traffic Control** – The Contractor shall be responsible for traffic control during operations performed by the contractor's personnel and/or subcontractors. Traffic control shall be in conformance with Federal Highway Administration, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, latest edition and the Florida Department of Transportation Roadway and Traffic Design Standards, latest edition.

The foregoing requirements are to be considered as a minimum and the Contractor's compliance shall in no way relieve the Contractor of final responsibility for providing adequate traffic control devices for the protection of the public and employees throughout the work areas.

**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 himself 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 any subcontractor of the Contractor.

**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 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 area and inform the Project Manager of the discrepancy. The Contractor shall thereafter proceed as authorized by the Project Manager who will document any modification to these specifications that he authorized in writing as soon as possible.

**Permission to Use** - The Contractor 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.

**Dress Code** - All personnel in the employ of the Contractor 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. The City prefers long-sleeve buttoned-up shirts. Long pants are required.

**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.

**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 work. 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.

**Foreman or Superintendent and Workmen** – The Contractor shall at all times during progress of the work, have on site a competent foreman or superintendent with authority to act for him and to cooperate with the City. The Contractor shall provide competent, careful, and reliable workmen with sufficient experience in such work to perform it properly and satisfactorily and to operate the equipment involved. Contractor shall provide workmen that shall make do and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents.

**Labor and Equipment** - The Contractor shall utilize experienced personnel who are thoroughly capable of performing the work assigned to them. The Contractor shall utilize proper equipment in good repair to perform assigned work. Failure on the part of the Contractor to furnish such labor or equipment shall be sufficient cause for annulment of any award resulting from these specifications. 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. Include a list of equipment proposed for use (owned and/or leased), with the bid. The City may inspect the equipment prior to awarding the bid, and at any time during the course of the Contract. Safety devices shall be properly installed and maintained at all times the equipment is in use.

**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.

**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 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 shall commit no public nuisance.

**Access to Work** - The Contractor 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.

**Adjustments** - The Contractor shall be responsible to arrange with utility companies for any adjustment necessary. The Contractor shall also be responsible to identify and avoid damage to all utilities (publicly and privately owned) within the area where work is being performed.

**Damages** - The Contractor 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 XXII**  
**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. If Contractor sells all or a majority of its shares, merges with, or otherwise is acquired by or unifies with a third party, it shall notify the City within ten (10) days. If after such notice, the City determines in its sole discretion, it may terminate the Contract, without penalty.

**SECTION XXIII**  
**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. Such a charge, in the City's option, may 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.

**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 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 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 total amount of damages under this section.

#### **SECTION XXIV** **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, or any out of and/or related to 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 XXV** **APPROPRIATION APPROVAL**

The Contractor acknowledges that the City'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 XXVI** **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 XXVII**  
**PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

The Contractor warrants that he 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 XXVIII**  
**ATTORNEY'S FEES**

Each party is responsible for its own attorney's fees for any event arising from or related to this Contract. Each party expressly waives its right to seek attorney's fees from the other party, regardless of the source of such right.

**SECTION XXIX**  
**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 XXX**  
**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 XXXI**  
**SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Contract shall be deemed severable and if any portion of the Contract is found invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions herein.

**SECTION XXXII**  
**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 are not 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 ninety (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 XXXIII**  
**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 XXXIV** **CONSTRUCTION**

The title of the section and paragraph headings in this Contract are for reference only and shall not govern, suggest, or affect the interpretation of any of the terms or provisions within each section or this Contract as a whole. The use of the term "including" in this Contract shall be construed as "including, without limitation." Where specific examples are given to clarify a general statement, the specific language shall not be construed as limiting, modifying, restricting, or otherwise affecting the general statement. All singular words and terms shall also include the plural, and vice versa. Any gendered words or terms used shall include all genders. Where a rule, law, statute, or ordinance is referenced, it indicates the rule, law, statute, or ordinance in place at the time the Contract is executed, as well as may be amended from time to time, where application of the amended version is permitted by law.

The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Contract and agree that both have been represented by counsel and/or had sufficient time to consult counsel, before entering into this Contract. In the event an ambiguity, conflict, omission, or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Contract shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and there shall be no presumption or burden of proof or persuasion based on which party drafted a provision of the Contract.

#### **SECTION XXXV** **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 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 XXXVI** **E-VERIFY**

In accordance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the Contractor agrees to comply with the following:

1. Contractor must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor. Contractor must provide City with sufficient proof of compliance with this provision before beginning work under this Contract.
2. If Contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, Contractor must require each and every subcontractor to provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not

- employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of each and every such affidavit(s) for the duration of the Contract and any renewals thereafter.
3. The City shall terminate this Contract if it has a good faith belief that a person or an entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes.
  4. Contractor shall immediately terminate any contract with any subcontractor if Contractor has, or develops, a good faith belief that the subcontractor has violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes. If City has or develops a good faith belief that any subcontractor of Contractor knowingly violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or any provision of section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the City shall promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
  5. The City shall terminate this Contract for violation of any provision in this section. If the Contract is terminated under this section, it is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this Contract under this section, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the Contract was terminated. A contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of a contract.
  6. The City, Contractor, or any subcontractor may file a cause of action with a circuit or county court to challenge a termination under section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes, no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date on which the Contract was terminated. Such a cause of action must be filed in accordance with the Venue provision, as provided herein.

**SECTION XXXVII**  
**NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Contract is non-exclusive.

**SECTION XXXVIII**  
**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Contract sets forth the entire agreement between Contractor and City with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. This Contract supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, understandings, and agreements, written or oral, between the parties. This Contract may not be modified except by the parties' mutual agreement set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

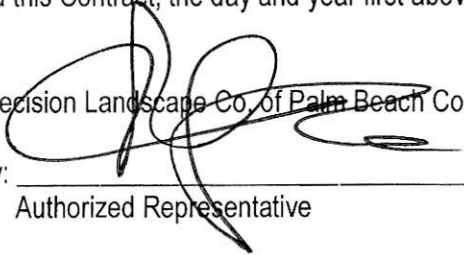
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE FLORIDA

Precision Landscape Co. of Palm Beach County, Inc.

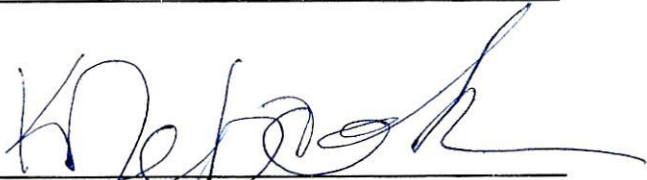
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NOTARIZATION AS TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF Palm Beach )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by [ ] physical presence or [ ] online notarization, this 20 day of February, 2024 by VINCENZO GIORDANO who is  personally known to me, or who has [ ] produced the following identification:

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Signature of Notary Public

Kimberly Jebodh  
Print Name of Notary Public  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission expires: 8/28/2026

NOTARY SEAL/STAMP

