



"A City for All Ages"

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

**Event Name: Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services  
eBid (Event) Number: 20230056**

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Purpose of Procurement

Pursuant to the City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, Sec. 35.07, this electronic ("eBid") is being issued to establish a Contract with one or more qualified Contractors who will provide **Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services** to the City of Port St. Lucie (hereinafter, "City") as further described in this eBid.

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

### 1.2. Restrictions on Communicating with Staff

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

### 1.3. eBid Scope of Requested Commodities

The City desires to obtain proposals from qualified individuals, firms, and legal entities to enter into a fixed price contract relative to supplying Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services. Contract period shall be for an initial one (1) year period with an option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year periods contingent upon satisfactory service and mutual agreement of the parties. Economic price adjustments may be allowed if the appropriate documentation is provided to substantiate the price adjustment.

#### 1.3.1. Scope of Work

##### 1.3.1.1. Definitions

1. Tree – Vegetation having a trunk with a diameter of three (3) inches or more.
2. Brush – Bushes, undergrowth, or saplings having trunks less than three (3) inches in diameter.

3. 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.
  4. Trimming – The cutting and removal of any limbs, branches, etc.
  5. Removing or removal – The complete removal by cutting down at or near the ground line.
  6. Flat Clearing – Removal of all trees and brush to ground level within a specified area.
  7. Selective Clearing – Removing of all trees and brush within a specified area, except for selected specimens, or any other as requested by the City.
  8. Hazard Trees – Trees or branches that could endanger persons, personal property, or real estate if broken or falls down.
  9. Forestry – Large tree on-site grinding, skid steer with Fecon-type equipment.
  10. Slope Mowing – Specialized track equipment to mow in unstable, steep slopes and tight quadrants.
- 1.3.1.2. Location: All work required by this specification will be performed within the geographical boundaries of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida.
  - 1.3.1.3. Licensing and Certifications – The Contractor shall maintain the following licenses and certifications throughout the duration of the contract: MOT, Right-of-Way, Pesticide Application, and ISA Certified Arborist.
  - 1.3.1.4. Work to be performed by the Contractor under this section includes furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment, machinery, tools, materials, transportation, insurance, and all other incidentals necessary to comply with the specifications required to perform tree trimming & removal services of the areas specified by the City's Project Managers.
  - 1.3.1.5. Response Time for Non-Emergencies - The Contractor shall be capable of responding in a timely manner as needed. Response to the City's request for services shall not exceed three (3) days from the time the request is initiated, and the Contractor should be on site capable of starting the work within three (3) days of acceptance of response. The time required for completion of more extensive work will be established prior to the execution of a work order.
  - 1.3.1.6. Response Time for Emergencies - 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.
  - 1.3.1.7. 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 declared 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.

**1.3.1.8.** Hazardous Trees - A tree is considered hazardous if its condition was caused by the disaster; it is an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety, or improved property; it has a diameter breast height of six inches or greater; and one or more of the following criteria are met. The following criteria will be utilized in this process:

- It has more than 50 percent of the crown damaged or destroyed;
- It has a split trunk or broken branches that expose the heartwood;
- It has fallen or been uprooted within a public-use area; and/or
- It is leaning at an angle greater than 30 degrees.

Trees determined to be hazardous and that have less than 50 percent of the root-ball exposed should be cut flush at the ground level. Grinding of the resulting stump after the tree has been cut flush at the ground level is not eligible work. The cut portion of the tree is included with regular vegetative debris. The applicant should make an effort to cut the tree trunk as close to the ground as possible. The eligible scope of work for a hazardous tree may include removing the leaning portion and cutting the stump at ground level.

**1.3.1.9.** 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.

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

The Contractor 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 Contractor to a condition equal to or better than that existing before such damage occurred.

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

**1.3.1.11. Trimming** – Contractor 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. All hardwood pruning before beginning will need to be approved on site with staff.

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.

Contractor must be able to trim all Palm Trees between April 1st - June 30th in preparation of Hurricane Season however the Project Manager has the right to change these dates based on future needs or other circumstance. The City has a current inventory of an estimated 5,000 Palm Trees, it is estimated that these trees must be trimmed once annually, however the City's Project Manager shall make the decision on all quantities and service needs on behalf of the City's best interest.

**1.3.1.12. Site 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 Contractor 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 Project Manager 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.

Brazilian Pepper trees, Melaleuca, Acacia, Australian Pine, and any vines must be chemically treated. The Project Manager may request certain native vegetation to be treated but will be specifically requested. If trees are requested to be only trimmed back, the Contractor shall girdle the base and chemically treat the trees hereby listed. All chemically treated vegetation must remain dead for one (1) year from time of treatment and if the vegetation is observed to be alive, it will be re-treated within 72 hours of notification. This will be at the Contractor's expense and one (1) additional year will be added.

- 1.3.1.13.** Stump Removal – Remove stump and roots below ground level to a minimum depth of six (6) 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. Once debris is removed, the Contractor shall fill hole with topsoil and rake level. If the Contractor does not remove a stump, the Contractor must notify the City to prevent Mowers from damaging their equipment.

All work shall be in accordance with the Contract documents. City dumpsters will not be available. The Contractor must supply any and all dumpster containers.

Forestry Unit Services – The services to be provided will be on and add needed basis and will consist primarily for the mulching of exotic vegetation such as Brazilian pepper trees, vines etc. Immediately after the vegetation is eradicated the tree stumps are required to be chemically treated with and approved herbicide that targets that specific species.

Slope Mowing - This service consists of utilizing specialized track equipment with mowing decks no more than 6' feet in width that can negotiate slopes up to 50 degrees. The work will be on and add needed basis.

- 1.3.1.14.** 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.

**1.4. Overview of the eBid Process**

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

NOTE TO CONTRACTORS: The general instructions and provisions of this document have been drafted with the expectation that the City may desire to make one award or multiple awards. For example, this document contains phrases such as “contract(s)” and “award(s).” Please refer to Section 1.1 – “Purpose of the Procurement” and Section 6.5 – “Selection and Award,” for information concerning the number of contract awards expected.

**1.5. Schedule of Events**

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

Description	Date	Time
Release of eBid	As Published on DemandStar	N/A
Bidders’/Offerors’ Conference Location: OMB Conference Room  City of Port St. Lucie City Hall - Bldg. A, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 390 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  Attendance is: <b>Non-Mandatory</b>	November 29, 2023	As Published on DemandStar
Deadline for written questions sent via email to the Issuing Officer referenced in Section 1.6.	December 1, 2023	5:00 p.m. ET
Responses to Written Questions	December 6, 2023	5:00 p.m. ET
Bids Due/Close Date and Time	December 13, 2023	3:00 p.m. ET

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

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

**1.6. Official Issuing Officer (Procuring Agent)**

**Name: Nadia Tourjee**  
**Email: NTourjee@CITYOFPSL.COM**

## 1.7. Definition of Terms

Please review the following terms:

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

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

Immaterial Deviation – does not give the Contractor a substantial advantage over other Contractors.

Material Deviation – gives the Contractor a substantial advantage over other Contractors and thereby restricts or prevents competition.

Procurement Management Division (PMD) – The City department that is responsible for buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise obtaining any supplies, services, professional services, construction, or any other item(s).

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

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

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

## 1.8. Contract Term

The initial term of the Contract(s) is for one (1) year with four (4), one (1) year option(s) to renew, which options shall be exercisable at the sole discretion of the City. Renewal will be accomplished through the issuance of a Contract amendment from the City’s Procurement Management Division. In the event that the Contract(s), if any, resulting from the award of this eBid shall terminate or be likely to terminate prior to the making of an award for a new Contract for the identified products and/or services, the City may, with the written consent of the awarded Contractor(s), extend the Contract(s) for such period of time as may be necessary to permit the City’s continued supply of the identified products and/or services. The Contract(s) may be amended in writing from time to time by mutual consent of the parties. Unless this eBid states otherwise, the resulting award of the Contract(s) does not guarantee volume or a commitment of funds.

### 1.8.1 Hours of Service

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

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

## 2. Instructions to Contractors

### 2.1. General Information and Instructions

#### 2.1.1. Familiarity with Laws and Regulations

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

#### 2.1.2. Submitting Questions

All questions concerning this eBid must be submitted in writing via email to the Issuing Officer identified in Section 1.6 – “Issuing Officer,” of this eBid. No questions other than written will be accepted. No response other than written will be binding upon the City. All Contractors must submit questions by the deadline identified in the Schedule of Events for submitting questions. Contractors are cautioned that the City may or may not elect to entertain late questions or questions submitted by any other method than as directed by this section. All questions about this eBid must be submitted in the following format:

Company Name

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

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

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

The Bidders’/Offerors’ Conference or any other information session (if indicated in the schedule of events) will be held at the offices referred to in Section 1.5 – “Schedule of Events,” of this eBid. Unless indicated otherwise, attendance is not mandatory, although Contractors are strongly encouraged to attend. However, in the event the conference has been identified as mandatory, then a representative of the Contractor must attend the conference in its entirety to be considered eligible for Contract award. The Contractor is strongly encouraged to allow ample travel time to ensure arrival in the conference meeting room prior to the beginning of any mandatory conference. The City reserves the right to consider any representative arriving late to be “not in attendance.” Therefore, all Contractors are strongly encouraged to arrive early to allow for unexpected travel contingencies.

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

Prior to contract award, the City must be assured that the selected Contractor has all the resources to successfully perform under the Contract. This includes, but is not limited to, adequate number of personnel with required skills, availability of appropriate equipment in sufficient quantity to meet the on-going needs of the City, financial resources sufficient to complete performance under the contract, and experience in similar endeavors. If, during the evaluation process, the City is unable to assure itself of the Contractor’s ability to perform, if awarded, the City has the option of requesting from the Contractor any information deemed necessary to determine the Contractor’s responsibility. If such information is required, the Contractor will be so notified and will be permitted approximately seven (7) business days to submit the information requested.

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

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

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

The City reserves the right to reject any or all responses, to waive any irregularity or informality in a Contractor’s response, and to accept or reject any item or combination of items, when to do so would be to the advantage of the City. The City reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements provided that all the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the mandatory requirements and/or doing



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

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

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

The City reserves the right to amend this eBid. All revisions must be made in writing prior to the eBid closing date and time. If a responding entity discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the eBid, it shall immediately notify the City of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Any modification made to this eBid will be issued as an addendum. Written notice will be posted to DemandStar without divulging the source of the request. If a responding entity fails to notify the City prior to the date and time fixed for submission of an error or ambiguity in the eBid known to it, or an error or ambiguity that reasonably should have been known to it, it shall not be entitled to additional time by reason of the error/ambiguity or its late resolution. By submitting a response, the Contractor shall be deemed to have accepted all terms and agreed to all requirements of the eBid (including any revisions/additions made in writing prior to the close of the eBid whether or not such revision occurred prior to the time the Contractor submitted its response) unless expressly stated otherwise in the Contractor's response. **THEREFORE, EACH CONTRACTOR IS INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE REVISED eBID AND MAKING ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSE PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE eBID.** All Notice(s) of Intent to Award (NOIAs) will be posted as referenced in Section 6.8 – "Public Award Announcement," of this document. **Contractors are encouraged to frequently check the solicitation documentations and embedded URLs for additional information. Finally, the City reserves the right to amend or cancel this eBid at any time.**

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

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

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

If apparent successful Bidder(s) declines to make any such substitution, the City may award the Contract to the next acceptable Bidder(s) that proposes to use acceptable subcontractors, suppliers, and other persons and organizations. Declining to make requested substitutions will not constitute grounds for sacrificing the Bid security of any Bidder(s). Any subcontractor, supplier, other person, or organization

listed and to whom the City does not make written objection prior to the giving of the Notice of Award will be deemed acceptable to City subject to revocation of such acceptance after the effective date of the contract.

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

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

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

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

Proposers should familiarize themselves with the procedures set forth in City Ordinance 20-15 Sec. 35.15. By submitting a response to this eBid, the Contractor certifies that he is on notice of section 35.15, understands the procedures set forth therein, and acknowledges he is bound by the protest process therein.

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

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

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

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

## **2.2. Submittal Instructions**

### **Submittal Instructions to DemandStar**

Listed below are key action items related to this eBid. The Schedule of Events in Section 1.5 identifies the dates and time for these key action items. This portion of the eBid provides high-level instructions regarding the process for reviewing the eBid, preparing a response to the eBid, and submitting a response to the eBid.

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

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

carefully review the submittal instructions on DemandStar's website and following the submittal guidance that is provided in Section 2.2 – "Submittal Instructions," of this eBid document.

### 2.2.2. eBid Review

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

Please carefully review all information contained in the Sourcing Event, including all documents available as attachments or available through links. Any difficulty accessing the Sourcing Event or opening provided links or documents should be reported immediately to the Issuing Officer (See Section 1.6). Attached documents may be found as follows:

### 2.2.3. Preparing a Response

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

1. Use the provided worksheets to prepare your response. Enter your responses directly into the worksheet. Unless otherwise directed, do not insert "see attached file" (or similar statements) in the worksheet to reference separate documents.
2. Answer each question in sufficient detail for evaluation while using judgment with regards to the length of response.
3. Proofread your response and make sure it is accurate and readily understandable.
4. Label any and all uploaded files using the corresponding section numbers of the eBid as specified by the City.
5. Use caution in creating electronic files to be uploaded. If the City is unable to open an electronic file due to a virus or because the file has become corrupted, the Contractor's response may be considered incomplete and disqualified from further consideration.
6. Use commonly accepted software programs to create electronic files. The City has the capability of viewing documents submitted in the following formats: Microsoft Office 2007 and portable document format file (PDF). Unless the eBid specifically requests the use of another type of software or file format than those listed above, please contact the Issuing Officer (See section 1.6) prior to utilizing another type of software and/or file format. In the event that the City is unable to open an electronic file because the City does not have ready access to the software utilized by the Contractor, the Contractor's response will be considered incomplete and disqualified from further consideration.

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

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

1. BID SUBMISSION. All bids shall be submitted by completing and returning all required documents. All submittals are required to be electronic and be contained in **two (2) files TOTAL.** No hard copies will be accepted.
  - Upload the Excel Bid Reply Sheet - Schedule A in **Excel Format only.** (Save as File #1).
  - Upload in one file and in the following order: Contractor's General Information Worksheet, Cone of Silence and Communication Document, Contractor's Code of Ethics, E-Verify Form, Non-Collusion Affidavit, Drug Free Workplace Form, Lobbying Form, Debarment Form, copy of Bid Bond, W-9, copy of Certificate of Insurance, and any license or certifications required for project. (Save as File #2).
2. REVIEW AND REVISE. In the event the Contractor desires to revise a previously submitted response, the Contractor may revise the response. If the revisions cannot be completed in a

single work session, the Contractor should save its progress. Once revisions are complete, the Contractor **must resubmit** its corrected response. Please permit adequate time to revise and then resubmit the response. Please note submission is not instantaneous and may be affected by several events, such as the Contractor temporarily losing a connection to the Internet.

3. WITHDRAW. A Contractor may withdraw the proposal by removing all documents from DemandStar prior to the deadline. In the event a Contractor desires to withdraw its response after the closing date and time, the Contractor must submit a request in writing to the Issuing Officer (See section 1.6).

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

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

#### 3.1. Indemnification/Hold Harmless

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the City, its officers, agents, and employees from, and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses, and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees for personal, economic, or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, at law or in equity, which may arise or may be alleged to have risen from the negligent acts, errors, omissions or other wrongful conduct of Contractor, agents, laborers, subcontractors or other personnel entity acting under Contractor control in connection with the Contractor's performance of services under the contract. To that extent, Contractor shall pay any and all such claims and losses and shall pay any and 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 the contract.

#### 3.2. Standard Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall on a primary basis and at its sole expense agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverage and 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 sovereign 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 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.

1. 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.

2. 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

3. 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, 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 #20230056 Tree Trimming & 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. 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.

4. Business Automobile Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Pollution Insurance: 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 contractors, independent contractors and/or subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements referenced herein. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain Certificates of Insurance from all contractors, independent contractors, and subcontractors, listing the City as an Additional Insured without the language "when required by written contract." If Contractor, any independent contractors, 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, or 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 is not obligated, 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.

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

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

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

### **3.3. Bonds and/or Letter of Credit**

#### **Bid Bond**

Each responding Contractor must supply a Bid Bond or Bid Deposit (certified check, cashier's check, bank money order, bank draft of any national or state bank), in a sum of not less than **\$1,000.00** made payable to the City. As a **Mandatory Requirement**, the Bid Bond or Bid Deposit must be scanned and uploaded into [DemandStar](#) along with all other required documents, thus showing evidence that a Bid Bond or Bid Deposit was obtained. Responding Contractors must send the Original Bid Bond or Bid Deposit to the City within ten (10) calendar days after the eBid Due Date as reflected above in Section 1.5 – "Schedule of Events." The Responding Contractor's bid may be considered non-responsive if the Bid Bond or Bid Deposit is not received within the specified time frame. Responding Contractors must submit a Bid Bond or Bid Deposit made payable to the City in a sealed envelope to:

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

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

#### **3.3.1 Proposal Certification**

By responding to this solicitation, the Contractor understands and agrees to the following: That this electronically submitted proposal constitutes an offer, which when accepted in writing by the City,

and subject to the terms and conditions of such acceptance, will constitute a valid and binding contract between the Contractor and the City; and

1. That the Contractor guarantees and certifies that all items included in the Contractor's response meet or exceed any and all the solicitation's identified specifications and requirements except as expressly stated otherwise in the Contractor's response; and
2. That the response submitted by the Contractor shall be valid and held open for a period of **one hundred and twenty (120) days** from the final solicitation closing date and that the Contractor's offer may be held open for a lengthier period of time subject to the Contractor's consent; and
3. That the Contractor's response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Contractor understands and agrees that collusive bidding is a violation of city ordinance, state, and federal laws and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards.

### 3.4 Permits

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

## 4. eBid Bid Factors

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

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

### 4.1. Introduction

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

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

### 4.2. Contractor's General Information

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

### 4.3. Mandatory Requirements

As noted in the preceding section, this eBid contains mandatory requirements (e.g., product specifications, service or quality levels, staff requirements, experience, or license requirements, etc.) which must be met by

the Contractor in order for the Contractor to be considered “responsive” and, therefore, eligible for Contract award. These mandatory requirements will be defined in one or more of the following ways:

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

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

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

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

## 5. Cost/Pricing

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

### 5.1. General Pricing Rules

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

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



## 5.2 Cost Structure and Additional Instructions

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

Enter all information directly into the cost sheet(s). Enter numbers on each cost sheet in "number" (two-place decimal), not "currency" or other format, unless otherwise stated. That is, omit dollar signs, commas, and any other non-essential symbols (e.g., \$7.90 should be entered as 7.90). Prices must be in US Dollars. Enter "n/a" to indicate not available or "0" if there is no charge. Cells left blank will be interpreted as "no offer."

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

## 5.3 Payment by City's Visa Card Program

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

## 6. Evaluation and Award

All timely responses will be evaluated in accordance with the following steps. The objective of the evaluation process is to identify the most competitive bid. Once the evaluation process has been completed, the apparent successful Contractor(s) will be required to enter into discussions with the City to resolve any exceptions to the City's contract. The City will announce the results of the eBid as described further in Section 6.8 – "Public Award Announcement."

### 6.1. Administrative/Preliminary Review

First, the responses will be reviewed by the Issuing Officer (See section 1.6) to determine compliance with the following requirements:

1. Response was submitted by deadline in accordance with Section 2 – "Instructions to Contractors."
2. Response is complete and contains all required documents.

### 6.2. Best Value Analysis:

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

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

- Has met bid security requirements. Lack of security, where required, is a material nonconformity.
- City Ordinance Section 35.14, Local preference in purchasing or contracting.

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

- Evaluate the pricing offered by the bidder; consider lifecycle costing, depreciation, and service contracts.
- Determine what proposal provides the best value to the City.
- See also City Ordinance Section 35.12.

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

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

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

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

### **6.4. Evaluating Cost**

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

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

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

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

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

### **6.6. Local Preference in Purchasing or Contracting (Sec. 35.14)\***

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

1. When a qualified and responsive, Non-Local Business submits the lowest best value bid, and the bid submitted by one or more qualified and responsive Local Businesses is within five percent (5%) of the price submitted by the Non-Local Business, then the Local Business with the apparent lowest best value bid offer (i.e., the lowest Local Bidder) shall have the opportunity to submit an offer to

match the price(s) offered by the overall lowest best value Non-Local bidder. In such instances, staff shall first verify if the lowest Non-Local Bidder and the lowest Local Bidder are in fact qualified and responsive bidders. Next, OMB shall determine if the lowest Local bidder meets the requirements of Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, (drug-free workplace). If the lowest Local bidder meets the requirements of Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, OMB shall invite the lowest Local Bidder, in writing, to submit a matching offer to OMB which shall be submitted in writing to OMB within three (3) business days thereafter. If the lowest Local Bidder submits a written offer that does not fully match the lowest bid from the lowest Non-Local Bidder tendered previously, the next lowest fully qualified Local Bidder will be given the opportunity to match if they are within five percent (5%). This cycle shall be repeated until there are no remaining Local Bidders within five percent (5%), then award shall be made to the Non-Local Bidder. If the lowest Local Bidder does not respond, declines or is unable to match the lowest Non-Local price(s), then award shall be made to the lowest overall best value bidder. If the lowest Local Bidder does not meet the requirement of Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, and the lowest Non-Local Bidder does, the lowest Local Bidder will be disqualified and the next lowest Local Bidder will be considered if they are within five percent (5%); award will be made to the bidder that meets the requirements of the referenced state law. In the event a Local Bidder is awarded a contract pursuant to this section, all requests for change orders increasing the cost of the project must be approved by the City Council.

2. Limitations:

- (1) The provisions of this section shall apply only to procurements which are above the formal bid threshold as set forth in the City Code and the City of Port St. Lucie Procurement Manual.
- (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply where prohibited by federal or Florida law or where prohibited under the conditions of any grant.
- (3) The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any purchase exempted from the provisions of the City of Port St. Lucie Procurement Manual.
- (4) The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to contracts made under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), Section 287.55, Florida Statutes.
- (5) The provisions of this section shall not be applied to any procurement where the local nature of a business has been addressed through the scoring criteria.

**\* Please review (Sec. 35.14) for the full governing ordinance**

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

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

**6.8. Public Award Announcement**

The preliminary results of the evaluation will be announced through the public posting of a Notice of Intent to Award ("NOIA") by the City Clerk's Office, pending final approval by the City Council at a publicly noticed meeting. The NOIA is not notice of an actual contract award; instead, the NOIA is notice of the City's expected contract award(s) pending resolution of the protest process period pursuant to City Code of Ordinances, Section 35.15. The NOIA (if any) will identify the apparent successful Contractor(s), unsuccessful Contractor(s), and the reasons why any unsuccessful Contractors were not selected for Contract award. NO CONTRACTOR SHOULD ASSUME PERSONAL NOTICE OF THE NOIA WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY. INSTEAD, ALL CONTRACTORS SHOULD FREQUENTLY CHECK [THE CITY CLERK'S WEBSITE](#) FOR NOTICE OF THE NOIA DURING A CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

## 7. Contract Terms and Conditions

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

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

### Exception to Contract

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

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

The City reserves the right to modify the Contract to be consistent with the apparent successful offer, and to negotiate other modifications with the apparent successful Contractor. Exceptions that materially change the terms or the requirements of the eBid may be deemed non-responsive by the City, in its sole discretion, and rejected. Contract exceptions which grant the Contractor an impermissible competitive advantage, as determined by the City, in its sole discretion, will be rejected. If there is any question whether a particular Contract exception would be permissible, the Contractor is strongly encouraged to inquire via written question submitted to the Issuing Officer (See section 1.6) prior to the deadline for submitting written questions as defined by the schedule of events.

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

### Order of Preference

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

- (i) First, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the executed Contract.
- (ii) Second, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the eBid.

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

## 8. Payment

To ensure proper payment, the awarded Contractor must comply with the following:

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

## 9. List of eBid Attachments

The following documents make up this eBid. Please see Section 2.2.2 – “eBid Review,” for instructions about how to access the following documents. Any difficulty locating or accessing the following documents should be immediately reported to the Issuing Officer (See section 1.6).

- ❖ E-Bid Document (this document)

### Attachments:

- A. Excel Bid Reply - Schedule A from Section 5 of this eBid - Must be uploaded to DemandStar (Mandatory Document) as **File #1**.
- B. Sample Contract (Attached)
- C. Mandatory Documents - Must be uploaded to DemandStar as **File #2**:
  - Contractor's General Information Worksheet/Questionnaire
  - Cone of Silence and Communication Document from Section 1.2 of this eBid
  - Contractor's Code of Ethics
  - E-Verify Form
  - Non-Collusion Affidavit
  - Drug Free Workplace Form
  - Lobbying Form
  - Debarment Form

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

**City of Port St. Lucie**  
**Procurement Management Department**  
**E-Bid #20230056**  
**Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services**  
**E-Bid Reply Excel Spreadsheet**  
**Schedule A (Attachment A)**

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

Line #	Services	Annual Estimated Hours	Rate	Total Amount
<b>Regular Services</b>				
1	1 Man, 1 Hour	7950		\$ -
2	1 Man, 1 Hour w/ MOT	500		\$ -
<b>Emergency Services</b>				
3	1 Man, 1 Hour	500		\$ -
4	1 Man, 1 Hour w/ MOT	500		\$ -
<b>Trimming &amp; Stump Grinding</b>				
5	Palm Trees	5000		\$ -
6	Slope Mower	300		\$ -
7	Forestry Unit	400		\$ -
8	Stump Grinding	50		\$ -
<b>Additional Items</b>				
9	Equipment Usage			\$ -
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>				\$ -

NOTE: The majority of the palm tree trimming occurs one time per year in the spring.

The City's Estimated Annual Usage as indicated in this document has been inserted to establish a possible annual usage. Actual quantities that will be ordered by the City during the Contract Period may vary substantially from the Estimated Annual Usage. Bidders are cautioned that the anticipated quantities used for this computation will be estimates. The City makes no guarantee as to the actual quantity or type of services that will be utilized during the Contract period.

NOTE: Unit prices are limited to two decimals.

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

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

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

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

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

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE  
SAMPLE CONTRACT #20230056  
ATTACHMENT B**

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

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

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

City Project Manager: John Dunton  
Public Works Dept.  
City of Port St. Lucie  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984  
Telephone 772-344-4035 / Fax: 772-871-5289  
Email: [JDunton@cityofpsl.com](mailto:JDunton@cityofpsl.com)

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

The scope of work that the Contractor has agreed to perform pursuant to **E-BID #20230056 for Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services** and all addenda.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

1. 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.

Forestry – Large tree on-site grinding, skid steer with Fecon-type equipment.

Slope Mowing – Specialized track equipment to mow in unstable, steep slopes and tight quadrants.

2. Location: All work required by this specification will be performed within the geographical boundaries of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida.



3. Licensing and Certifications – The Contractor shall maintain the following licenses and certifications throughout the duration of the contract: MOT, Right-of-Way, Pesticide Application, and ISA Certified Arborist.
4. Work to be performed by the Contractor under this section includes furnishing all labor, supervision, equipment, machinery, tools, materials, transportation, insurance, and all other incidentals necessary to comply with the specifications required to perform tree trimming & removal services of the areas specified by the City's Project Manager(s).
5. Response Time for Non-Emergencies - The Contractor shall be capable of responding in a timely manner as needed. Response to the City's request for services shall not exceed three (3) days from the time the request is initiated, and the Contractor should be on site capable of starting the work within three (3) days of acceptance of response. The time required for completion of more extensive work will be established prior to the execution of a work order.
6. Response Time for Emergencies - 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.
7. 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 declared 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.

8. Hazardous Trees - A tree is considered hazardous if its condition was caused by the disaster; it is an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety, or improved property; it has a diameter breast height of six inches or greater; and one or more of the following criteria are met. The following criteria will be utilized in this process:

- It has more than 50 percent of the crown damaged or destroyed;
- It has a split trunk and/or broken branches that expose the heartwood;
- It has fallen or been uprooted within a public-use area; and/or
- It is leaning at an angle greater than 30 degrees.

Trees determined to be hazardous and that have less than 50 percent of the root-ball exposed should be cut flush at the ground level. Grinding of the resulting stump after the tree has been cut flush at the ground level is not eligible work. The cut portion of the tree is included with regular vegetative debris. The applicant should make an effort to cut the tree trunk as close to the ground as possible. The eligible scope of work for a hazardous tree may include removing the leaning portion and cutting the stump at ground level.

9. 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, may 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.

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

The Contractor 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 Contractor to a condition equal to or better than that existing before such damage occurred. The Contractor shall provide applicable protection for curbs and sidewalks over which trucks and equipment pass to reach the job site.

11. Trimming – Contractor 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. All hardwood pruning before beginning will need to be approved on site with staff.

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 shell 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.

Contractor must be able to trim all Palm Trees between April 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup> in preparation of Hurricane Season, however, the Project Manager has the right to change these dates based on future needs or other circumstances. The City has a current inventory of an estimated 5,000 Palm Trees, it is estimated that these trees must be trimmed once annually, however the City's

Project Manager shall make the decision on all quantities and service needs on behalf of the City's best interest.

12. Site 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 Contractor 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 Project Manager and/or the property owner in writing 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.

Brazilian Pepper trees, Melaleuca, Acacia, Australian Pine, and any vines must be chemically treated. The Project Manager may request certain native vegetation to be treated but will be specifically requested. If trees are requested to be only trimmed back, the Contractor shall girdle the base and chemically treat the trees hereby listed. All chemically treated vegetation must remain dead for one (1) year from time of treatment and if the vegetation is observed to be alive, it will be re-treated within 72 hours of notification. This will be at the Contractor's expense and one (1) additional year will be added from the time of re-treatment.

13. Stump Removal – Remove stump and roots below ground level to a minimum depth of six (6) 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. Once debris is removed, the Contractor shall fill hole with topsoil and rake level. If the Contractor does not remove a stump, the Contractor must notify the City to prevent Mowers from damaging their equipment.

All work shall be in accordance with the Contract documents. City dumpsters will not be available. The Contractor must supply any and all dumpster containers.

Forestry Unit Services – The services to be provided will be on an as needed basis and will consist primarily for the mulching of exotic vegetation such as Brazilian pepper trees, vines etc. Immediately after the vegetation is eradicated the tree stumps are required to be chemically treated with and approved herbicide that targets that specific species.

Slope Mowing - This service consists of utilizing specialized track equipment with mowing decks no more than 6' feet in width that can negotiate slopes up to 50 degrees. The work will be on an as needed basis.

14. 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, independent contractors, 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.

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

The Contract Period start date will be \_\_\_\_\_ and will terminate one (1) calendar years thereafter on \_\_\_\_\_. The Contractor will be required to commence work under this Contract within ten (10) calendar days after the start date identified in this Contract. In the event all work required in the bid specifications has not been completed by the specified date, the Contractor agrees to provide work as authorized by the Project Manager until all work specified in the bid specifications has been rendered and accepted by the City.

Written requests shall be submitted to the Project Manager for consideration of extension of completion time due to strikes, unavailable materials, or other similar causes over which the Contractor feels 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 total amount to be paid by the City to the Contractor is on a per unit price basis listed on Schedule "A" for a total amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payments will be disbursed in the following manner:

Line #	Services	Annual Estimated Hours	Rate	Total Amount
<b>Regular Services</b>				
1	1 Man, 1 Hour	7950		\$ -
2	1 Man, 1 Hour w/ MOT	500		\$ -
<b>Emergency Services</b>				
3	1 Man, 1 Hour	500		\$ -
4	1 Man, 1 Hour w/ MOT	500		\$ -
<b>Trimming &amp; Stump Grinding</b>				
5	Palm Trees	5000		\$ -
6	Slope Mower	300		\$ -
7	Forestry Unit	400		\$ -
8	Stump Grinding	50		\$ -
<b>Additional Items</b>				
9	Equipment Usage			\$ -
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>				<b>\$ -</b>

**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 [PWProjectsInvoices@cityofpsl.com](mailto:PWProjectsInvoices@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 herein in full.

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

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the City, its officers, agents, and employees from, and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses, and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees for personal, economic, or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, at law or in equity, which may arise or may be alleged to have risen from the negligent acts, errors, omissions, or other wrongful conduct of Contractor, agents, laborers, subcontractors or other personnel entity acting under Contractor control in connection with the Contractor's performance of services under this Contract. 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](#).



**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 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 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. 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 #20230056 Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & 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: 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 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 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 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 subcontractor, 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** **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 XXVII** **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

**Amendments** - The City and the Contractor agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge, and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged, and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for carrying out the 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 XVIII** **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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

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 XIX** **ASSIGNMENT**

Contractor shall not delegate, assign or subcontract any part of the work under this Contract or assign any monies due him hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the City. 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 XX** **TERMINATION, DELAYS, AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

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

- I. The Contractor fails to deliver or has delivered nonconforming services or fails to perform, to the City's satisfaction, any material requirement of the Contract or is in violation of a material provision of the Contract, including, but without limitation, the express warranties made by the Contractor;
- II. The Contractor fails to make substantial and timely progress toward performance of the Contract;
- III. In the event the Contractor is required to be certified or licensed as a condition precedent to providing the Services, the revocation or loss of such license or certification may result in immediate termination of the Contract effective as of the date on which the license or certification is no longer in effect;
- IV. The Contractor becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under federal or state law to the extent allowed by applicable federal or state law including bankruptcy laws; the Contractor terminates or suspends its business; or the City reasonably believes that the Contractor has become insolvent or unable to pay its obligations as they accrue consistent with applicable federal or state law;
- V. The Contractor has failed to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, and orders when performing within the scope of the Contract;

- VI. If the City determines that the actions, or failure to act, of the Contractor, its agents, employees, or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, life, health, or safety to be jeopardized;
- VII. The Contractor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the City to liability, as determined in the City's sole discretion;
- VIII. The Contractor furnished any statement, representation, or certification in connection with the Contract, which is materially false, deceptive, incorrect, or incomplete.

**Notice of Default** - If there is a default event caused by the Contractor, the City shall provide written notice to the Contractor requesting that the breach or noncompliance be remedied within the period of time specified in the City's written notice to the Contractor. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied within the period of time specified in the written notice, the City may:

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

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

This Contract is to be construed as though made in and to be performed in the State of Florida and is to be

governed by the laws of Florida in all respects without reference to the laws of any other state or nation. The venue of any action taken to enforce this Contract, arising from this Contract, 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 XXII**  
**APPROPRIATION APPROVAL**

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

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

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

**SECTION XXV**  
**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 XXVI**  
**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 XXVII**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

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

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

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

**SECTION XXIX**  
**SEVERABILITY**

The 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 XXX**  
**AUDITS**

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables the City to readily identify the Contractor's assets, expenses, costs of goods, and use of funds throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least seven (7) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records shall include, but 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 XXXI**  
**ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

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

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

**SECTION XXXII**  
**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 XXXIII**  
**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 XXXIV**  
**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 XXXV**  
**NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

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

**SECTION XXXVI**  
**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.

**SECTION XXXVII**  
**FEDERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

For projects where federal and/or state funding may be used to fund the project in full or in part, there may

be additional terms required for the contract executed related to the project. Below, please find a sample of the provisions that may be required in such instances. Additionally, there may be terms required by individual grants, which the City reserves the right to include in any contracts entered related to or stemming from this Contract.

**Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327 and Appendix II of 2 CFR 200, the following federal requirements and contract provisions are incorporated herein, where applicable.**

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the City of Port St. Lucie including the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement. Termination for cause and convenience is addressed elsewhere in this Contract, as well as the manner by which it will be affected and the basis for settlement.

The following Items (1) through (12) are "MANDATED CONDITIONS" that will be incorporated into this Contract, where applicable.

(1) **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT**

In accordance with 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), the sub-recipient/contractor hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

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

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on

behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

**(3)** The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

**(4)** The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

**(5)** The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

**(6)** The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

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

**(8)** The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The contractor further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: *Provided*, That if the contractor so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The contractor agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the contractor agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the contractor under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such contractor; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

### (2) COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT

The Sub-Recipient/contractor hereby agrees that, unless exempt under Federal law, it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, the following clause:

Contractor. The contractor shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this Contract.

Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as the U.S. Department of the Treasury may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all of these contract clauses.

Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the Contract, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12.

### (3) CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS

If the Sub-Recipient/contractor, with the funds authorized by this Agreement, enters into a contract that exceeds \$100,000 and involves the employment of mechanics or laborers, then any such contract must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation.

For contracts to be in compliance with the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act the following are required:

(1) *Overtime requirements.* No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) *Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages.* In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$29 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

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

(4) *Subcontracts.* The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (b)(1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime

contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (4) of this section.

(4) CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

If the Sub-Recipient/contractor, with the funds authorized by this Agreement, enters into a contract that exceeds \$150,000, then any such contract must include the following provision:

Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q).

The contractor agrees to report each violation to the City of Port St. Lucie and understands and agrees that the City of Port St. Lucie will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C.1251-1387).

The contractor agrees to report each violation to the City of Port St. Lucie and understands and agrees that the City of Port St. Lucie will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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

(5) SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

If the Sub-Recipient/contractor, with the funds authorized by this Agreement, enters into a contract, then any such contract must include the following provisions:

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

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

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the City of Port St. Lucie. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the City of Port St. Lucie, the Federal

Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

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

(6) BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

If the Sub-Recipient/contractor, with the funds authorized by this Agreement, enters into a contract, then any such contract must include the following clause:

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

(7) CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS

- a. If the Sub-Recipient/contractor, with the funds authorized by this Agreement, seeks to procure goods or services, then, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.321, the Sub-Recipient/contractor shall take the following affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used whenever possible:
- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
  - 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
  - 3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
  - 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
  - 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
  - 6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative

steps listed in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subparagraph.

- b. The requirement outlined in subparagraph a. above, sometimes referred to as "socioeconomic contracting," does not impose an obligation to set aside either the solicitation or award of a contract to these types of firms. Rather, the requirement only imposes an obligation to carry out and document the six affirmative steps identified above.
- c. The "socioeconomic contracting" requirement outlines the affirmative steps that the Sub-Recipient must take; the requirements do not preclude the Sub-Recipient from undertaking additional steps to involve small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.
- d. The requirement to divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises, does not authorize the Sub-Recipient to break a single project down into smaller components in order to circumvent the micro-purchase or small purchase thresholds so as to utilize streamlined acquisition procedures (e.g. "project splitting").

**MWBE Participation.** The City does not have a codified MWBE Program. The City does, however, encourage State of Florida MWBE participation wherever possible. A State of Florida certified vendor directory for WBE firms is provided at <https://osd.dms.myflorida.com/directories>.

**Small Business Participation.** The City does not have a codified small business program. The City does, however, encourage certified State of Florida small business participation wherever possible. A State of Florida vendor directory for Small Businesses is provided at <https://osd.dms.myflorida.com/directories>.

(8) DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. 3141–3148)

As required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141–3144, and 3146–3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

The Wage Decision to use for this Contract *is* applicable to this contract.



DAVIS BACON

"General Decision Number: FL20230190 01/06/2023

Superseded General Decision Number: FL20220190

State: Florida

Construction Type: Highway

County: St Lucie County in Florida.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Note: Contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act are generally required to pay at least the applicable minimum wage rate required under Executive Order 14026 or Executive Order 13658. Please note that these Executive Orders apply to covered contracts entered into by the federal government that are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act itself, but do not apply to contracts subject only to the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, including those set forth at 29 CFR 5.1(a)(2)-(60).

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If the contract is entered into on or after January 30, 2022, or the contract is renewed or extended (e.g., an option is exercised) on or after January 30, 2022: Executive Order 14026 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$16.20 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on the contract in 2023.

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If the contract was awarded on or between January 1, 2015 and January 29, 2022, and the contract is not renewed or extended on or after January 30, 2022: Executive Order 13658 generally applies to the contract. The contractor must pay all covered workers at least \$12.15 per hour (or the applicable wage rate listed on this wage determination, if it is higher) for all hours spent performing on

| | that contract in 2023. |

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The applicable Executive Order minimum wage rate will be adjusted annually. If this contract is covered by one of the Executive Orders and a classification considered necessary for performance of work on the contract does not appear on this wage determination, the contractor must still submit a conformance request.

Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the Executive Orders is available at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/govcontracts>.

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	Rates	Fringes
CARPENTER.....	\$ 16.50	0.00
CEMENT MASON/CONCRETE FINISHER, Includes Form Work.....	\$ 18.31	0.00
ELECTRICIAN.....	\$ 19.35	0.00
FENCE ERECTOR.....	\$ 11.70 **	0.00
HIGHWAY/PARKING LOT STRIPING: Operator (Striping Machine).....	\$ 12.92 **	0.00
HIGHWAY/PARKING LOT STRIPING: Painter.....	\$ 12.13 **	0.00
INSTALLER - GUARDRAIL.....	\$ 11.47 **	0.00
IRONWORKER, ORNAMENTAL.....	\$ 13.48 **	0.00
IRONWORKER, REINFORCING.....	\$ 17.04	0.00
IRONWORKER, STRUCTURAL.....	\$ 16.42	0.00
LABORER (Traffic Control Specialist).....	\$ 12.21 **	0.00
LABORER: Asphalt, Includes Raker, Shovel, Spreader and Distributor.....	\$ 12.28 **	0.00

Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services

LABORER: Common or General.....	\$ 10.12 **	0.00
LABORER: Flagger.....	\$ 12.53 **	0.00
LABORER: Grade Checker.....	\$ 12.46 **	0.00
LABORER: Landscape & Irrigation.....	\$ 9.29 **	0.00
LABORER: Mason Tender - Cement/Concrete.....	\$ 13.52 **	0.00
LABORER: Pipelayer.....	\$ 14.85 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Backhoe/Excavator/Trackhoe.....	\$ 17.15	2.43
OPERATOR: Bobcat/Skid Steer/Skid Loader.....	\$ 12.88 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Broom/Sweeper.....	\$ 13.15 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Bulldozer.....	\$ 17.57	0.00
OPERATOR: Concrete Finishing Machine.....	\$ 15.44 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Crane.....	\$ 20.95	0.00
OPERATOR: Curb Machine.....	\$ 20.74	0.00
OPERATOR: Drill.....	\$ 14.78 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Forklift.....	\$ 13.58 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Gradall.....	\$ 14.83 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Grader/Blade.....	\$ 20.53	2.83
OPERATOR: Loader.....	\$ 15.94 **	2.21
OPERATOR: Mechanic.....	\$ 18.08	0.00
OPERATOR: Milling Machine.....	\$ 15.59 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Oiler.....	\$ 16.32	0.00
OPERATOR: Paver (Asphalt, Aggregate, and Concrete).....	\$ 15.61 **	0.00

Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services

OPERATOR: Piledriver.....	\$ 17.23	0.00
OPERATOR: Post Driver (Guardrail/Fences).....	\$ 14.66 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Roller.....	\$ 12.91 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Scraper.....	\$ 12.01 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Screed.....	\$ 14.73 **	1.84
OPERATOR: Tractor.....	\$ 10.66 **	0.00
OPERATOR: Trencher.....	\$ 14.64 **	0.00
PAINTER: Spray.....	\$ 17.40	0.00
TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION:		
Mechanic and Electrician.....	\$ 16.98	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Dump Truck.....	\$ 12.05 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Flatbed Truck.....	\$ 14.28 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Lowboy Truck.....	\$ 15.62 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Slurry Truck.....	\$ 11.96 **	0.00
TRUCK DRIVER: Water Truck.....	\$ 13.36 **	0.00

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WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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\*\* Workers in this classification may be entitled to a higher minimum wage under Executive Order 14026 (\$16.20) or 13658 (\$12.15). Please see the Note at the top of the wage determination for more information.

Note: Executive Order (EO) 13706, Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors applies to all contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act for which the contract is awarded (and any solicitation was issued) on or after January 1, 2017. If this contract is covered by the EO, the contractor must provide employees with 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours they work, up to 56 hours of paid sick leave each year. Employees must be permitted to use paid sick leave for their own illness, injury or other health-related needs, including

preventive care; to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is ill, injured, or has other health-related needs, including preventive care; or for reasons resulting from, or to assist a family member (or person who is like family to the employee) who is a victim of, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Additional information on contractor requirements and worker protections under the EO is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/government-contracts>.

Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

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The body of each wage determination lists the classification and wage rates that have been found to be prevailing for the cited type(s) of construction in the area covered by the wage determination. The classifications are listed in alphabetical order of ""identifiers"" that indicate whether the particular rate is a union rate (current union negotiated rate for local), a survey rate (weighted average rate) or a union average rate (weighted union average rate).

#### Union Rate Identifiers

A four letter classification abbreviation identifier enclosed in dotted lines beginning with characters other than ""SU"" or ""UAVG"" denotes that the union classification and rate were prevailing for that classification in the survey. Example: PLUM0198-005 07/01/2014. PLUM is an abbreviation identifier of the union which prevailed in the survey for this classification, which in this example would be Plumbers. 0198 indicates the local union number or district council number where applicable, i.e., Plumbers Local 0198. The next number, 005 in the example, is an internal number used in processing the wage determination. 07/01/2014 is the effective date of the most current negotiated rate, which in this example is July 1, 2014.

Union prevailing wage rates are updated to reflect all rate changes in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) governing this classification and rate.

#### Survey Rate Identifiers

Classifications listed under the ""SU"" identifier indicate that no one rate prevailed for this classification in the survey and

the published rate is derived by computing a weighted average rate based on all the rates reported in the survey for that classification. As this weighted average rate includes all rates reported in the survey, it may include both union and non-union rates. Example: SULA2012-007 5/13/2014. SU indicates the rates are survey rates based on a weighted average calculation of rates and are not majority rates. LA indicates the State of Louisiana. 2012 is the year of survey on which these classifications and rates are based. The next number, 007 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 5/13/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

Survey wage rates are not updated and remain in effect until a new survey is conducted.

#### Union Average Rate Identifiers

Classification(s) listed under the UAVG identifier indicate that no single majority rate prevailed for those classifications; however, 100% of the data reported for the classifications was union data. EXAMPLE: UAVG-OH-0010 08/29/2014. UAVG indicates that the rate is a weighted union average rate. OH indicates the state. The next number, 0010 in the example, is an internal number used in producing the wage determination. 08/29/2014 indicates the survey completion date for the classifications and rates under that identifier.

A UAVG rate will be updated once a year, usually in January of each year, to reflect a weighted average of the current negotiated/CBA rate of the union locals from which the rate is based.

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#### WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- \* an existing published wage determination
- \* a survey underlying a wage determination
- \* a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- \* a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour National Office because National Office has responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this

initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations  
Wage and Hour Division  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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"END OF GENERAL DECISION"

(9) PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

Contractor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act where applicable and provide such information and certification to City of Port St. Lucie. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at

40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage for recovered material practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeds ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery, and establishing an affirmative procurement program for the procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

In the performance of this Contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the Contract performance schedule; meeting Contract performance requirements; or at a reasonable price. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>

The contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

(10) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in Title 2 CFR §200.216 of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and as adopted by the U.S. Department of Treasury, as used in this clause—

(b) *Prohibitions.*

(1) Section 889(F)(1) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

(2) Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the ARPA to:

- (i) Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
- (ii) Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;



- (1) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (2) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- (3) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

- (iii) Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or
- (iv) Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.

(c) *Exceptions.*

(1) This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing—

- (i) A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- (ii) Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(2) By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:

- (i) Covered telecommunications equipment or services that: i. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and ii. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
- (ii) Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(d) *Reporting requirement.*

(1) In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during Contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this Contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

(2) The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of

this clause:

- (i) Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The Contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
- (ii) Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

(e) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

#### (11) RIGHT TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance or experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Contractor agrees to comply with the above requirements when applicable.

#### (12) DOMESTIC PREFERENCE FOR PROCUREMENTS

As appropriate, and to the extent consistent with law, the contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.

For purposes of this clause:

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

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

#### (13) ACCESS TO RECORDS

The contractor agrees to provide the City of Port St. Lucie, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to the Contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. Contractor shall maintain records for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to the City of Port St. Lucie, whichever is later.

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

The contractor agrees to permit the U.S. Department of the Treasury or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the Contract.

In compliance with the Disaster Recovery Act of 2018, the City of Port St. Lucie and the contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this Contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### (14) CHANGES

To be allowable under the ARPA grant or cooperative agreement award, the cost of any contract change, modification, amendment, addendum, change order, or constructive change must be necessary, allocable, within the scope of the grant or cooperative agreement, reasonable for the scope of work, and otherwise allowable.

#### (15) DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The Contractor must obtain permission before using the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, reproductions of flags, or likenesses of DHS agency officials.

#### (16) COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that ARPA financial assistance will be used to fund all or a portion of the contract. The Contractor will comply with all applicable Federal law, regulations, executive orders and FEMA policies, procedures and directives.

#### (17) NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Contract.

#### (18) PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR RELATED ACTS

Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this Contract.

Any procurement involving funds authorized by Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, to include [2 C.F.R. 200.318 through 200.326](#) as well as [Appendix II to C.F.R. Part 200](#).

(19) INCREASING SEAT BELT USE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 18, 1997), contractor should adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

(20) REDUCING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), Contractor should adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving and should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

(21) PUBLICATIONS

Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of Recipient/Contractor] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."

(22) COPYRIGHT AND DATA RIGHTS (If applicable)

License and Delivery of Works Subject to Copyright and Data Rights

The contractor grants to the City of Port St. Lucie, FL, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this Contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the Contract but not first produced in the performance of this Contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the City of Port St. Lucie, FL or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this Contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this Contract, the contractor will deliver to the City of Port St. Lucie, FL data first produced in the performance of this Contract and data required by the Contract but not first produced in the performance of this Contract in formats acceptable by the City of Port St. Lucie, FL.

**PART 75—ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW- AND VERY LOW-INCOME PERSONS**

**Authority:** [12 U.S.C. 1701u](#); [42 U.S.C. 3535\(d\)](#).

**Source:** [85 FR 61562](#), Sept. 29, 2020, unless otherwise noted.

## **Subpart A—General Provisions**

### **§ 75.1 Purpose.**

This part establishes the requirements to be followed to ensure the objectives of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 ([12 U.S.C. 1701u](#)) (Section 3) are met. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that economic opportunities, most importantly employment, generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing or residents of the community in which the Federal assistance is spent.

### **§ 75.3 Applicability.**

(a) **General applicability.** Section 3 applies to public housing financial assistance and Section 3 projects, as follows:

(1) **Public housing financial assistance.** Public housing financial assistance means:

(i) Development assistance provided pursuant to section 5 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (the 1937 Act);

(ii) Operations and management assistance provided pursuant to section 9(e) of the 1937 Act;

(iii) Development, modernization, and management assistance provided pursuant to section 9(d) of the 1937 Act; and

(iv) The entirety of a mixed-finance development project as described in [24 CFR 905.604](#), regardless of whether the project is fully or partially assisted with public housing financial assistance as defined in [paragraphs \(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) through [\(iii\)](#) of this section.

(2) **Section 3 projects.**

(i) Section 3 projects means housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects assisted under HUD programs that provide housing and community development financial assistance when the total amount of assistance to the project exceeds a threshold of \$200,000. The threshold is \$100,000 where the assistance is from the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes programs, as authorized by Sections 501 or 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 ([12 U.S.C. 1701z-1](#) or [1701z-2](#)), the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act ([42 U.S.C 4801 et seq.](#)); and the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 ([42 U.S.C. 4851 et seq.](#)). The project is the site or sites together with any building(s) and improvements located on the site(s) that are under common ownership, management, and financing.

(ii) The Secretary must update the thresholds provided in [paragraph \(a\)\(2\)\(i\)](#) of this section not less than once every 5 years based on a national construction cost inflation factor through Federal Register notice not subject to public comment. When the Secretary finds it is warranted to ensure compliance with Section 3, the Secretary may adjust, regardless of the national construction cost factor, such thresholds through Federal Register notice, subject to public comment.

(iii) The requirements in this part apply to an entire Section 3 project, regardless of whether the project is fully or partially assisted under HUD programs that provide housing and community development financial assistance.

(b) **Contracts for materials.** Section 3 requirements do not apply to material supply contracts.

(c) **Indian and Tribal preferences.** Contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act ([25 U.S.C. 5307\(b\)](#)) or subject to tribal preference requirements as authorized under 101(k) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act ([25 U.S.C. 4111\(k\)](#)) must provide preferences in employment, training, and business opportunities to Indians and Indian organizations, and are therefore not subject to the requirements of this part.

(d) **Other HUD assistance and other Federal assistance.** Recipients that are not subject to Section 3 are encouraged to consider ways to support the purpose of Section 3.

## **§ 75.5 Definitions.**

The terms *HUD*, *Public housing*, and *Public Housing Agency (PHA)* are defined in [24 CFR part 5](#). The following definitions also apply to this part:

*1937 Act* means the United States Housing Act of 1937, [42 U.S.C. 1437](#) *et seq.*

*Contractor* means any entity entering into a contract with:

- (1) A recipient to perform work in connection with the expenditure of public housing financial assistance or for work in connection with a Section 3 project; or
- (2) A subrecipient for work in connection with a Section 3 project.

*Labor hours* means the number of paid hours worked by persons on a Section 3 project or by persons employed with funds that include public housing financial assistance.

*Low-income person* means a person as defined in Section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act.

*Material supply contracts* means contracts for the purchase of products and materials, including, but not limited to, lumber, drywall, wiring, concrete, pipes, toilets, sinks, carpets, and office supplies.

*Professional services* means non-construction services that require an advanced degree or professional licensing, including, but not limited to, contracts for legal services, financial consulting, accounting services, environmental assessment, architectural services, and civil engineering services.

*Public housing financial assistance* means assistance as defined in [§ 75.3\(a\)\(1\)](#).

*Public housing project* is defined in [24 CFR 905.108](#).

*Recipient* means any entity that receives directly from HUD public housing financial assistance or housing and community development assistance that funds Section 3 projects, including, but not limited to, any State, local government, instrumentality, PHA, or other public agency, public or private nonprofit organization.

*Section 3* means Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended ([12 U.S.C. 1701u](#)).

*Section 3 business concern* means:

- (1) A business concern meeting at least one of the following criteria, documented within the last six-month period:
  - (i) It is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons;
  - (ii) Over 75 percent of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period are performed by Section 3 workers; or
  - (iii) It is a business at least 51 percent owned and controlled by current public housing residents or residents who currently live in Section 8-assisted housing.
- (2) The status of a Section 3 business concern shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction of its owner(s) or employees.
- (3) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the contracting or subcontracting of a Section 3 business concern. Section 3 business concerns are not exempt from meeting the specifications of the contract.

*Section 3 project* means a project defined in [§ 75.3\(a\)\(2\)](#).

*Section 3 worker* means:

- (1) Any worker who currently fits or when hired within the past five years fit at least one of the following categories, as documented:
  - (i) The worker's income for the previous or annualized calendar year is below the income limit established by HUD.
  - (ii) The worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.
  - (iii) The worker is a YouthBuild participant.
- (2) The status of a Section 3 worker shall not be negatively affected by a prior arrest or conviction.

(3) Nothing in this part shall be construed to require the employment of someone who meets this definition of a Section 3 worker. Section 3 workers are not exempt from meeting the qualifications of the position to be filled.

*Section 8-assisted housing* refers to housing receiving project-based rental assistance or tenant-based assistance under Section 8 of the 1937 Act.

*Service area or the neighborhood of the project* means an area within one mile of the Section 3 project or, if fewer than 5,000 people live within one mile of a Section 3 project, within a circle centered on the Section 3 project that is sufficient to encompass a population of 5,000 people according to the most recent U.S. Census.

*Small PHA* means a public housing authority that manages or operates fewer than 250 public housing units.

*Subcontractor* means any entity that has a contract with a contractor to undertake a portion of the contractor's obligation to perform work in connection with the expenditure of public housing financial assistance or for a Section 3 project.

*Subrecipient* has the meaning provided in the applicable program regulations or in [2 CFR 200.93](#).

*Targeted Section 3 worker* has the meanings provided in [§§ 75.11](#), [75.21](#), or [75.29](#), and does not exclude an individual that has a prior arrest or conviction.

*Very low-income person* means the definition for this term set forth in section 3(b)(2) of the 1937 Act.

*YouthBuild programs* refers to YouthBuild programs receiving assistance under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ([29 U.S.C. 3226](#)).

### **§ 75.7 Requirements applicable to HUD NOFAs for Section 3 covered programs.**

All notices of funding availability (NOFAs) issued by HUD that announce the availability of funding covered by [§ 75.3](#) will include notice that this part is applicable to the funding and may include, as appropriate for the specific NOFA, points or bonus points for the quality of Section 3 plans.

## **Subpart B—Additional Provisions for Public Housing Financial Assistance**

### **§ 75.9 Requirements.**

#### **(a) Employment and training.**

(1) Consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, PHAs or other recipients receiving public housing financial assistance, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their best efforts to provide employment and training opportunities generated by the public housing financial assistance to Section 3 workers.



(2) PHAs or other recipients, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their best efforts described in [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)](#) of this section in the following order of priority:

- (i) To residents of the public housing projects for which the public housing financial assistance is expended;
- (ii) To residents of other public housing projects managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance or for residents of Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA;
- (iii) To participants in YouthBuild programs; and
- (iv) To low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is expended.

(b) **Contracting.**

(1) Consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, PHAs and other recipients of public housing financial assistance, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their best efforts to award contracts and subcontracts to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers.

(2) PHAs and other recipients, and their contractors and subcontractors, must make their best efforts described in [paragraph \(b\)\(1\)](#) of this section in the following order of priority:

- (i) To Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of the public housing projects for which the assistance is provided;
- (ii) To Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities for residents of other public housing projects or Section-8 assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance;
- (iii) To YouthBuild programs; and
- (iv) To Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the assistance is provided.

**§ 75.11 Targeted Section 3 worker for public housing financial assistance.**

(a) **Targeted Section 3 worker.** A Targeted Section 3 worker for public housing financial assistance means a Section 3 worker who is:

- (1) A worker employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
- (2) A worker who currently fits or when hired fit at least one of the following categories, as documented within the past five years:
  - (i) A resident of public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;

(ii) A resident of other public housing projects or Section 8-assisted housing managed by the PHA that is providing the assistance; or

(iii) A YouthBuild participant.

(b) [Reserved]

**§ 75.13 Section 3 safe harbor.**

(a) **General.** PHAs and other recipients will be considered to have complied with requirements in this part, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, if they:

(1) Certify that they have followed the prioritization of effort in [§ 75.9](#); and

(2) Meet or exceed the applicable Section 3 benchmarks as described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section.

(b) **Establishing benchmarks.**

(1) HUD will establish Section 3 benchmarks for Section 3 workers or Targeted Section 3 workers or both through a document published in the Federal Register. HUD may establish a single nationwide benchmark for Section 3 workers and a single nationwide benchmark for Targeted Section 3 workers, or may establish multiple benchmarks based on geography, the type of public housing financial assistance, or other variables. HUD will update the benchmarks through a document published in the Federal Register, subject to public comment, not less frequently than once every 3 years. Such notice shall include aggregate data on labor hours and the proportion of PHAs and other recipients meeting benchmarks, as well as other metrics reported pursuant to [§ 75.15](#) as deemed appropriate by HUD, for the 3 most recent reporting years.

(2) In establishing the Section 3 benchmarks, HUD may consider the industry averages for labor hours worked by specific categories of workers or in different localities or regions; averages for labor hours worked by Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers as reported by recipients pursuant to this section; and any other factors HUD deems important. In establishing the Section 3 benchmarks, HUD will exclude professional services from the total number of labor hours as such hours are excluded from the total number of labor hours to be reported per [§ 75.15\(a\)\(4\)](#).

(3) Section 3 benchmarks will consist of the following two ratios:

(i) The number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers divided by the total number of labor hours worked by all workers funded by public housing financial assistance in the PHA's or other recipient's fiscal year.

(ii) The number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers, as defined in [§ 75.11\(a\)](#), divided by the total number of labor hours worked by all workers funded by public housing financial assistance in the PHA's or other recipient's fiscal year.

## **§ 75.15 Reporting.**

### **(a) Reporting of labor hours.**

(1) For public housing financial assistance, PHAs and other recipients must report in a manner prescribed by HUD:

- (i) The total number of labor hours worked;
- (ii) The total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers; and
- (iii) The total number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers.

(2) Section 3 workers' and Targeted Section 3 workers' labor hours may be counted for five years from when their status as a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker is established pursuant to [§ 75.31](#).

(3) The labor hours reported under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)](#) of this section must include the total number of labor hours worked with public housing financial assistance in the fiscal year of the PHA or other recipient, including labor hours worked by any contractors and subcontractors that the PHA or other recipient is required, or elects pursuant to [paragraph \(a\)\(4\)](#) of this section, to report.

(4) PHAs and other recipients reporting under this section, as well as contractors and subcontractors who report to PHAs and recipients, may report labor hours by Section 3 workers, under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) of this section, and labor hours by Targeted Section 3 workers, under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#) of this section, from professional services without including labor hours from professional services in the total number of labor hours worked under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) of this section. If a contract covers both professional services and other work and the PHA, other recipient, contractor, or subcontractor chooses not to report labor hours from professional services, the labor hours under the contract that are not from professional services must still be reported.

(5) PHAs and other recipients may report on the labor hours of the PHA, the recipient, a contractor, or a subcontractor based on the employer's good faith assessment of the labor hours of a full-time or part-time employee informed by the employer's existing salary or time and attendance based payroll systems, unless the project or activity is otherwise subject to requirements specifying time and attendance reporting.

**(b) Additional reporting if Section 3 benchmarks are not met.** If the PHA's or other recipient's reporting under [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section indicates that the PHA or other recipient has not met the Section 3 benchmarks described in [§ 75.13](#), the PHA or other recipient must report in a form prescribed by HUD on the qualitative nature of its Section 3 compliance activities and those of its contractors and subcontractors. Such qualitative efforts may, for example, include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Engaged in outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Targeted Section 3 workers.
- (2) Provided training or apprenticeship opportunities.

(3) Provided technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).

(4) Provided or connected Section 3 workers with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, and finding job opportunities connecting residents to job placement services.

(5) Held one or more job fairs.

(6) Provided or referred Section 3 workers to services supporting work readiness and retention (e.g., work readiness activities, interview clothing, test fees, transportation, child care).

(7) Provided assistance to apply for/or attend community college, a four-year educational institution, or vocational/technical training.

(8) Assisted Section 3 workers to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.

(9) Engaged in outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.

(10) Provided technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.

(11) Divided contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.

(12) Provided bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.

(13) Promoted use of business registries designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.

(14) Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system as defined in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

(c) **Reporting frequency.** Unless otherwise provided, PHAs or other recipients must report annually to HUD under [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section, and, where required, under [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section, in a manner consistent with reporting requirements for the applicable HUD program.

(d) **Reporting by Small PHAs.** Small PHAs may elect not to report under [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section. Small PHAs that make such election are required to report on their qualitative efforts, as described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section, in a manner consistent with reporting requirements for the applicable HUD program.

### **§ 75.17 Contract provisions.**

(a) PHAs or other recipients must include language in any agreement or contract to apply Section 3 to contractors.

(b) PHAs or other recipients must require contractors to include language in any contract or agreement to apply Section 3 to subcontractors.

(c) PHAs or other recipients must require all contractors and subcontractors to meet the requirements of [§ 75.9](#), regardless of whether Section 3 language is included in contracts.

### **Subpart C—Additional Provisions for Housing and Community Development Financial Assistance**

#### **§ 75.19 Requirements.**

(a) *Employment and training.*

(1) To the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, recipients covered by this subpart shall ensure that employment and training opportunities arising in connection with Section 3 projects are provided to Section 3 workers within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the project is located.

(2) Where feasible, priority for opportunities and training described in [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)](#) of this section should be given to:

- (i) Section 3 workers residing within the service area or the neighborhood of the project, and
- (ii) Participants in YouthBuild programs.

(b) *Contracting.*

(1) To the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, recipients covered by this subpart shall ensure contracts for work awarded in connection with Section 3 projects are provided to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the project is located.

(2) Where feasible, priority for contracting opportunities described in [paragraph \(b\)\(1\)](#) of this section should be given to:

- (i) Section 3 business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 workers residing within the service area or the neighborhood of the project, and
- (ii) YouthBuild programs.

#### **§ 75.21 Targeted Section 3 worker for housing and community development financial assistance.**

(a) **Targeted Section 3 worker.** A Targeted Section 3 worker for housing and community development financial assistance means a Section 3 worker who is:

- (1) A worker employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
  - (2) A worker who currently fits or when hired fit at least one of the following categories, as documented within the past five years:
    - (i) Living within the service area or the neighborhood of the project, as defined in [§ 75.5](#); or
    - (ii) A YouthBuild participant.
- (b) [Reserved]

**§ 75.23 Section 3 safe harbor.**

(a) **General.** Recipients will be considered to have complied with requirements in this part, in the absence of evidence to the contrary if they:

- (1) Certify that they have followed the prioritization of effort in [§ 75.19](#); and
- (2) Meet or exceed the applicable Section 3 benchmark as described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section.

(b) **Establishing benchmarks.**

(1) HUD will establish Section 3 benchmarks for Section 3 workers or Targeted Section 3 workers or both through a document published in the Federal Register. HUD may establish a single nationwide benchmark for Section 3 workers and a single nationwide benchmark for Targeted Section 3 workers, or may establish multiple benchmarks based on geography, the nature of the Section 3 project, or other variables. HUD will update the benchmarks through a document published in the Federal Register, subject to public comment, not less frequently than once every 3 years. Such notice shall include aggregate data on labor hours and the proportion of recipients meeting benchmarks, as well as other metrics reported pursuant to [§ 75.25](#) as deemed appropriate by HUD, for the 3 most recent reporting years.

(2) In establishing the Section 3 benchmarks, HUD may consider the industry averages for labor hours worked by specific categories of workers or in different localities or regions; averages for labor hours worked by Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers as reported by recipients pursuant to this section; and any other factors HUD deems important. In establishing the Section 3 benchmarks, HUD will exclude professional services from the total number of labor hours as such hours are excluded from the total number of labor hours to be reported per [§ 75.25\(a\)\(4\)](#).

(3) Section 3 benchmarks will consist of the following two ratios:

- (i) The number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers divided by the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project in the recipient's program year.

(ii) The number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers as defined in [§ 75.21\(a\)](#), divided by the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project in the recipient's program year.

## **§ 75.25 Reporting.**

### **(a) Reporting of labor hours.**

(1) For Section 3 projects, recipients must report in a manner prescribed by HUD:

- (i) The total number of labor hours worked;
- (ii) The total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers; and
- (iii) The total number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers.

(2) Section 3 workers' and Targeted Section 3 workers' labor hours may be counted for five years from when their status as a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker is established pursuant to [§ 75.31](#).

(3) The labor hours reported under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)](#) of this section must include the total number of labor hours worked on a Section 3 project, including labor hours worked by any subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors that the recipient is required, or elects pursuant to [paragraph \(a\)\(4\)](#) of this section, to report.

(4) Recipients reporting under this section, as well as subrecipients, contractors and subcontractors who report to recipients, may report labor hours by Section 3 workers, under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) of this section, and labor hours by Targeted Section 3 workers, under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#) of this section, from professional services without including labor hours from professional services in the total number of labor hours worked under [paragraph \(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) of this section. If a contract covers both professional services and other work and the recipient or contractor or subcontractor chooses not to report labor hours from professional services, the labor hours under the contract that are not from professional services must still be reported.

(5) Recipients may report their own labor hours or that of a subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor based on the employer's good faith assessment of the labor hours of a full-time or part-time employee informed by the employer's existing salary or time and attendance based payroll systems, unless the project or activity is otherwise subject to requirements specifying time and attendance reporting.

(b) **Additional reporting if Section 3 benchmarks are not met.** If the recipient's reporting under [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section indicates that the recipient has not met the Section 3 benchmarks described in [§ 75.23](#), the recipient must report in a form prescribed by HUD on the qualitative nature of its activities and those its contractors and subcontractors pursued. Such qualitative efforts may, for example, include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Engaged in outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Targeted Section 3 workers.

- (2) Provided training or apprenticeship opportunities.
- (3) Provided technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).
- (4) Provided or connected Section 3 workers with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, and finding job opportunities connecting residents to job placement services.
- (5) Held one or more job fairs.
- (6) Provided or referred Section 3 workers to services supporting work readiness and retention (e.g., work readiness activities, interview clothing, test fees, transportation, child care).
- (7) Provided assistance to apply for/or attend community college, a four-year educational institution, or vocational/technical training.
- (8) Assisted Section 3 workers to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.
- (9) Engaged in outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.
- (10) Provided technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.
- (11) Divided contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.
- (12) Provided bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.
- (13) Promoted use of business registries designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.
- (14) Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system as defined in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

(c) **Reporting frequency.** Unless otherwise provided, recipients must report annually to HUD under [paragraph \(a\)](#) of this section, and, where required, under [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section, on all projects completed within the reporting year in a manner consistent with reporting requirements for the applicable HUD program.

### **§ 75.27 Contract provisions.**

(a) Recipients must include language applying Section 3 requirements in any subrecipient agreement or contract for a Section 3 project.



(b) Recipients of Section 3 funding must require subrecipients, contractors, and subcontractors to meet the requirements of [§ 75.19](#), regardless of whether Section 3 language is included in recipient or subrecipient agreements, program regulatory agreements, or contracts.

## ***Subpart D—Provisions for Multiple Funding Sources, Recordkeeping, and Compliance***

### ***§ 75.29 Multiple funding sources.***

(a) If a housing rehabilitation, housing construction or other public construction project is subject to Section 3 pursuant to [§ 75.3\(a\)\(1\)](#) and [\(2\)](#), the recipient must follow [subpart B of this part](#) for the public housing financial assistance and may follow either [subpart B](#) or [C of this part](#) for the housing and community development financial assistance. For such a project, the following applies:

(1) For housing and community development financial assistance, a Targeted Section 3 worker is any worker who meets the definition of a Targeted Section 3 worker in either [subpart B](#) or [C of this part](#); and

(2) The recipients of both sources of funding shall report on the housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project as a whole and shall identify the multiple associated recipients. PHAs and other recipients must report the following information:

(i) The total number of labor hours worked on the project;

(ii) The total number of labor hours worked by Section 3 workers on the project; and

(iii) The total number of labor hours worked by Targeted Section 3 workers on the project.

(b) If a housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project is subject to Section 3 because the project is assisted with funding from multiple sources of housing and community development assistance that exceed the thresholds in [§ 75.3\(a\)\(2\)](#), the recipient or recipients must follow [subpart C of this part](#), and must report to the applicable HUD program office, as prescribed by HUD.

### ***§ 75.31 Recordkeeping.***

(a) HUD shall have access to all records, reports, and other documents or items of the recipient that are maintained to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this part, or that are maintained in accordance with the regulations governing the specific HUD program by which the Section 3 project is governed, or the public housing financial assistance is provided or otherwise made available to the recipient, subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor.

(b) Recipients must maintain documentation, or ensure that a subrecipient, contractor, or subcontractor

that employs the worker maintains documentation, to ensure that workers meet the definition of a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker, at the time of hire or the first reporting period, as follows:

(1) For a worker to qualify as a Section 3 worker, one of the following must be maintained:

- (i) A worker's self-certification that their income is below the income limit from the prior calendar year;
  - (ii) A worker's self-certification of participation in a means-tested program such as public housing or Section 8-assisted housing;
  - (iii) Certification from a PHA, or the owner or property manager of project-based Section 8-assisted housing, or the administrator of tenant-based Section 8-assisted housing that the worker is a participant in one of their programs;
  - (iv) An employer's certification that the worker's income from that employer is below the income limit when based on an employer's calculation of what the worker's wage rate would translate to if annualized on a full-time basis; or
  - (v) An employer's certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern.
- (2) For a worker to qualify as a Targeted Section 3 worker, one of the following must be maintained:
- (i) For a worker to qualify as a Targeted Section 3 worker under [subpart B of this part](#):
    - (A) A worker's self-certification of participation in public housing or Section 8-assisted housing programs;
    - (B) Certification from a PHA, or the owner or property manager of project-based Section 8-assisted housing, or the administrator of tenant-based Section 8-assisted housing that the worker is a participant in one of their programs;
    - (C) An employer's certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
    - (D) A worker's certification that the worker is a YouthBuild participant.
  - (ii) For a worker to qualify as a Targeted Section 3 worker under [subpart C of this part](#):
    - (A) An employer's confirmation that a worker's residence is within one mile of the work site or, if fewer than 5,000 people live within one mile of a work site, within a circle centered on the work site that is sufficient to encompass a population of 5,000 people according to the most recent U.S. Census;
    - (B) An employer's certification that the worker is employed by a Section 3 business concern; or
    - (C) A worker's self-certification that the worker is a YouthBuild participant.
- (c) The documentation described in [paragraph \(b\)](#) of this section must be maintained for the time period required for record retentions in accordance with applicable program regulations or, in the absence of applicable program regulations, in accordance with [2 CFR part 200](#).

(d) A PHA or recipient may report on Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers for five years from when their certification as a Section 3 worker or Targeted Section 3 worker is established.

**§ 75.33 Compliance.**

(a) **Records of compliance.** Each recipient shall maintain adequate records demonstrating compliance with this part, consistent with other recordkeeping requirements in [2 CFR part 200](#).

(b) **Complaints.** Complaints alleging failure of compliance with this part may be reported to the HUD program office responsible for the public housing financial assistance or the Section 3 project, or to the local HUD field office.

(c) **Monitoring.** HUD will monitor compliance with the requirements of this part. The applicable HUD program office will determine appropriate methods by which to oversee Section 3 compliance. HUD may impose appropriate remedies and sanctions in accordance with the laws and regulations for the program under which the violation was found.

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

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE FLORIDA

CONTRACTOR

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

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

NOTARIZATION AS TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXECUTION

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

NOTARY SEAL/STAMP

**CONTRACTOR'S GENERAL INFORMATION WORK SHEET**  
**eBID #20230056**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Is the firm claiming Local Preference under City Ordinance 35.14? YES / NO

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Addendum Number	Date Issued	Addendum Number	Date Issued

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

Project Number 1

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Number 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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Project Number 3

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Project Name:

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Description:

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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Project Number 4

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Project Name:

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Description:

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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Project Number 5

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Project Name:

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Description:

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Location:

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Client Name, Phone Number & Email:

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Value of Total Contract:

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Date of Completion:

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Firm's Percentage of Total Contract:

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Number of Change Orders:

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Value of Change Orders:

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Was Project Completed on Schedule:

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Was Project Completed within Budget?

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

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

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

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

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

Project Number 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Insert additional projects if needed.

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

Yes ( )

No ( )

If yes, please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. Provide a Project Management Plan.

21. Provide an Equipment List.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title





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**NOTICE TO ALL PROPOSERS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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**e-BID #20230056**  
**CONTRACTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS**

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

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

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

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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



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### E-Verify Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME

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

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

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



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**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

**EBID#20230056**

**Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services**

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

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

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

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

has submitted the attached PROPOSAL;

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

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

4. Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Proposer, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Proposal in connection with the contract for which the attached proposal has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Contract or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Proposal or of any other Proposer, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Port St. Lucie or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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





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**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM**  
**E-BID #20230056**  
**Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services**

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

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

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 Florida Statutes or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA**  
**eBID No. #20230056**  
**PROJECT TITLE: Tree Trimming, Forestry, Slope Mowing, & Removal Services**

***Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Primary Covered Transactions***

The Contractor certifies that, the firm or any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, and/or position involving the administration of federal funds:

(a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, as defined in 49 CFR s29.110(a), by any federal department or agency;

(b) have not within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property

(c) are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a federal, state, or local governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and

(d) have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government public transactions terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor certifies that it shall not knowingly enter into any transaction with any subcontractor, material supplier, or vendor who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this project by any federal agency unless authorized by the Florida Department of Transportation."

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

Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign) (Print Name)

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

***\*\*All subcontractors are required to submit this form with the prime contractor's proposal\*\* This is a mandatory document. No exceptions will be made.***

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA**  
**eBID No. #20230056**  
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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

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

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for making lobbying contacts to an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions [as amended by “Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying”, 61 Fed. Reg. 1413 (1/19/96). Note: Language in paragraph (2) herein has been modified in accordance with Section 10 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-65, to be codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*)]
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the awards documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

[Note: Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (1)-(2)(A), any person who makes a prohibited expenditure or fails to file or amend a required certification or disclosure form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such expenditure or failure]

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

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

Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign) (Print Name)

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

**\*\*\*ALL SUBCONTRACTORS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SUBMIT WITH BID PACKAGE\*\*\* *This is a mandatory document. No exceptions will be made.***