

**CITY OF PORT SAINT LUCIE  
CONTRACT #20250045**

This CONTRACT, executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2025, by and between the CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation, party of the first part, duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter called "City", and ZAHLENE ENTERPRISES, INC., 11300 NW 97 Avenue, Medley, Florida 33178, Telephone No. (305) 805-6858 Fax No. (305) 805-6857, party of the second part, hereinafter called "Contractor." City and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as "the Parties."

**RECITALS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to contract for the Construction of Port St. Lucie Boulevard Utility Adjustments from Darwin Boulevard to Alcantarra Boulevard as well as other tasks (Work) more specifically described in this Contract; and

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

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

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

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

**SECTION I  
NOTIFICATIONS**

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 with read receipt, or by Fed-EX, UPS, courier, or other similar and reliable carrier and addressed as follows, unless written notice of a change of address is given pursuant to the provisions of this Contract. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided:

- I. The same day, if sent via email with read receipt.
- II. 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,
- III. 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.

As used herein the Project Manager shall mean:

Carlos Camacho, P.E., or his designee.  
City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department  
900 SE Ogden Lane  
Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34983  
Telephone: (772) 873-6419  
Email: [ccamacho@cityofpsl.com](mailto:ccamacho@cityofpsl.com)

As used herein the Contract Administrator shall mean:

Robyn Holder, CPPB  
City of Port St. Lucie Procurement Management Department  
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34984  
Telephone: (772) 344-4293 Fax: (772) 871-7337  
Email: [rholder@cityofpsl.com](mailto:rholder@cityofpsl.com)

As used herein the Contractor for this project shall mean:

Jordan M. Zahlene, Vice President  
Zahlene Enterprises, Inc.  
11300 NW 97 Avenue  
Medley, Florida 33178  
Telephone: 305-805-6858 Fax: 305-805-6857  
Email: [jordan@zahlene.com](mailto:jordan@zahlene.com)

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

The specific work that the Contractor has agreed to perform pursuant to the Proposal provided by Contractor for the **Utility Adjustments on Port St. Lucie Blvd. from Darwin Boulevard to Alcantarra Boulevard** including all Attachments, Addenda, Construction Plans, FDOT Specifications, and all other restrictions and requirements are incorporated by this reference.

### **INTENT**

The purpose of this Contract is to procure the services of the existing Contractor for the purpose of making the necessary utility adjustments to the Utility Systems Department's infrastructure. The adjustments included here are from unforeseen and differing existing conditions in the field. These adjustments are necessary to accommodate the reconstruction of Port St. Lucie Boulevard between Darwin Boulevard and Alcantarra Boulevard, including the installation of new drainage systems by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

#### **PCO #2:**

The construction plans called for the installation of 16-in PVC Water Main. At the time of procurement 16-in PVC was not available, with many months on backorder. The Contractor requested and the City accepted to do a material

switch to DIP. To protect the DIP from corrosive soils, based on a geotechnical report from a previous project, the City asked the Contractor to apply a polyethylene wrap.

**PCO #5:**

The Contractor encountered conditions different from what is depicted in the construction plans. The proposed location for the 16-in WM contained fiber optic cabling. This PCO was submitted by the Contractor to compensate for the delays incurred while the City and its CEI determined a solution to the problem. It additionally includes materials needed to implement the solution of moving the pipe alignment to avoid the existing fiber line.

**PCO #6:**

Due to the lack of working valves in the area, the City requested that the Contractor install 3 16-in Valves and 1 6-in valve. The PCO includes the labor, equipment, and non FDOT bid item materials needed for the installation. The pipe, valves, restraints and sleeves were charged to the FDOT project.

**PCO #9:**

An offset was planned at STA1212 to 1218 using the existing valves. The valves did not work, and the Contractor called Rangeline to perform a line stop in order to complete the installation on an emergency basis. The PCO include the labor, equipment and non-FDOT bid items needed. The line stop itself was included in the FDOT bid items and was thus charged there.

**PCO #11:**

The installation of the proposed offsets of the 16-in Force Main between STA 1233 and 1248 necessitates the installation of line/stop bypass because the existing main cannot be shut down for long periods. Since the line stops were already part of the FDOT contract, they were charged there. This PCO contains the extra labor necessary to perform the installation and dismantling of the bypasses with the additional materials needed.

**PCO #12:**

Like PCO #11, but at a different location – STA1223. The proposed offsets for the 16-in FM cannot be performed without a bypass. Such work was not anticipated during the design and thus must be paid for separately. The line stops were anticipated and were charged to the FDOT project. This PCO covers the extra work needed to install and subsequently dismantle the bypass. Due to space requirements, a Cap and thrust block were also installed to prevent movement of the pipe after placing it into service.

**PCO #13:**

During the installation of the proposed changes to 4-in LPFM between STA122+02 and 1248+80, the City was unable to stop the flow using the existing valves. The installation, adjacent to the 16-in FM, was a constant fight against the raw sewage entering the work zone. Pump trucks were provided to stem the tide, but not enough to make the work easier on the crews. Each of the 4 connections needed would have been simpler and cleaner with either properly working valves or a bypass. A bypass, as experienced in other sections of the project, would have been much more expensive. This PCO includes labor and equipment. The materials were charged to the FDOT project as they were part of the bid items.

**PCO #14:**

This PCO resulted from a similar experience to PCO #13, but this time at location STA1233 to 1248 and with 6-in lines, 3-in lines and a 2-in line. This installed required 4 simultaneous connections with sewer flow unable to stop due to a lack of working valves. Additionally, even if the valves were to work, this area is critical to the collection system and would not sustain a shutdown for more than a few minutes before overflows occur and residential alarms going off. An operation that should take a couple of hours, took most of the day due to the difficulties involved. A bypass system would have cost much more since it would have required bypass installations at least 3 different locations.

**PCO #17:**

The planned FM offset was depicted in the plans to be performed as an over-the-drainage solution. Upon reviewing existing conditions, an over the conflict offset was not possible due to final cover elevations. The offset was performed under the proposed 60-in drainage. This operation required extra work, including unexpected dewatering.

**PCO #18:**

The existing lift station has its Force Main connection at approximately STA1245+40. Ideally, as part of the 16-in FM offset at this location, a new connection to the station would have been drawn up in the plans. It was not. As a result, when the new lines were placed into service, the lift station has nowhere to go. This was unfortunately discovered during the Christmas holiday and the Contractor had to stay overnight to make an unplanned connection. This PCO includes the labor and equipment needed as well as the materials. Emergency line stops by Range Line are also included in the proposed change order.

**PCO #19:**

Like PCO's 11 & 12, the 16-in Force Main offsets were planned without the assuming that the City has working valves, and that the line could be shut down for more than a few minutes. Neither of those is true and so bypasses had to be installed to perform the installation without interruption to service, and without causing overflows at the lift station. This PCO includes the labor and equipment necessary to install and dismantle the bypass as well as the non-bid item materials needed. The items included in the FDOT contracts were charged there.

**PCO #24:**

Because field conditions did not match the proposed adjustments, the area between STA 1243+80 and 1245+80 needed reconfiguration to accommodate the designed drainage system. The field confirmed location of the water main did not match the available records and created a conflict with proposed drainage structured S-722A. Two offsets at either end were combined to make a larger offset, eliminating any designed adjustments between the two mentioned station markers.

**PCO #25:**

Like PCO #24, the existing conditions between STA1215+40 and 1217+40 did not match the existing records, a larger offset starting and ending at both stations was implemented to avoid conflicts with the proposed drainage structure S609. An additional gate valve included to help isolate this area if future work is needed.

**PCO #26:**

The proposed water main adjustment at STA1212+27 did not match the field conditions, a larger offset from STA1211+80 to 1213+00 was implemented to avoid conflicts with the proposed drainage structures at STA 1212+20 and 1212+80.

**PCO #28:**

ARV/Cleanouts at STAs 1206+00, 1216+00, 1231+00 (LT and RT), and 1235+00 were proposed in the Utility Adjustment plans, but were not included as part of the bid items in the contract. As such, the Contractor installed these at the above locations without the contract having a line item to pay for it via the FDOT. This proposed change order resolves that conflict.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions set forth in this document. Some requirements typical of a City of Port St. Lucie contract have been modified, including but not limited to, liquidated damages, lane closures and weather days. Additionally, it is imperative that the Contractor make continual progress on critical items of work from contract day 1 through completion and close-out of the project.

**SECTION III  
TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

The Contract Period start date will be \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and will terminate ninety (90) calendar days thereafter on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 for Final Completion. 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 Contract 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 Contract has been rendered and accepted by the City.

**Schedule:** At the kick-off construction meeting, the Contractor shall submit a fully detailed construction schedule utilizing the critical path method (CPM) that shows completion of the project within the allowable contract time. The Contractor shall not commence any construction activities until the baseline project schedule has been approved by the City. The contract time shall start independent of schedule approval. If at any time the Contractor falls behind their approved schedule by more than two (2) weeks, a recovery plan shall be submitted for review and approval. The recovery plan will outline the Contractor's detailed plan to bring the project back on schedule. This shall include hours, personnel, equipment and subcontractors. If extraordinary means are necessary such as double shifts or weekend work, this shall be clearly outlined in the recovery plan. Any additional CEI services and/or testing costs incurred by the City as a result of the extended working hours or days (i.e. weekend or Holiday work) to meet the required contractual deadline may be reimbursed by the Contractor to the City. It is at the City's sole discretion to seek reimbursement for these costs in addition to any potential liquidated damages.

Failure of the Contractor to maintain satisfactory progress is subject to City Code of Ordinances, Section 35.16 – "Suspension and Debarment". Satisfactory progress shall mean daily progress on work items identified on the critical path pursuant to the approved CPM schedule.

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

extension due to inclement weather is requested but not required. "Weather days" will be tracked by the construction, engineering, and inspection firm contracted by the City.

#### **SECTION IV RENWAL OPTION**

Not applicable

#### **SECTION V 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 **\$679,338.94**. Payments will be disbursed in the following manner:

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**Schedule "A"**

| <b>PCO No.</b> | <b>Description of Work</b>   | <b>Original Amount</b> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| 2              | Poly Wrap for DIP Pipe   | \$ 10,719.71           |
| 5              | Unforeseen Conditions - Delays during the installation of the 16 Inch Water Main deflections | \$ 70,014.25           |
| 6              | Additional Valves from   | \$ 43,605.56           |
| 9              | Unforeseen Conditions - Delays during the 16 Inch Line Stop                                  | \$ 50,625.05           |
| 11             | Additional Work for 16" FM Bypass  | \$ 46,420.46           |
| 12             | Additional Work for 16" FM Bypass @ 1266 & Cap with Thrust Block @ 1223+80                   | \$ 47,355.58           |
| 13             | Additional Work for 4" LPFM Connections from STA 1211+80 to 1218+60                          | \$ 20,335.70           |
| 14             | Additional Work for 6"/3" & 2" LPFM Connections from STA 1233+02 to 1248+80                  | \$ 26,272.55           |
| 17             | WM DEFLECTION UNDER ERCP AT S-710 (RFI # 16)   | \$ 18,050.44           |
| 18             | Emergency FM Connection to Lift Station on Christmas Break                                   | \$ 128,829.09          |
| 19             | Additional Work for 16" FM Bypass Between Sta 1230+ 40 to 1231+60                            | \$ 93,511.15           |
| 24             | Additional Work Related to NOI#5 WM, Conflict at STA 1243+80 to 1245+80                      | \$ 22,341.70           |
| 25             | Additional Work Related to NOI#6 WM, Conflict at STA 1215+40 to 1217+40                      | \$ 24,352.83           |
| 26             | Additional Work Related to RFI #27, 12" WM Conflict with Drainage STA 1212+77                | \$ 8,732.58            |
| 28             | 5 ARV Clean Outs Installed STA 1206, 1216, 1231 x 2, 1235                                    | \$ 68,172.29           |
|                | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 679,338.94</b>   |

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

**Progress Payments-** Within twenty (20) business days, the City shall pay the Contractor, the sum of money due each Progress Payment that is properly allocated to labor, materials and equipment incorporated in the work for the period covered in the application for progress payment. Retainage will be held at 5% from each progress payment.

As-builts and an updated construction schedule to reflect actual progress, weather days, and Holidays shall be provided monthly with each progress payment submittal. As-Builts will be required with each request for payment to include all items identified in the pay request. The monthly request for payment may be rejected until the revised schedule and as-builts has been reviewed and/or approved by the City.

**Acceptance and Final Payment** - Upon receipt of written notice that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the City will promptly make such inspection. When City finds the work acceptable under the terms of the Contract and the Contract is fully performed the entire balance will be due the Contractor and will be paid to the Contractor within twenty (20) business days. Such final payment to the Contractor shall be subject to the covenants in the Contract's Standard Specifications and any liquidated damages will be assessed against the Contractor at that time.

Before issuance of final payment, the Contractor shall submit a written Consent of Surety that is to be attached to the final invoice. All manufacturer's warranty documents must be provided in the format requested by the City prior to final payment.

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 above, and is approved by the Project Manager as required under Section XV of the Contract.

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 Project Manager.

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

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

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



## **SECTION VI WORK CHANGES**

The City reserves the right to order work changes in the nature of additions, deletions, or modifications without invalidating the Contract, and agrees to make corresponding adjustments in the Contract price and time for completion. All changes will be authorized by a written change order approved by the Procurement Department Director prior to being implemented. Work shall be changed, and the Contract price and completion time shall be modified only as set out in the written change order. Any adjustment in the Contract price resulting in a credit or a charge to the City shall be at cost. Any dispute concerning work changes which is not resolved by mutual agreement shall be decided by the City Manager who shall reduce the decision to writing. The decision of the City shall be final and conclusive.

## **SECTION VII CONFORMANCE WITH BID**

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

## **SECTION VIII INDEMNIFICATION/ HOLD HARMLESS**

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the City and the Florida Department of Transportation, its officers, agents, and employees from, and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees for personal, economic or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, at law or in equity, which may arise or may be alleged to have arisen from the negligent acts, errors, omissions or other wrongful conduct of Contractor, agents, laborers, subcontractors or other personnel entity acting under Contractor's 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. Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the Work under this Contract. Contractor shall secure all permits, fees, licenses, and inspections necessary for the execution of the Work, and upon termination of this Contract for any reason, Contractor shall transfer such permits, if any, and if allowed by law, to the City. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Contract.

## SECTION IX SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Nothing contained in this Contract or by law shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving the City's sovereign immunity protections existing under the laws of the State of Florida, or as increasing the limits of liability as set forth in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended.

## SECTION X 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 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 must include limits of at least \$100,000.00 each accident, \$100,000.00 each disease/employee, \$500,000.00 each disease/maximum. A Waiver of Subrogation endorsement shall 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.
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                       | \$5,000,000           |
| 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 and must include coverage for on-going and Completed Operations (should be CG2037 & CG2010) under the General Liability policy. Products & Completed Operations coverage to be provided for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of possession by City or completion of Contract, whichever is later. Coverage is to be written on an occurrence form basis and shall apply as primary. A per project aggregate limit endorsement should be attached. Defense costs are to be in addition to the limit of liability. A waiver of subrogation shall be provided in favor of the City. Coverage for the hazards of explosion, collapse and underground property damage (XCU) must also be included when applicable to the work performed. No exclusion for mold, silica or respirable dust or bodily injury/property damage arising out of heat, smoke, fumes, or hostile fire shall apply. 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, said Certificate(s) 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 added to its Commercial General Liability policy and Business Auto policy. 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, the Florida Department of Transportation, its officers, employees, agents shall be included as additional insured and shall include Contract #20250045 – Port St. Lucie Boulevard Utility Adjustments from Darwin Boulevard to Alcantarra Boulevard."** The Policy 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. Copies of the Additional Insured endorsements including Completed Operations coverage shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. All independent contractors and subcontractors utilized in this project shall furnish a Certificate of Insurance to the City in accordance with the same requirements set forth herein.

4. 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 shall be provided. Coverage shall apply on a primary basis.
5. 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. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy where a condition to the policy specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or voids coverage should Contractor enter into such a contract on a pre-loss basis.
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.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that all independent contractors and/or subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements as listed herein, including Products & Completed Operations coverage for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of possession by City or completion of Contract, whichever is later. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to obtain Certificates of Insurance from all contractors and subcontractors listing the City as Additional Insured, without the language, "when required by written contract." If Contractor, any independent contractors, 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 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.

**Payment & Performance Bonds:** The Contractor shall furnish an acceptable recorded Performance and Payment Bond complying with the statutory requirements set forth in section 255.05, Florida Statutes, in the amount of one hundred (100%) percent of the Contract price. A fully authorized Surety, licensed by the State of Florida shall execute the Performance and Payment Bond. The Performance and Payment Bond shall remain in full force and effect a minimum of one (1) year after the work has been completed and final acceptance of the work is issued by the City.

Should the Surety become irresponsible during the time the Contract is in force, the City may require additional and sufficient sureties and the Contractor shall furnish same to the satisfaction of the City within ten (10) days after written notice to do so. In default thereof, the Contract may be suspended as herein provided.

The 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 the annulment of the award.

## **SECTION XI 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 intensity, including extreme rainfall. No reparation shall be made to the Contractor for damages to the Work resulting from these Acts. The City is not responsible for any costs associated with pre or post preparations for any Acts of God.

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

## **SECTION XII 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 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 XIII 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 subcontractors shall comply with § 119.0701, Fla. Stat. The Contractor and subcontractors are to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the records are exempt from Art. I, § 24(a), Fla. Const. and § 119.07(1)(a), Fla. Stat. Pursuant to § 119.10(2)(a), Fla. Stat., any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of Ch. 119, Laws of Fla., commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in § 775.082 and § 775.083 Fla. Stat.

### **RECORDS:**

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

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

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

1. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies and GS2 for Criminal Justice Agencies and District Medical Examiners. (See <http://dos.dos.state.fl.us/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).
2. During the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain all books, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this Contract. The form of all records and reports shall be subject to the approval of the City.
3. Records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the City. Contractor's records under this Contract include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, emails and all other documentation generated during this 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 in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.

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

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

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

#### **SECTION XIV NOTICE OF PERFORMANCE**

When required materials have been delivered and required work performed the Contractor shall submit a request for inspection in writing to the Project Manager.

#### **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 V. 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 he may have, correct such deficiencies. The Contractor shall be charged all costs incurred to correct deficiencies. Such examination, inspection, or tests made by the Project Manager, at any time, shall not relieve Contractor of his responsibility to remedy any deviation, deficiency, or defect.

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

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

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

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

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

## **SECTION XVI 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. The warranties shall include a load rating at the end of construction that meets or exceeds AASHTO and Department standards and requirements.

**Implied Warranty of Merchantability** - It is understood that the implied warranty of merchantability and fitness for the specified purpose are not disclaimed, notwithstanding any representation to the contrary.

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

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

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

**Dress Code** – All personnel in the employ of the selected 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.

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

**Cooperative Purchasing Agreement** - This Contract may be expanded to include other governmental agencies. The Contractor may agree to allow other public agencies the same items at the same terms and conditions as this bid, 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 Bidder.

**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 City of the discrepancy. The Contractor shall thereafter proceed as authorized by the City who will document any modification to these specifications that City has authorized in writing as soon as possible.



**Permission to Use** - The Contractor 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.

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

**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 termination of the Contract.

**Standard Production Items** – All products offered must be standard production items that have been available to the trade for of not less than two (2) years and are expected to remain available in future years.

**Storage and Stockpiling** – All storage or stockpiling of tools or materials (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 completion of the work.

**Florida Produced Lumber** – The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of section 255.20, Florida Statutes.

**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 a 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 by 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 deemed necessary to comply with the regulations of the County Board of Health or other bodies having jurisdiction. The 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 process. 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.

**Weather Days** – The Contractor is to follow FDOT Standard Specifications for weather days. The City does not include an allowance for delays caused by the effects of inclement weather or suspension of Contractor's operations as defined in FDOT Specification 8-6.4, in establishing Contract Time. The Engineer will continually monitor the

effects of weather and, when found justified, grant time extensions on either a bimonthly or monthly basis. The Engineer will not require the Contractor to submit a request for additional time due to the effects of weather. The City will grant time extensions, on a day for day basis, for delays caused by the effects of rains or other inclement weather conditions, related adverse soil conditions or suspension of operations as defined in 8-6.4 that prevents the Contractor from productively performing controlling work items of work resulting in: 1. The Contractor being unable to work at least 50% of the normal work day on pre-determined controlling work items; or 2. The Contractor must make major repairs to work damaged by weather, provided that the damage is not attributable to the Contractor's failure to perform or neglect; and provided that the Contractor was unable to work at least 50% of the normal workday on pre-determined controlling work items.

**Conflicts** – If there is a conflict between FDOT Specifications and the City's Specifications, the City Specifications will supersede.

**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 engaged on special work, or skilled work, such as concrete bases, pavements, or structures, or in any trade, with sufficient experience in such work to perform it properly and satisfactorily and to operate the equipment involved. Provide workmen that shall make do and proper effort to execute the work in the manner prescribed in the Contract Documents.

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

**Adjustments** - The Contractor shall be responsible to arrange with utility companies for any adjustment necessary to the valve boxes, manholes, or castings so that they will conform to the new grade after placement of the sidewalk. 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 the City confirms in writing to the Contractor that said work is, "substantially complete" and/or "accepted". The Contractor shall be responsible until said written notice is received to repair and make good at their expense any such damage.

**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 sole 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 XVII LICENSING**

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

## **SECTION XVIII SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

## **SECTION XIX ASSIGNMENT**

The Contractor shall not delegate, sublet or subcontract any part of the work, sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of the Contract or any portion thereof, or of his right, title of interest therein or his obligations there under,

or monies due or to become due under this Contract, without prior 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. Any assignment and/or assumption by/through Contractor and a third party via a business transaction is strictly conditioned upon the third party assuming all obligations under the Contract as it exists at the time of the assignment and/or assumption.

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

**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 thousand six hundred and ninety (\$1,690.00) dollars as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages for each calendar day of delay until the work is completed. The parties agree that this amount represents a good faith estimate on the part of the parties as to the actual potential damages that would occur because of late completion. Contractor hereby expressly waives and relinquishes any right which it may have to seek to characterize the above noted liquidated damages as a penalty, which the parties agree represents a fair and reasonable estimate of City's actual damages at the time of contracting. The Contractor and his sureties shall be jointly and severally liable to the City for the total amount of damages under this section thereof. This shall be the City's sole remedy as to these delays. Any other provision herein that provides for multiple, alternative, discretionary, or cumulative relief, shall not apply to this paragraph.

**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. The Contractor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the City to liability, as determined in the City's sole discretion;
- VII. 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, in its sole discretion, may terminate this contract at any time without cause, by providing at least thirty (30) days' prior 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.

## **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, related to this Contract, or arising from 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 REIMBURSEMENT FOR INSPECTION**

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

## **SECTION XXIII APPROPRIATION APPROVAL**

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

**SECTION XXIV  
ATTORNEY'S FEES**

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

**SECTION XXV  
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 XXVI  
COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, RULES & REGULATIONS**

Contractor shall be held responsible for any violation of laws, rules, regulations or ordinances affecting in any way the conduct of all persons engaged in or the materials or methods used by it, on the Work. Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the Work under this Contract. Contractor shall secure all permits, fees, licenses, and inspections necessary for the execution of the Work, and upon termination of this Contract for any reason, Contractor shall transfer such permits, if any, and if allowed by law, to the City.

**SECTION XXVII  
POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

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

**SECTION XXVIII  
SEVERABILITY**

The Parties to this Contract expressly agree that it is not their intention to violate any public policy, statutory or common law rules, regulations, or decisions of any governmental or regulatory body.

If any provision of this Contract is judicially or administratively interpreted or construed as being in violation of any such policy, rule, regulation, or decision, the provision, sections, sentence, word, clause, or combination thereof causing such violation will be inoperative (and in lieu thereof there will be inserted such provision, section, sentence, word, clause, or combination thereof as may be valid and consistent with the intent of the Parties under this Contract) and the remainder of this Contract, as amended, will remain binding upon the Parties, unless the inoperative provision would cause enforcement of the remainder of this Contract to be inequitable under the circumstances.

## **SECTION XXIX CLEANING UP**

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

## **SECTION XXX 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 XXXI 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. The parties agree that any such cause of action must be filed in St. Lucie, County, Florida, in accordance with the Venue provision, as provided herein.

## **SECTION XXXII AUDITS**

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables the City to readily identify the Contractor's assets, expenses, costs of goods, and use of funds throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least seven (7) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records shall include, but are not limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures; subcontract files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders, bid recaps, etc.); all paid vouchers including those for out-of-pocket expenses; other reimbursement supported by invoices; ledgers; cancelled checks; deposit slips; bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating work sheets; contract amendments and change order files; backcharge 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 also ensure the City has these rights with Contractor's employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, and the obligations of these rights shall be explicitly included in any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Contractor and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to the City.

## **SECTION XXXIII 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 shall mean 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 no presumption or burden of proof or persuasion based on which party drafted a provision of the Contract.

#### **SECTION XXXIV NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

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

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

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

#### **SECTION XXXVI COOPERATION WITH INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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

#### **SECTION XXXVII 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 XXXVIII**  
**ENTIRE CONTRACT**

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract at Port St. Lucie, Florida, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA

ZAHLENE ENTERPRISES, INC.

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

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

Jordan M. Zahlene  
Print Representative's Name

NOTARIZATION AS TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXECUTION

State of: \_\_\_\_\_

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by [ ] physical presence or [ ] online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by \_\_\_\_\_ who is [ ] personally known to me, or who has [ ] produced the following identification:

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

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