



Advertise Date: Friday, August 24, 2018

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

Invitation to Bid (B)
Construction

Solicitation No.: **B180425DLK**

Solicitation Name: **EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications**

Open Date/Time: **Monday, September 24, 2018** Time: **2:30 PM**

Location: Lee County Procurement Management
1500 Monroe Street 4th Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Procurement Contact: **Diana Khan** Title **Manager**

Phone: **(239) 533-8881** Email: **dkhan@leegov.com**

Requesting Dept. Natural Resources

Pre-Bid Conference:

Type: **Mandatory**

Date/Time: **Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 9:00 AM**

Location: **Procurement: Public Works Building, 1500 Monroe St 4th Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901**

All solicitation documents are available for download at
www.leegov.com/procurement

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Notice to Bidder

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Lee County, Florida, is requesting bids from qualified individuals/firms for

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Then and there to be publicly opened and read aloud for the purpose of selecting a vendor to furnish all necessary labor, services, materials, equipment, tools, consumables, transportation, skills and incidentals required for Lee County, Florida, in conformance with solicitation documents, which include technical specifications and/or a scope of work.

Those individuals/firms interested in being considered for this solicitation are instructed to submit, in accordance with specifications, their Bids, pertinent to this project prior to

2:30 PM September 24, 2018

to the office of the **Procurement Management Director, 1500 Monroe Street, 4th Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33901**. The Invitation to Bid shall be received in a sealed envelope, prior to the time scheduled to receive Bid(s), and shall be clearly marked with the solicitation name, solicitation number, bidder name, and contact information as identified in these solicitation documents.

The Scope of Work/Specifications for this solicitation is available from www.leegov.com/procurement. Bidders who obtain Scope of Work/Specifications from sources other than www.leegov.com/procurement are cautioned that the solicitation package may be incomplete. The County's official bidders list, addendum(s) and information must be obtained from www.leegov.com/procurement. It is the bidder's responsibility to check for posted information. The County may not accept incomplete Bids.

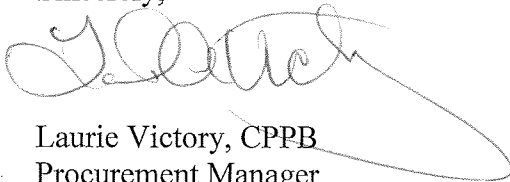
A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for the following time and location:

Wednesday, September 6, 2018 at 9:00 AM; 1500 Monroe Street, 4th FL, Fort Myers, FL 33901

for the purpose of discussing the proposed project. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. All prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain and review plans, specifications, and scope of work for this bid before the pre-bid conference so that they may be prepared to discuss any question or concerns they have regarding this project. A site visit may follow the pre-bid conference. Questions regarding this solicitation are to be directed, in writing, to the individual listed below using the email address listed below or faxed to (239) 485 8383 during normal working hours.

Diana Khan. dkhan@leegov.com

Sincerely,



Laurie Victory, CPPB
Procurement Manager

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Terms and Conditions
INVITATION TO BID (B)
CONSTRUCTION

1 **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 **Addendum/Addenda:** A written change, addition, alteration, correction or revision to a bid, proposal or contract Agreement/Contract. Addendum/Addenda may be issued following a pre-bid/pre-proposal conference or as a result of a specification or work scope change to the solicitation.
- 1.2 **Approved Alternate:** Solicitation documents may make reference of specific manufacturer(s) or product(s). These references serve only as a recommendation and a guide to minimum quality and performance. The references are not intended to exclude approved alternatives of other manufacturer(s) or product(s).
- 1.3 **Bid/Proposal Package:** A bid/proposal is a document submitted by a vendor in response to some type of solicitation to be used as a basis for negotiations or for entering into a contract.
- 1.4 **Bidder/Responder/Proposer:** One who submits a response to a solicitation.
- 1.5 **County:** Refers to Lee County Board of County Commissioners.
- 1.6 **Due Date and Time/Opening:** Is defined as the date and time upon which a bid or proposal shall be submitted to the Lee County Procurement Management Division. Only bids or proposals received prior to the established date and time will be considered.
- 1.7 **Liquidated Damages:** Damages paid usually in the form of monetary payment, agreed by the parties to a contract which are due and payable as damages by the party who breaches all or part of the contract. May be applied on a daily basis for as long as the breach is in effect.
- 1.8 **Procurement Management:** shall mean the Director of Lee County’s Procurement Management Department or designee.
- 1.9 **Responsible:** A vendor, business entity or individual who is fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the bid/proposal solicitation documents and subsequent contract. Must possess the full capability including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required. Must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.
- 1.10 **Responsive:** A vendor, business entity or individual who has submitted a bid or request for proposal that fully conforms in all material respects to the bid/proposal solicitation documents and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.
- 1.11 **Solicitation:** An invitation to bid, a request for proposal, invitation to negotiate or any document used to obtain bids or proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract.

2 **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

- 2.1 In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the bid document is as follows
 - 2.1.1 Florida State Law as applied to Municipal Purchasing in accordance with Title XIX, “Public Business”, Chapter 287 “Procurement of Personal Property and Services.”
 - 2.1.2 Lee County Procurement Management Manual and Ordinances
 - 2.1.3 Change Order
 - 2.1.4 Agreement
 - 2.1.5 Addenda
 - 2.1.6 Special Conditions
 - 2.1.7 General Conditions, if any
 - 2.1.8 Specifications
 - 2.1.9 Supplemental Information
 - 2.1.10 Drawings/Plans, if any
 - 2.1.11 Figure Dimensions, if any
 - 2.1.12 Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)
 - 2.1.13 Terms and Conditions

3 **RULES, REGULATIONS, LAWS, ORDINANCES AND LICENSES**

- 3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to assure compliance with all other federal, state, or county codes, rules, regulations or other requirements, as each may apply. Any involvement with the Lee County shall be in accordance with but not limited to:

- 3.1.1 Lee County Procurement Management Manual
 - 3.1.2 Pursuant to FL § Section 119.071, Public Records, General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records. Sealed bids, proposals or replies received by the agency pursuant to a solicitation are exempt from public records request (s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I, of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals or final replies, whichever is earlier.
 - 3.1.3 FL § 215 regarding scrutinized companies and business operations.
 - 3.1.4 FL § 218 Public Bid Disclosure Act.
 - 3.1.5 Florida State Law as applied to Municipal Purchasing in accordance with Title XIX, “Public Business”, Chapter 287 “Procurement of Personal Property and Services.”
 - 3.1.6 FL § 337.168 Confidentiality of official estimates, identities of potential bidders, and bid analysis and monitoring system.
 - 3.1.7 FL § Section 607.1501(1) states: A foreign corporation may not transact business in the State of Florida until it obtains a certificate of authority from the Department of State.
 - 3.2 **Local Business Tax Account:** As applicable, anyone providing merchandise or services to the public within the jurisdiction of Lee County must obtain a Lee County business tax account to operate unless specifically exempted.
 - 3.3 **License(s):** Bidder should provide, at the time of the opening of the bid, licenses required for this product and/or service.
- 4 BID – PREPARATION OF SUBMITTAL**
- 4.1 **Sealed Bid:** Submission must be in a sealed envelope/box, and the outside of the submission must be marked with the following information (Sealed Bid Label Form is attached for your use):
 - 4.1.1 Marked with the words “Sealed Bid”
 - 4.1.2 Bid Number
 - 4.1.3 Bid Title
 - 4.1.4 Bid Due Date
 - 4.1.5 Name of the firm submitting the bid
 - 4.1.6 Contact e-mail and telephone number
 - 4.2 **Bid submission shall include:**
 - 4.2.1 Provide two (2) hard copies. Mark each: one “Original”, one “Copy”
 - 4.2.2 Provide one (1) electronic CD ROM or flash drive set of the entire submission documents.
 - 4.2.3 Electronic submission document is to be one single Adobe PDF file in the same order as the original hard copy.
 - 4.2.4 Limit the color and number of images to avoid unmanageable file sizes.
 - 4.2.5 Use rewritable CD ROM and do not lock files.
 - 4.3 **Submission Format:**
 - 4.3.1 Required Forms: complete and return **all** required forms. If the form is not applicable please return with “Not Applicable” or “N/A” in large letters across the form.
 - 4.3.2 Failure to submit required or requested information may result in the bidder being found non-responsive.
 - 4.3.3 Execution of Bid: All documents must be properly signed by corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and where applicable corporate and/or notary seals affixed. All Bids shall be typed or printed in ink. The bidder may not use erasable ink. All corrections made to the bids shall be initialed.
 - 4.3.4 If a cost/bid schedule was provided in Microsoft Excel format, the returned completed schedule should be included as a Microsoft Excel File on the CD ROM or Flash drive.
 - 4.3.5 The submission should not contain links to other web pages.
 - 4.3.6 Include any information requested by the County necessary to analyze your bid, i.e., required submittals, literature, technical data, financial statements.
 - 4.3.7 Bid Security/Bond(s), as applicable (Construction projects)
 - 4.4 **Preparation Cost:** The Bidder is solely responsible for any and all costs associated with responding to this solicitation. No reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with the preparation and submittal of any bid, or for any travel and per diem costs that are incurred by any Bidder.

- 5 RESPONSES RECEIVED LATE**
- 5.1 It shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to deliver the bid submission to the Lee County Procurement Management Division prior to or on the time and date stated. All references to date and time herein reference Lee County, FL local time.
- 5.2 Any bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. The bid shall not be opened at the public opening. Arrangements may be made for the unopened bid to be returned at the bidder's request and expense.
- 5.3 The Lee County Procurement Management Division shall not be responsible for delays caused by the method of delivery such as, but not limited to; internet, United States Postal Service, overnight express mail service(s), or delays caused by any other occurrence.
- 6 BIDDER REQUIREMENTS (unless otherwise noted)**
- 6.1 **Responsive and Responsible:** Only bids received from responsive and responsible bidders will be considered. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other necessary action, such as background checks, to determine ability to perform is satisfactory, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicates an inability for the bidder to perform.
- 6.1.1 Bids may be declared "non-responsive" due to omissions of "Negligence or Breach of Contract" on the disclosure form. Additionally, bidders may be declared "not responsible" due to past or pending lawsuits that are relevant to the subject procurement such that they call into question the ability of the bidder to assure good faith performance. This determination may be made by the Procurement Management Director, after consulting with the County Attorney.
- 6.1.2 Additional sources may be utilized to determine credit worthiness and ability to perform.
- 6.1.3 Any bidder or sub-contractor that will have access to County facilities or property may be required to be screened to a level that may include, but is not limited to fingerprints, statewide criminal. There may be fees associated with these procedures. These costs are the responsibility of the bidder or sub-contractor.
- 6.2 **BID--Past Performance:** Bidders past performance and prior dealings with Lee County (i.e., failure to meet specifications, poor workmanship, late delivery, etc.) may be reviewed. Poor or unacceptable past performance may result in bidder disqualification.
- 6.3 Submission packages, unless otherwise noted, will be considered only from bidders normally engaged in the provision of the services specified here in. The bidder shall have adequate organization, facilities, equipment, and personnel to ensure prompt and efficient service to Lee County. The County reserves the right before recommending any award to inspect the facilities and organization; or to take any other action necessary to determine ability to perform satisfactorily, and reserves the right to reject submission packages where evidence submitted or investigation and evaluation indicated an inability of the bidder to perform.
- 7 PRE-BID CONFERENCE**
- 7.1 A pre-bid conference will be held in the location, date, and time specified on the cover of this solicitation. The cover will also note if the pre-bid conference is Non-Mandatory or Mandatory. All questions and answers are considered informal. All prospective bidders are encouraged to obtain and review the solicitation documents prior to the pre-bid conference so they may be prepared to discuss any questions or concerns they have concerning this project. All questions must be submitted formally in writing to the procurement staff noted on the first page of the bid document. A formal response will be provided in the form of an addendum (see "County Interpretation/Addendums" for additional information.) A site visit may follow the pre-bid conference, as applicable.
- 7.2 **Non-Mandatory:** Pre-bid conferences are generally non-mandatory, but it is highly recommended that prospective bidders participate.
- 7.3 **Mandatory:** Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference will result in the bid being considered **non-responsive**.

8 COUNTY INTERPRETATION/ADDENDUMS

- 8.1 Each Bidder shall examine the solicitation documents and shall judge all matters relating to the adequacy and accuracy of such documents. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to the solicitation shall be **submitted in writing prior to 5:00 PM at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the date when the submission is due.**
- 8.2 Response(s) will be in the form of an Addendum posted on www.leegov.com/procurement. It is solely the bidder's responsibility to check the website for information. No notifications will be sent by Lee County Procurement Management Division.
- 8.3 All Addenda shall become part of the Contract Documents.
- 8.4 The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County employee, representative, or others. Interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications or any other contract document, or for correction of any apparent ambiguity, inconsistency or error there in, shall be in writing. Issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

9 QUALITY GUARANTEE/WARRANTY (as applicable)

- 9.1 Bidder will guarantee their work without disclaimers, unless otherwise specifically approved by the County, for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of final completion.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, all equipment and materials and articles incorporated in the work covered by this contract shall be new, unused and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended. Refurbished parts or equipment are not acceptable unless otherwise specified in the specifications. All warranties will begin from the date of final completion.
- 9.3 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, the equipment must be warranted for twelve (12) months, shipping, parts and labor. Should the equipment be taken out of service for more than forty-eight (48) hours to have warranty work performed, a loaner machine of equal capability or better shall be provided for use until the repaired equipment is returned to service at no additional charge to the County.
- 9.4 If any product does not meet performance representation or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of such products or the specifications listed, the vendor shall pick up the product from the County at no expense to the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or all materials, if in its judgment the item reflects unsatisfactory workmanship or manufacturing or shipping damage. The vendor shall refund, to the County, any money which has been paid for same.

10 SUBSTITUTION(S)/APPROVED ALTERNATE(S)

- 10.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided in the specifications, reference to any equipment, material, article or patented process, by trade name, brand name, make or catalog number, shall be regarded as establishing a standard of quality and shall not be construed as limiting competition. If a bidder wishes to make a substitution in the specifications, the bidder shall furnish to the County, **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening date**, the name of the manufacturer, the model number, and other identifying data and information necessary to aid the County in evaluating the substitution. Such information is submitted through the Procurement Management Division. Any such substitution shall be subject to County approval through the issuance of a written addendum by the County's Procurement Management Division. Substitutions shall be approved only if determined by the County to be an **Approved Alternate** to the prescribed specifications.
- 10.2 A bid containing a substitution is subject to disqualification if the substitution is not approved by the County. Items bid must be identified by brand name, number, manufacturer and model, and shall include full descriptive information, brochures, and appropriate attachments. Brand names are used for descriptive purposes only. An **Approved Alternate** product or service may be used.

11 NEGOTIATED ITEMS

- 11.1 Any item not outlined in the Scope of Work/Specifications may be subject to negotiations between the County and the successful bidder.

- 11.2 After award of this bid the County reserves the right to add or delete items/services at prices to be negotiated at the time of addition or deletion.
- 11.3 At contract renewal time(s) or in the event of significant industry wide market changes, the County may negotiate justified adjustments such as price, terms, etc., if in its sole judgment, the County considers such adjustments to be in their best interest.
- 12 ERRORS, OMISSIONS, CALCULATION ERRORS (as applicable)**
- 12.1 **Calculation Errors:** In the event of multiplication/addition error(s), the unit price shall prevail. Written prices shall prevail over figures where applicable. All bids will be reviewed mathematically and corrected, if necessary, using these standards, prior to further evaluation.
- 13 CONFIDENTIALITY**
- 13.1 Bidders should be aware that all submissions provided are subject to public disclosure and will **not** be afforded confidentiality, unless provided by Chapter 119 FL §.
- 13.2 If information is submitted with a bid that is deemed “Confidential” the bidder must stamp those pages of the submission that are considered confidential. The bidder must provide documentation as to validate why these documents should be declared confidential in accordance with Chapter 119, “Public Records,” exemptions.
- 13.3 Lee County **will not reveal engineering estimates or budget amounts for a project** unless required by grant funding or unless it is in the best interest of the County. According to FL § 337.168: A document or electronic file revealing the official cost estimate of the department of a project is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until the contract for the project has been executed or until the project is no longer under active consideration.
- 14 BID -- CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 14.1 **Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, Public Officers and Employees: General Provisions, Florida Statutes. All bidders must disclose with their submission the name of any officer, director or agent who is also an employee of the Lee County or any of its agencies. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the bidder’s firm or any of its branches.
- 15 ANTI-LOBBYING CLAUSE (Cone of Silence)**
- 15.1 Following FL § Section 287.057(23), Upon the issuance of the solicitation, prospective proposers/bidders or any agent, representative or person acting at the request of such proposer/bidder shall not have any contact, communicate with or discuss any matter relating in any way to the solicitation with any Commissioner, Evaluation Review Committee, agent or employee of the County other than the Procurement Management Director or their designee. This prohibition begins with the issuance of any solicitation, and ends upon execution of the final contract or when the solicitation has been cancelled. **If it is determined that improper communications were conducted, the Bidder/Proposer maybe declared non-responsible.**
- 16 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**
- 16.1 Lee County Board of County Commissioners encourages Drug Free Workplace programs.
- 17 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)**
- 17.1 The County encourages the use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Bidder(s) as defined and certified by the State of Florida Department of Transportation (DBE).
- 17.2 As requested in the required forms the Bidder is required to indicate whether they and/or any proposed sub-contractor(s) are Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). Lee County encourages the utilization and participation of DBEs in procurements, and evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin. Interested certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms as well as other minority-owned and women-owned firms, as defined and certified by the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity (Minority), are encouraged to respond.

18 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- 18.1 The bidder agrees to comply, in accordance with FL § 287.134, 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) that furnishing goods or services to the County hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 18.2 The bidder will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status. The bidder will make affirmative efforts to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, disability or marital status.
- 18.3 The bidder will include the provisions of this section in every sub-contract under this contract to ensure its provisions will be binding upon each sub-contractor. The bidder will take such actions in respect to any sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.
- 18.4 An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida's Discriminatory Vendor List (This list may be viewed by going to the Department of Management Services website at <http://www.dms.myflorida.com>) may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a vendor, supplier, sub-contractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

19 SUB-CONTRACTOR

- 19.1 The use of sub-contractors under this solicitation requires prior written authorization from the County representative.

20 BID - PROJECT GUIDELINES (as applicable)

- 20.1 The County has established the following Guidelines, Criteria, Goals, Objectives, Constraints, Schedule, Budget and or Requirements which shall service as a guide to the bidder(s) in conforming to the provision of goods and/or services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement/Contract:
- 20.1.1 No amount of work is guaranteed upon the execution of an Agreement/Contract.
- 20.1.2 Rates and all other negotiated expenses will remain in effect throughout the duration of the Agreement/Contract period.
- 20.1.3 This contract does not entitle any bidder to exclusive rights to County Agreement/Contracts/contracts. The County reserves the right to perform any and all available required work in-house or by any other means it so desires.
- 20.1.4 In reference to vehicle travel, mileage and man-hours spent in travel time, is considered incidental to the work and not an extra compensable expense.
- 20.1.5 Lee County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all material, tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract.
- 20.1.6 Any Single Large Project: The County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to separately solicit any project that is outside the scope of this solicitation, whether through size, complexity or the dollar value.

21 BID – TIEBREAKER

- 21.1 Whenever two or more Bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from Responsive and Responsible Bidders, the following steps shall be taken to establish the Award to the lowest Bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.
- 21.1.1 ~~Step 1 – Local Bidder: Between a Local Bidder, and a non Local Bidder, a Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Local Bidder. If local preference is prohibited by the funding source then step 2 will replace step 1. Not Applicable to this project.~~

- 21.1.2 Step 2 - Drug Free Workplace: At the conclusion of step 1, if all is equal, the Bidder with a Drug Free Workplace program shall be given preference over a Bidder with no Drug Free Workplace program. The Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Bidder with the Drug Free Workplace program.
- 21.1.3 Step 3 - Coin Flip: At the conclusion of Step 1 and Step 2, if all is equal, the Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, the final outcome shall be determined by the flip of a coin.
- 21.2 When the tie has been broken pursuant to the above procedures, the Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be furnished to the prevailing Bidder.
- 21.3 If an Award or negotiation is unsuccessful with the initial Bidder, Award or negotiations may commence with the next highest Bidder, utilizing the tiebreaker steps above to make the determination of next lowest Bidder, if necessary.
- 22 WITHDRAWAL OF BID**
- 22.1 No bid may be withdrawn for a period of **180 calendar days** after the scheduled time for receiving submissions. A bid may be withdrawn prior to the solicitation opening date and time. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to the Procurement Management Director, who will approve or disapprove the request.
- 22.2 A bidder may withdraw a submission any time prior to the opening of the solicitation.
- 22.3 After submissions are opened, but prior to award of the contract by the County Commission, the Procurement Management Director may allow the withdrawal of a bid because of the mistake of the bidder in the preparation of the submission document. In such circumstance, the decision of the Procurement Management Director to allow the submission withdrawal, although discretionary, shall be based upon a finding that the bidder, by clear and convincing evidence, has met each of the following four tests:
- 22.3.1 The bidder acted in good faith in submitting the bid,
- 22.3.2 The mistake in bid preparation that was of such magnitude that to enforce compliance by the bidder would cause a severe hardship on the bidder,
- 22.3.3 The mistake was not the result of gross negligence or willful inattention by the bidder; and
- 22.3.4 The mistake was discovered and was communicated to the County prior to the County Commission having formally awarded the Agreement/Contract.
- 23 PROTEST RIGHTS**
- 23.1 Any bidder that has submitted a formal response to Lee County, and who is adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the award, has the right to protest an intended decision posted by the County as part of the solicitation process.
- 23.2 “Decisions” are posted on the Lee County Procurement Management Division website. Bidders are solely responsible to check for information regarding the solicitation. (www.leegov.com/procurement)
- 23.3 Refer to the “Bid/Proposal Protest Procedure” section of the Lee County “Contracts Manual” for the complete protest process and requirements. The Manual is posted on the Lee County website or may be obtained by contacting the Procurement Management Director.
- 23.4 In order to preserve the right to protest, a written “*Notice Of Intent To File A Protest*” **must be filed with the Lee County Procurement Management Director by 4:00 PM on the 3rd working day after the decision** affecting your rights is posted on the Lee County website.
- 23.4.1 The notice must clearly state the basis and reasons for the protest.
- 23.4.2 The notice must be physically received by the Procurement Management Director with-in the required time frame. No additional time will be granted for mailing.
- 23.5 To secure the right to protest a “**Protest Bond**” and written “*Formal Protest*” document must be filed **within 10 calendar days** after the date of “*Notice of Intent to File a Protest*” is received by the Procurement Management Director.
- 23.6 **Failure to follow the protest procedures requirement within the time frames as prescribed herein and established by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, Florida, shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and bar any resulting claims.**

24 AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE BY OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

- 24.1 This opportunity is also made available to any government entity. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the Agreement/Contract of the vendor, other entities may be permitted to make purchases at the terms and conditions contained herein. Lee County Board of County Commissioners will not be financially responsible for the purchases of other entities from this solicitation.

25 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**25.1 Designated Contact:**

- 25.1.1 The awarded bidder shall appoint a person(s) to act as a primary contact for all County departments. This person or back-up shall be readily available during normal working hours by phone or in person, and shall be knowledgeable of the terms and procedures involved.
- 25.1.2 Lee County requires the awarded bidder to provide the name of a contact person(s) and phone number(s) which will afford Lee County access 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, of this service in the event of major breakdowns or natural disasters.

25.2 BID – Term: (unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Work or Detailed Specifications)

- 25.2.1 Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, specifications, or special conditions the default **contract term shall be one (1) year with three (3), one (1) year renewals for a total of four (4) years upon mutual written agreement of both parties.**
- 25.2.2 The County reserves the right to renew this Agreement/Contract (or any portion thereof) and to negotiate pricing as a condition for each.
- 25.2.3 The County's performance and obligation to pay under this contract, and any applicable renewal options, is contingent upon annual appropriation of funds.

25.3 BID – Basis of Award:

- 25.3.1 The bid is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- 25.3.2 In the event the lowest responsible and responsive bid for a project exceeds the available funds the County may negotiate an adjustment of the bid price with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in order to bring the total cost of the project within the amount of available funds.
- 25.3.3 The County reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any minor irregularity or technicality in the bids received. Award will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder(s) within the category chosen for basis of award.
- 25.3.4 The County reserves the right to award to one or multiple bidders at the discretion of the requesting authority and approval of the Procurement Management Director.

25.4 Agreement/Contracts/Contracts:

- 25.4.1 The awarded bidder will be required to execute an Agreement/Contract as a condition of award. A sample of this document may be viewed on-line at <http://www.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.

25.5 Records:

- 25.5.1 Retention: The bidder shall maintain such financial records and other records as may be prescribed by Lee County or by applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, the bidder shall retain these records for a period of five years after final payment, or until they are audited by Lee County, whichever event occurs first.
- 25.5.2 Right to Audit/Disclosure: These records shall be made available during the term of the contract as well as the retention period. These records shall be made readily available to County personnel with reasonable notice and other persons in accordance with the Florida General Records Schedule. Awarded Bidder/Proposer(s) are hereby informed of their requirement to comply with FL §119 specifically to:
- 25.5.2.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service.
- 25.5.2.2 Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County 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 or as otherwise provided by law.

- 25.5.2.3 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 County.
- 25.5.2.4 Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the County 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 County, upon request from the County's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.
- 25.5.3 **Public Record: IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**
- 25.5.4 **Ownership:** It is understood and agreed that all documents, including detailed reports, plans, original tracings, specifications and all data prepared or obtained by the successful bidder in connection with its services hereunder, include any documents bearing the professional seal of the successful bidder, and shall be delivered to and become the property of Lee County, prior to final payment to the successful bidder or the termination of the Agreement/Contract. This includes any electronic versions, such as CAD or other computer aided drafting programs.
- 25.6 **Termination:**
- 25.6.1 Any Agreement/Contract as a result of this solicitation may be terminated by either party giving **thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice**. The County reserves the right to accept or not accept a termination notice submitted by the vendor, and no such termination notice submitted by the vendor shall become effective unless and until the vendor is notified in writing by the County of its acceptance.
- 25.6.2 The Procurement Management Director may immediately terminate any Agreement/Contract as a result of this solicitation for emergency purposes, as defined by the Lee County Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual (Purchasing Manual), (also known as Appendix "D" "AC-4-1.pdf".)
- 25.6.3 Any bidder who has voluntarily withdrawn from a solicitation without the County's mutual consent during the contract period shall be barred from further County procurement for a **period of 180 days**. The vendor may apply to the Board for a waiver of this debarment. Such application for waiver of debarment must be coordinated with and processed by the Procurement Management Department.
- 25.6.4 The County reserves the right to terminate award or contract following any of the below for goods or services over \$1,000,000:
- 25.6.4.1 Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under FL § 287.135 (5);
- 25.6.4.2 Contractor 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 (FL §215.473);
- 25.6.4.3 Contractor has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (FL § 215.471);
- 25.6.4.4 Contractor has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. (FL § 215.4725)
- 25.6.4.5 The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

- 26 WAIVER OF CLAIMS**
- 26.1 Once this contract expires, or final payment has been requested and made, the awarded bidder shall have waived any claims against the County concerning this contract. After that period, the County will consider the bidder to have waived any right to claims against the County concerning this Agreement/Contract.
- 27 LEE COUNTY PAYMENT PROCEDURES**
- 27.1 Unless otherwise noted, all vendors are requested to mail an original invoice to:
Lee County Finance Department
Post Office Box 2238
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2238
- 27.2 All invoices will be paid as directed by the Lee County payment procedure unless otherwise stated in the detailed specifications for this project.
- 27.3 Lee County will not be liable for requests for payment deriving from aid, assistance, or help by any individual, vendor, proposer, or bidder for the preparation of these specifications.
- 27.4 Lee County is generally a tax exempt entity subject to the provisions of the 1987 legislation regarding sales tax on services. Lee County will pay those taxes for which it is obligated, or it will provide a Certificate of Exemption furnished by the Department of Revenue. All bidders should include in their bids, all sales or use taxes, which they will pay when making purchases of material or sub-contractor's services.
- 28 SAFETY DATA SHEETS (SDS) (as applicable)**
- 28.1 In accordance with Chapter 443 of the FL §, it is the vendor's responsibility to provide Lee County with Safety Data Sheets on bid materials, as may apply to this procurement.
- 29 DEBRIS DISPOSAL (as applicable)**
- 29.1 Unless otherwise stated, the bidder shall be fully responsible for the lawful removal and disposal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.
- 30 SHIPPING (as applicable)**
- 30.1 Cost of all shipping to the site, including any inside delivery charges and all unusual storage requirements shall be borne by the bidder unless otherwise agreed upon in writing prior to service. It shall be the bidders responsibility to make appropriate arrangements, and to coordinate with authorized personnel at the site, for proper acceptance, handling, protection and storage (if available) of equipment and material delivered. All pricing to be F.O.B. destination.
- 30.2 The materials and/or services delivered under the bid shall remain the property of the seller until a physical inspection and actual usage of these materials and/or services is accepted by the County and is deemed to be in compliance with the terms herein, fully in accord with the specifications and of the highest quality.
- 31 BOND/SURETY (CONSTRUCTION)**
- 31.1 Bonding/Surety is required for construction projects over \$100,000.00 unless otherwise noted.
- 31.2 **Bid Bond/Security:** The bidder/vendor shall submit **not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount** (including applicable alternates) as bid security. One **ORIGINAL** Bid Bond/Security is to be submitted to the County with Bid Submission. The Bid Security of the bidder/vendor will be retained until the bidder/vendor has executed the contract, whereupon the Bid security may be returned. The bid Security of the bidder/vendor whom the County believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by the County until the effective date of the Agreement/Contract, whereupon Bid Securities furnished by the bidder/vendor may be returned. The following types of Bid Security are acceptable:
- 31.2.1 **A Certified Check or a Cashier's Check** in the stated dollar amount of not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount. Any Certified Check or Cashier Check submitted in lieu of a Bid Bond Shall be drawn on a solvent bank or trust company, made payable to Lee County Board of County Commissioners and shall have all necessary documentary revenue stamps attached (if required by law); or

- 31.2.2 **A Bid Bond** may be submitted on a Lee County paper Bid Bond Form. Must be signed by all required parties, of not less than 5% of proposed dollar amount (including Alternate(s) as applicable) shall accompany each submission. The Bid Bond shall be issued by a duly authorized surety authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of state.
 - 31.3 **Payment and Performance Bond:** In accordance with F.S. 255.05 and Lee County Ordinance 95-2-102, a Public Payment and Performance Bond is to be issued in a sum equal to one-hundred (100%) percent of the total awarded contract amount by a surety company considered satisfactory by Lee County and otherwise authorized to transact business in the State of Florida shall be required from the successful bidder/vendor. This shall insure the faithful performance of the obligations imposed by the resulting contract and protect the County from lawsuits for non-payment of debts incurred during the successful bidder/vendor performance under such Contract.
 - 31.3.1 A public Payment and Performance bond must be properly executed, by the Surety Company and successful bidder/vendor, and recorded with the Lee County Clerk of Court, within **seven calendar days** after notification by Lee County of the approval to award the Contract.
 - 31.3.2 A **Clean Irrevocable Letter of Credit or Cash Bond** may be accepted by the County in lieu of the Public Payment and Performance Bond.
 - 31.4 Only Lee County form(s) may be accepted. Forms are available at <https://www.leegov.com/procurement/forms>.
 - 31.5 **Personal Checks are not acceptable to Lee County as a Bid Security.**
 - 31.6 **Surety:** In order to be acceptable to the County, a Surety Company issuing Evidence of Bondability, Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds or Letters of Credit called for herein shall meet and comply with the minimum standards set forth in as part of the Contract Documents. The surety company shall be authorized to do business and in good standing with the Florida Department of State. All such bonds shall be issued or countersigned by a local producing agent who is a Florida resident with satisfactory evidence of its authority to execute the bond being submitted.
- 32 INSURANCE (AS APPLICABLE)**
- 32.1 Insurance shall be provided by the awarded bidder/vendor. Prior to execution of the Agreement/Contract a certificate of insurance (COI) complying with the bid documents shall be provided by the bidder/vendor.

End of Terms and Conditions Section

INSURANCE GUIDE

Lee County Insurance Requirements

Minimum Insurance Requirements: *Risk Management in no way represents that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the vendors' interest or liabilities. The following are the required minimums the vendor must maintain throughout the duration of this contract. The County reserves the right to request additional documentation regarding insurance provided*

- a. **Commercial General Liability** - Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability exposures with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence
 \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 \$1,000,000 products and completed operations
 \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury

- b. **Business Auto Liability** - The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles use with minimum limits of:

\$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL)
 \$500,000 bodily injury per person
 \$1,000,000 bodily injury per accident
 \$500,000 property damage per accident

- c. **Workers' Compensation** - Statutory benefits as defined by FS 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees regardless of the number of employees. Workers Compensation exemptions may be accepted with written proof of the State of Florida's approval of such exemption. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:

\$500,000 per accident
 \$500,000 disease limit
 \$500,000 disease – policy limit

**The required minimum limit of liability shown in a. and b. may be provided in the form of "Excess Insurance" or "Commercial Umbrella Policies." In which case, a "Following Form Endorsement" will be required on the "Excess Insurance Policy" or "Commercial Umbrella Policy."*

Verification of Coverage:

1. Coverage shall be in place prior to the commencement of any work and throughout the duration of the contract. A certificate of insurance will be provided to the Risk Manager for review and approval. The certificate shall provide for the following:

a. **The certificate holder shall read as follows:**

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902**

b. ***“Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials” will be named as an "Additional Insured" on the General Liability policy, including Products and Completed Operations coverage.***

Special Requirements:

1. An appropriate "Indemnification" clause shall be made a provision of the contract.
2. It is the responsibility of the general contractor to insure that all subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements.
3. Place the project name and number in the Description of Operations box.
4. Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein shall be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and shall possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of B+ Class VII or better.

End of Insurance Guide Section

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

These are conditions that are in relation to this solicitation only and have not been included in the County’s standard Terms and Conditions or the Scope of Work.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS ITEMS 21

21. BID – TIEBREAKER

21.1 Whenever two or more Bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality and service, are received for procurement of commodities or contractual services, from Responsive and Responsible Bidders, the following steps shall be taken to establish the Award to the lowest Bidder. This method shall be used for all ties.

21.1.1 ~~Step 1 Local Bidder: Between a Local Bidder, and a non-Local Bidder, a Contract Award, or the first opportunity to negotiate, as applicable, shall be made to the Local Bidder. If local preference is prohibited by the funding source then step 2 will replace step 1. Not~~ **Applicable to this project.**

2. TERM

The term of this agreement shall commence upon the receipt of a Notice to Proceed or receipt of a Purchase Order, whichever applies, with final completion of work as additionally stated within the Notice to Proceed or Purchase order. All work under this contract must be completed with final invoicing submitted **no later than by January 18, 2019.**

3. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (CONSTRUCTION)

In accordance with the terms set forth in the Agreement, for each consecutive calendar day of delay in achieving Substantial Completion as set forth herein, the Contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages. Liquidated damages are based on the entire project amount per calendar day using the table below.

Estimated Project Cost Over	Estimated Project Cost But Less than	Daily Charge Per Calendar Day
\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$645.00
\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$760.00
\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$970.00
\$500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$1,500.00
\$2,500,000.00	\$5,000,000.00	\$2,400.00
\$5,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$3,300.00
\$10,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$4,600.00
\$15,000,000.00	\$20,000,000.00	\$4,300.00
\$20,000,000.00 over		\$5,700.00 plus .00005

4. AWARD

4.1 The basis of award shall be determined by the lowest *Total Construction Cost* of the most responsive, responsible, and qualified Bidder meeting all bid specifications. The Alternate Bid Item in the awarded Bidder’s contract is contingent upon funding. The County therefore reserves the right to remove Alternate Bid Item from the awarded Bidder’s final contract as deemed in the best interest of the County and Project.

4.2 The County reserves the right to award to the contractor whose prices, in its sole judgment, are the most realistic in terms of provision of the best services and in the best interest of the County. Additionally, the County reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time, unconditionally, and without cause. The County reserves the right to reject any bids or portion of the bid with just cause, which shall include, but not be limited to an “unbalanced bid”, to the detriment of the County. An “unbalanced bid” shall include: excessive unit pricing, other unfair pricing for materials or labor, or a disproportionate allocation of cost to the County for the actual construction performed

End of Special Conditions Section

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Administration

The Consultant is the initial interpreter of the Contract Documents but is not the Judge between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY reserves the right to make final decisions considering the Consultant's recommendations or interpretations of the Contract Documents. The Consultant does not have authority to obligate or commit the COUNTY to fund additional expenditures or approve extensions of time over the approved Contract time or price. However, the CONSULTANT'S interpretation as to the intent of his design shall be final and not subject to interpretation by the COUNTY'S staff.

1.1. Copies of Documents

The COUNTY shall furnish to the CONTRACTOR the number of copies specified in the Supplemental Information of the Contract Documents as are reasonably necessary for the execution of the Work. Additional copies will be furnished, upon request, at the cost of reproduction which shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

1.2. Before Starting Construction

Before undertaking each phase of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall carefully study and compare the Contract Documents and check and verify pertinent figures shown thereon and all applicable field measurements. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly report in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE any conflict, error or discrepancy which the CONTRACTOR may discover or other information known to the CONTRACTOR and shall obtain a written interpretation or clarification from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE before proceeding with any Work affected thereby. If the CONTRACTOR performs any construction activity knowing it involves a recognized error, inconsistency or omission in the Contract Documents without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR shall assume responsibility for such performance and shall share in costs associated with correction; however, the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable to the COUNTY for failure to report any conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR had actual knowledge thereof or should reasonably have known thereof.

1.2.1. Within ten calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement (unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents), the CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review:

- 1.2.1.1. An estimated progress schedule indicating the starting and completion dates of the various stages of the Work:
- 1.2.1.2. Long lead item(s) shall be identified and scheduled accordingly.
- 1.2.1.3. A preliminary schedule of Shop Drawing submission; and
- 1.2.1.4. A preliminary schedule of values for all of the Work which will include quantities and prices of items aggregating the Contract Price and will subdivide the Work into component parts in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction on form No. CMO:013. Such prices will include an appropriate amount of overhead and profit applicable to each item of Work which will be confirmed in writing by the CONTRACTOR at the time of submission; and specify times for Application for Payment.
- 1.2.1.5. A plan of work for maintenance of traffic, when the Contract Documents require maintenance of traffic.
- 1.2.1.6. For informational purposes, a proposed listing of sub-contractors to be used for the project.

1.2.2. **Pre-Construction Conference**

Within fifteen calendar days after the Effective Date of the Agreement, but before the CONTRACTOR starts the Work at the site, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to discuss the items, to discuss procedures for handling Shop Drawings and other submittals and for processing Applications for Payment, and to establish an understanding among the parties as to the Work.

1.2.3 **Finalizing Schedules**

At least ten calendar days before submission of the first Application for payment, a conference attended by the CONTRACTOR, the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE, the COUNTY, and Others as appropriate, will be held to finalize the schedules submitted. The finalized progress schedule will be acceptable to the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as providing an orderly progression of the Work to completion within the Contract Time, but such acceptance will neither impose on the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE or the COUNTY responsibility for the progress or scheduling of the Work nor relieve the CONTRACTOR from full responsibility therefor. The finalized schedule of Shop Drawing submissions will be acceptable to the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE as providing a workable arrangement for processing the submissions. The finalized schedule of values will be acceptable to the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY as to form and substance.

Definitions

The following definition of terms associated with this Contract is provided to establish a common understanding between both parties to this Contract as to the intended usage, application and interpretation of such terms pertaining to this Contract.

ADDENDUM means any additional Contract provisions in writing signed and sealed by the CONSULTANT, if applicable, issued by the COUNTY prior to the receipt of Bid which clarify, correct, change or interpret the Bidding Documents or the Contract Documents.

AGREEMENT means the written agreement between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR covering the Work to be performed; the Agreement is a part of the Contract Documents.

BIDDER is any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, or corporation submitting a bid for this project, acting directly or through an authorized representative.

BID is a complete and properly signed proposal to do the Work or designated portion thereof for the sums stipulated therein, submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

BID BOND is a security in the form and amount required by the COUNTY pledging that the BIDDER will enter into a Contract with the COUNTY on the terms stated in his Bid.

BID DOCUMENTS are the Invitation to Bid, the Notice to Bidders, the Invitation to Bid Terms and Conditions, sample forms, the Bid Proposal Form and the proposed Contract Documents (including all Addenda issued prior to receipt of Bids).

CHANGE ORDERS are written order to the CONTRACTOR signed by the COUNTY, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract price or the Contract Time. The Contract Price and the Contract Time may be changed only by a Change Order.

A Change Order signed by the CONTRACTOR indicates his agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

COMPLETION (FINAL) means acceptance of the Project by the COUNTY as evidenced by its signature upon a final payment Certification and approval thereof by the Board of County Commissioners or their designee. The final payment Certification shall be signed only after the COUNTY has assured itself by tests, inspections, or otherwise that all of the provisions of the Contract have been carried out as required.

COMPLETION (SUBSTANTIAL) shall mean an acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY when construction is sufficiently complete in accordance with the Contract Documents so the COUNTY can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for the use for which it is intended. A certificate of occupancy or compliance, when applicable, issued by the Building Official is required concurrent with or prior to issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

CONSTRUCTION is the erection, fabrication, assembly, remodeling, renovation, addition, modification, repair or demolition of any building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures. The term applies but is not limited to the repair, replacement modification or construction of roads, bridges, sidewalks, traffic devices, parking lots, drainage, underground and overhead utilities.

CONSULTANT is the person lawfully licensed to practice Architecture or Engineering and registered in the State of Florida, or an entity lawfully practicing Architecture or Engineering, identified as such in the Construction Contract, and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in genre. The term CONSULTANT means the Architect or Engineer or his authorized representative.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS consist of the Invitation to Bid, Agreement, General and Special Conditions of the Contract, Specifications, the Plans, Supplemental Information, Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract, all written modifications issued after execution of the Contract, all provisions required by law to be inserted in this Contract whether actually inserted or not, and a Contract Number issued by the COUNTY.

A *MODIFICATION* is:

- (1) A written Amendment to the Contract.
- (2) A Change Order.
- (3) A written interpretation necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work issued by the OWNER'S Representative.
- (4) A Field Change Order.
- (5) A Field Directive Change.

CONTRACT PRICE means the total monies payable to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents.

CONTRACT TIME means the number of Calendar days stated in the Agreement for the purpose of establishing Substantial Completion and Final Completion dates.

CONTRACTOR is the person, firm, joint venture, or corporation with whom the COUNTY has contracted and who has the primary responsibility for performance of the work.

COUNTY means the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, its successors and assigns. Also hereinafter referred to as OWNER.

DAYS - The term “day” as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically designated. A calendar day constitutes twenty four hours measured from midnight to the next midnight.

DEFECTIVE - An adjective which when modifying the word “Work” refers to Work that is unsatisfactory, faulty or deficient, or does not conform to the Contract Documents, or does not meet the requirements of any inspection, reference standard, test or approval referred to in the Contract Documents, or has been damaged prior to the OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE recommendation of final payment.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT means the date on which the agreement is signed and delivered by the latter of the two parties.

ENGINEER shall mean the Director of the Lee County Department of Transportation or his designated County Project Manager.

FIELD CHANGE ORDER is a written change order requested by the OWNER’S Representative, accepted by the CONTRACTOR, and approved by the PROJECT MANAGER for minor changes in the Work, not involving adjustments in the Contract Sum or an extension of Time, and not inconsistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents.

FIELD DIRECTIVE CHANGE - A written directive to the CONTRACT, issued on or after the effective date of the Agreement ordering an addition, deletion, or revision in the Work, or responding to differing or unforeseen physical conditions under which the Work is to be performed as defined elsewhere in these documents. A Field Directive Change may not change the Contract Price or the Contract Time, but is evidence that the parties expect that the change directed or documented by a Field Directive Change will be incorporated in a subsequently issued Change Order following negotiations by the parties as to its effect, if any, on the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE means acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY upon the expiration of the warranty period as stated in the Contract Documents.

MATERIALS - Anything used in the process of, but not limited to, constructing, demolishing, renovating or remodeling of any building, structure, road, bridge, recreational facility, transportation element and utility or any addition thereto utilized for this project.

NOTICE means written notice. Notice shall be served upon the CONTRACTOR either personally or by leaving the said Notice at his residence or with his agency in charge of the Work, or addressed to the CONTRACTOR at the residence or place of business stated in the Bid Proposal and deposited in a postpaid wrapper in any United States Mailbox.

NOTICE TO PROCEED is a written instrument issued by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR, authorizing the CONTRACTOR to commence Work on the Project. The NOTICE TO PROCEED shall include the effective date of Commencement.

NOTICE OF AWARD means the written Notice given by the COUNTY to the successful Bidder.

NOTICE OF TERMINATION is a written instrument issued in accordance with the Contract Documents by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR or by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY notifying the receiving party that the Contract is being terminated. The NOTICE shall clearly identify the effective date the Contract is to be terminated.

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is the CONSULTANT contracted by the COUNTY for Professional Services during the construction phase of this project or a qualified person authorized as his official representative, or in the absence of such a contract, the project Manager will be considered the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for the purpose of this Contract Document. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is not authorized to issue change orders to the contract sum, contract time or scope of work without express approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PLANS AND/OR DRAWINGS are a graphic representation of the arrangement of the materials or parts of the construction of the project and are a portion of the Contract Documents.

PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT shall mean the Director of Lee County's Procurement Management Department or designee.

PROJECT shall mean the entire improvement of which this contract forms a part.

PROJECT MANAGER is an employee of the Department or the COUNTY which requested the Contract and is a designee authorized by or for that Department who is the representative of the Board of County Commissioners in matters concerning the contractor of this project. The project manager will act as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in the absence of a contract with a CONSULTANT. The PROJECT MANAGER is not authorized to issue changes to the Contract Sum, Contract Time, or Scope of Work without express approval by the Department Director, County Manager, or Board of County Commissioners.

The PROJECT MANAGER, within the authority conferred by the Board of County Commissioners, acting as the COUNTY'S designated representative shall initiate written Change Orders, and notification to the CONTRACTOR of any and all changes approved by the COUNTY in the CONTRACTOR'S (1) compensation (2) time and/or schedule of service delivery; (3) any Amendment (s) or other change(s) relative to the WORK and ADDITIONAL SERVICES pursuant to this Contract, or AMENDMENTS, or CHANGE ORDERS pertaining thereto. Following COUNTY approval, the Project Manager shall coordinate assurance of any such documents. The PROJECT MANAGER or his designee shall be responsible for acting on the COUNTY'S behalf to administer, coordinate, interpret and otherwise manage the contractual provisions and requirements set forth in this Contract, or any AMENDMENT(S), or CHANGE ORDER(S) issued there under.

SPECIFICATIONS are written documents organized into divisions, sections, and articles which provide detailed instructions to the CONTRACTOR pertaining, but not limited to, materials, style, workmanship, fabrication, dimensions, colors, warranties, finishes, quality, manufacturer, grade and operational data of all components to be provided by the CONTRACTOR and incorporated into the Project.

SUB-CONTRACTOR is a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or entity who has a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR to perform any of the Work at the site. The term Sub-contractor does not include

those whose sole purpose is that of a supplier of materials. A supplier of materials shall be classified as a Sub-contractor if it enters into any agreement, whether written or verbal, for the installation of said materials. The term Sub-contractor means a Sub-contractor or its authorized representative.

SUPPLIER - A manufacturer, fabricator, distributor, materialmen or vendor.

SURETY is the surety company or individual that is bound by Contract bond with and for the CONTRACTOR who is primarily liable, and is responsible for CONTRACTOR'S acceptable performance of the Project and payment of all debts pertaining to the Contract Documents in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes.

UNDERGROUND FACILITIES - All pipeline, conduits, ducts, cables, wires, manholes, vaults, tanks, tunnels or other such facilities or attachments, and any encasements containing such facilities which have been installed underground to furnish any of the following services or materials: electricity, gases, steam, liquid petroleum products, telephone or other communications, cable television, sewage and drainage removal, traffic or other control systems or water.

WORK is the construction required by the Contract Documents and includes all labor necessary to produce such construction, and all materials and equipment incorporated or to be incorporated in such construction.

2. Starting the Work

Written Notice to Proceed is contingent upon and will be done subsequent to the CONTRACTOR fully satisfying the COUNTY'S stated insurance and Bond submittal requirements. Until the CONTRACTOR receives the COUNTY'S written Notice to Proceed, the CONTRACTOR is advised that the COUNTY will not be liable for any expenses which the CONTRACTOR may incur relative to this Contract before the written Notice to Proceed is issued.

- 2.1. The Contract time shall commence to run from the date specified in the "Notice to Proceed".
- 2.2. The CONTRACTOR is required, before commencing the Work, to deliver to the COUNTY the Public Payment and Performance Bond issued by a surety insurer authorized to do business in the State of Florida as Surety. The Bond must state the name and principal business address of both the principal and the Surety and must contain a description of the project sufficient to identify it and post in conspicuous place at the project site.
- 2.3. The COUNTY will forward to the CONTRACTOR a Notice of Commencement along with a copy of the recorded Public Payment and Performance Bond with instructions to post in a conspicuous spot on the project site.

3. Interpretation Intent, Amending and Reuse of Contract Documents

It is the intent of the Specifications and Plans to describe a complete Project to be constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- 3.1 The Contract Documents are complementary; what is called for by one is as binding as if called for by all. If the CONTRACTOR finds a conflict, error or discrepancy in the Contract Documents, he shall immediately call it to the attention of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing before proceeding with the Work affected thereby.
- 3.2 Any Work that may be reasonably inferred from the specifications or Drawings as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied whether or not it is specifically called for.

3.3 Work, materials or equipment described in words which have a well-known technical or trade meaning, shall be deemed to refer to such recognized standards.

3.4 In resolving conflicts, errors, and discrepancies, the order of precedence of the Contract Document is as follows:

- (1) Change Order
- (2) Agreement
- (3) Addenda
- (4) Special Conditions
- (5) General Conditions
- (6) Specifications
- (7) Supplemental Information
- (8) Drawings
- (9) Figure Dimensions
- (10) Scale Dimensions (Large Scale Drawings supersede Small Scale Drawings)
- (11) Terms and Conditions

3.5 Amending and Supplementing Contract Documents

The Contract Documents may be amended to provide for additions, deletions and revisions in the Work or to modify the terms and conditions thereof in one or more of the following ways:

3.5.1 A formal Written Amendment,

3.5.2 A Change Order.

3.5.3 A Field Directive Change.

The Contract Price and the Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order or Written Amendment.

3.6 In addition, the requirements of the Contract Documents may be supplemented and minor variations and deviations of the Work may be authorized, in one or more of the following ways:

3.6.1 A Field Change Order,

3.6.2 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of a Shop Drawing or sample, or

3.6.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE written interpretation or clarification.

3.7 Reuse of Documents

Neither the CONTRACTOR nor any SUB-CONTRACTOR or Supplier or other person or organization performing or furnishing any of the Work under a direct or indirect contract with the COUNTY shall have or acquire any title to or ownership rights in any of the Drawings, Specifications or other documents (or copies of any thereof) prepared by or bearing the seal of the CONSULTANT; and they shall not reuse any of them on extensions of the Project or any other project without written consent of the COUNTY or their CONSULTANT and the specific written verification or adaptation by the CONSULTANT.

4 Availability of Lands

The COUNTY will furnish, as indicated in the Contract Documents and not later than the date when needed by the CONTRACTOR, the lands upon which the Work is to be done, rights-of-way for access thereto, and such other lands which are designated for the use of the CONTRACTOR. Easements for

permanent structures or permanent changes in existing facilities will be obtained by the COUNTY unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that any delay in the COUNTY'S furnishing these lands or easements entitles him to an extension of the Contract Time, he may make a claim therefore. The CONTRACTOR will provide for all additional lands and access thereto that may be required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment unless designated otherwise. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, upon request, furnish to the CONTRACTOR copies of all available boundary and topographic surveys as required and sub-surface tests. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for staging and storing equipment or materials. All parcels utilized for staging shall be secured. All parcels utilized for staging will be kept in a neat and orderly fashion and then restored to the landowner's satisfaction upon terminating the use of the staging area or improved as noted in the plans. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain on the job site written proof of authorization for the use of any private land. The COUNTY does not condone trespass on private property and will hold the CONTRACTOR liable for any such trespass. Right-of-way maps, if available, of the lands upon which the improvements will be made shall be provided upon request from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The CONTRACTOR may use these lands for work associated with this contract only. The CONTRACTOR shall verify the availability of these lands with the Lee County D.O.T. project manager prior to the issuance of the notice to proceed.

4.1 Physical Conditions

Explorations and Reports: Reference is made to the Supplemental Information for identification of those reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. These reports are not part of the contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such reports but not upon the non-technical data, interpretations or opinions contained therein for the completeness or accuracy thereof for the CONTRACTOR'S purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions at the site. The technical data which will be made available only at the CONTRACTOR'S request may not be sufficient for construction purposes. Additional investigations may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the construction project.

4.2 Existing Structures: Reference is made to the Supplemental Information for identification of those drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface and subsurface structures (except Underground Facilities) which are at or contiguous to the site that have been utilized by the CONSULTANT and/or the COUNTY in preparation of the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR may rely upon the accuracy of the technical data contained in such drawings but not for the completeness thereof for the purposes of preparing or submitting a bid. Except as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, the CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility with respect to physical conditions in or relating to such structures.

4.3 Unless otherwise stated, the CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the removal of any materials, debris, garbage, vehicles or other such items which would interfere with the undertaking and completion of the project. By submission of a bid, the CONTRACTOR assumes full responsibility for the expenses associated with such removal. There shall not be an increase in time or price associated with such removal.

4.4 Report of Differing Conditions: If the CONTRACTOR believes that:

4.4.1.1 Any technical data on which the CONTRACTOR is entitled to is inaccurate, or

4.4.1.2 Any physical condition uncovered or revealed at the site differs materially from that indicated, reflected or referred to in the Contract Documents.

4.4.1.3 The CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing

any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency as permitted) notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing about the inaccuracy or difference.

- 4.5 OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE Review: The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the pertinent conditions, determine the necessity of obtaining additional explorations or tests with respect thereto and advise the COUNTY in writing (with a copy to the CONTRACTOR) of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S findings and conclusions.
- 4.6 Possible Document Change: If the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the COUNTY conclude that there is a material error in the Contract Documents and a change in the Contract Documents is required, a Field Directive Change, a Field Change or a Change Order will be issued as to reflect and document the consequences of the inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.7 Possible Price and Time Adjustments: In each case of a material error in the Contract Documents, an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, or any combination thereof, will be allowable to the extent that they are attributable to any such inaccuracy or difference.
- 4.8 Physical Conditions - Underground Facilities
- Shown or Indicated: The information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site is based on information and data furnished to the COUNTY or the CONSULTANT by the owners of such Underground facilities or by others. Unless it is otherwise expressly provided in the Supplemental Information:
- 4.8.1 The CONTRACTOR shall have full responsibility for reviewing and checking all such information and data, for locating all Underground Facilities shown or indicated in the Contract Documents, for coordination of the Work with the owners of such Underground Facilities during construction, for the safety and protection thereof and for repairing any damage thereto resulting from the Work, the cost of all of which will be considered as having been included in the Contract Price. The CONSULTANT and COUNTY shall not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any such information or data.
- 4.9 Not Shown or Indicated: If an Underground Facility is uncovered or revealed at or contiguous to the site which was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of, the CONTRACTOR shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before performing any Work affected thereby (except in an emergency as permitted) identify the owner of such Underground Facility and give written notice thereof to that owner and to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will promptly review the Underground Facility to determine the extent to which the Contract Documents should be modified to reflect and document the consequences of the existence of the Underground Facility, and with the COUNTY'S approval, the Contract Documents will be amended or supplemented to the extent necessary. During such time, the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the safety and protection of such Underground Facility. The CONTRACTOR shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, to the extent that they are attributable to the existence of any Underground Facility that was not shown or indicated in the Contract Documents and which the CONTRACTOR could not reasonably have been expected to be aware of. Locations of existing underground utilities are not field confirmed. In the case of a conflict between this or any other utility and proposed improvements, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S duty to coordinate with all utility company relocation activities whether shown or not shown in the plans. Coordination is to include efforts by the CONTRACTOR to minimize time lost due to unexpected utility relocation or modifications.

4.10 Reference Points

The COUNTY shall provide engineering surveys to establish reference points, as specified in the Supplemental Information, for construction which in the judgment of the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT are necessary to enable CONTRACTOR to proceed with the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for laying out the Work (unless otherwise specified in the Technical Specifications), shall protect and preserve the established reference points and shall make no changes or relocations without the prior written approval of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE whenever any reference point is lost or destroyed or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations, and shall be responsible for the accurate replacement or relocation of such reference points by professionally qualified personnel.

5 Bonds and Insurance

5.1 Public Payment and Performance Bond

The CONTRACTOR will execute the Public Payment and Performance Bonds included herein as security for the faithful performance and payment of all his obligations under the Contract Documents.

5.2 This Bond shall be in amounts at least equal to the Contract Price and in such form and with such securities as are acceptable to the COUNTY. Prior to execution of the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to furnish such other bonds, in such form and with such sureties as it may require. If such bonds are required by written instructions given prior to opening of Bids, the Premiums shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. If the Contract is increased by a Change Order, it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to insure that the Public Payment and Performance Bond be amended accordingly and a copy of the amendment forwarded to PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT.

5.3 If the surety on any bond furnished by the CONTRACTOR is declared bankrupt or becomes insolvent or its right to do business is terminated in the State of Florida or it ceases to meet the requirements imposed by the Contract Documents, the CONTRACTOR shall within five calendar days thereafter substitute another Bond and Surety, both of which shall be acceptable to the COUNTY.

5.4 If the CONTRACTOR cannot obtain another bond and surety within five calendar days the COUNTY will accept and the CONTRACTOR shall submit an irrevocable letter of credit drawn on a Lee County, Florida bank until the bond and surety can be obtained.

6 Qualifications of Surety Companies

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a surety company issuing Bid Guaranty Bonds or 100% Public Payment and Performance Bonds, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

6.1 General

All Sureties for Lee County projects must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida and shall comply with the provisions of Florida Statute 255.05.

6.2 Attorneys-in-Fact who sign bid bonds or Public Payment and Performance Bonds for Lee County projects must file with such bond a certified copy of their Power of Attorney to sign such bond.

6.3 Agents of surety companies must list their name, address, and telephone number on all bonds.

6.4 The life of all bonds provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment and shall contain a waiver of alteration to the terms of the Contract, extensions of time and/or forbearance on the part of the COUNTY.

6.5 To be acceptable to the OWNER on projects not in excess of \$500,000.00, Surety shall comply

with these minimum provisions of State Statute 287.0935 as follows:

- 6.5.1 Surety must have twice the minimum surplus and capital required by Florida Insurance Code at the time of bid solicitation.
- 6.5.2 Surety must be in compliance with all provisions of the Florida Insurance Code and hold a currently valid certificate of authority issued by the United States Department of the Treasury under SS.31 U.S.C. 9404-9308.
- 6.5.3 Sureties on projects in excess of \$500,000.00 shall comply with the above minimum provisions as well as being rated thru A.M. Best Company and shall comply with the following provisions:
 - 6.5.4 The Surety shall be rated as “A-“ or better as to General Policyholders Rating and Class VII or better as to financial category by the most current Best’s Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company.
 - 6.5.5 Surety must have fulfilled all of its obligations on all other bonds previously given to the COUNTY.
 - 6.5.6 Surety must have a minimum underwriting limitation of \$5,000,000 published in the latest edition of the Federal Register for Federal Bonds (U.S. Dept. of Treasury).
- 6.6 Letter of Credit

At any time during the life of the letter of credit, should the rating of financial institution fall below both of the minimum ratings as indicated in the Contract Documents, or should the financial institution become insolvent, the CONTRACTOR must, within five calendar days after notification by the COUNTY:

 - 6.6.1 Replace the existing letter of credit with a replacement letter of credit from a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents, or
 - 6.6.2 Have the existing letter of credit confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings as specified in the Contract Documents.
 - 6.6.3 At the COUNTY’S option, the letter of credit may be replaced by a Public Payment and Performance Bond in accordance with the COUNTY’S existing bond policies.
- 6.7 Failure to comply with this provision may result in any or all of the following actions by the COUNTY:
 - 6.7.1 Suspension of the CONTRACTOR’S right to pull building permits and schedule inspections;
 - 6.7.2 A stop work order; and/or Revocation of the Land Development Permit.
- 6.8 Financial Institutions/Letters of Credit

In order to be acceptable to the COUNTY, a financial institution issuing 100% Letters of Credit, called for in these specifications, shall meet and comply with the following minimum standards:

 - 6.8.1 General

The face of the letter of credit must be in a format utilizing Lee County Standard Form and indicate the following:

 - 6.8.1.1 The letter of credit is “clean” and “irrevocable”;
 - 6.8.1.2 An exact expiration date. The life of all letters of credit provided to Lee County shall extend twelve months beyond the date of final payment;
 - 6.8.1.3 Statement of the purpose or project for which the letter of credit is issued;
 - 6.8.1.4 A specific amount of the letter of credit, in U.S. dollars;
 - 6.8.1.5 The method of disbursement of draws against the letter of credit;
 - 6.8.1.6 The street address where draws against the letter of credit may be made; and
 - 6.8.1.7 Venue in Lee County.

6.8.1.8 Verification of the status or certification of any financial institution may be made with:

Department of Insurance and Treasurer
Bureau of Collateral Securities
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32377-0345
Phone (850) 922-3167

Or

Lee County Procurement Management
1500 Monroe Street, 4th Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone (239) 533-8881

Or

Lee County Risk Management
2115 Second Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
Phone (239) 533-2221

6.8.1.9 At the time of issuance of the letter of credit, the financial institution must have a minimum “peer group” rating of 50 in the latest Sheshunoff Quarterly Listing or a minimum rating of 125 in the latest IDC Bank Financial Quarterly Listing.

6.8.1.10 Letters of Credit from financial institutions which do not meet either of the minimum ratings indicated above must be confirmed by a financial institution with either of the minimum ratings indicated above.

6.8.1.11 All financial institutions which issue or confirm any Letter of Credit must be authorized by the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Florida, shall show proof of same upon request by COUNTY staff, and agree to venue in Lee County.

6.8.1.12 In addition to the institutions meeting the aforementioned requirements, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta is authorized to issue and confirm letters of credit which are in accordance with the provisions above and all subsequent sub-paragraphs.

6.8.1.13 These actions shall be in effect until a satisfactory replacement bond or letter of credit is accepted by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR agreement shall so provide for replacement or confirmation in accordance with this policy.

7 Contractor’s Liability Insurance

7.1 The CONTRACTOR will purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect him from claims under Worker’s Compensation laws, disability benefit laws or other similar employee benefit laws; from claims for damages because of bodily injury, occupational sickness or disease, or death of his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury, sickness and disease, or death of any person other than his employees including claims insured by usual personal injury liability coverage; and from claims for injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use

resulting there from any or all of which may arise out of or result from the CONTRACTOR'S operations under the Contract Documents, whether such operations be by himself or any Sub-contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or for whose acts any of them may be legally liable. This insurance shall be written for no less than the limits of liability specified in the Contract Documents or required by law, whichever is greater, and shall include contractual liability insurance. As a prerequisite to the COUNTY signing the Contract, the CONTRACTOR will file with the COUNTY certificates of such insurance, acceptable to the COUNTY; these certificates shall contain a provision for cancellation.

7.2 Insurance Requirements

7.2.1 Before final execution of the Agreement and until acceptance of the Work by the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain insurance of the types and the limits specified by the Insurance Guide included in the Solicitation.

7.2.2 All CONTRACTOR'S Certificates of Insurance must be approved by the Lee County Risk Manager (or designee) before the final execution of the agreement by the COUNTY.

7.2.3 An Insurance Certificate shall be required from the successful BIDDER. Such form must be properly executed and submitted by an authorized representative of the insurance company and successful BIDDER within seven calendar days after notification by Lee County of the Board of County Commissioners' approval to award the contract. Such certificate of insurance state that the coverage is primary, and shall be in the types and amounts stated in the Contract Documents. Certificate should include producers' phone number and reference the name of the project.

8 Contractor's Responsibilities

8.2 Supervision and Superintendence

8.1.1 The CONTRACTOR will supervise and direct the Work efficiently. He will be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, safety, and procedure of construction, unless otherwise specified. The CONTRACTOR will be responsible to see that the finished Work complies with the Contract Documents.

8.1.2 The CONTRACTOR will keep on the site at all times when work is being performed, a competent, resident superintendent who shall not be replaced without prior written notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The superintendent will be the CONTRACTOR'S representative at the site and shall have authority to act on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. All communications given to the superintendent shall be binding as if given to the CONTRACTOR.

9 Labor Material and Equipment

9.1 The CONTRACTOR will provide competent, suitable, qualified personnel to lay out the Work and perform construction as required by the Contract Documents. He will at all times maintain good discipline and order at the site.

9.2 The CONTRACTOR will furnish all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, heat, light, telephone, water and sanitary facilities and incidentals necessary for the execution, testing, initial operation and completion of the Work unless otherwise specified. All materials and equipment such as concrete pipe, inlets, manhole covers, etc., furnished by the CONTRACTOR shall be made by the same manufacturer, e.g., all pipe by one company, all inlets by one company, etc.

9.3 All materials and equipment will be new except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the CONTRACTOR will furnish satisfactory

evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment furnished.

- 9.4 All materials and equipment shall be applied, installed, connected, erected, used, cleaned and conditioned in accordance with the instructions of the applicable manufacturers, fabricator or processors except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.
- 9.5 In instances where the act is applicable due to the nature of the bid matter with which this bid package is concerned, all material, equipment, etc., as proposed and offered by CONTRACTOR must meet and conform to all O.S.H.A. requirements; the CONTRACTOR'S signature upon the bid proposal form being by this reference considered a certification of such fact.

10 Adjusting the Progress Schedule

- 10.1 The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for acceptance of adjustments in the progress schedule to reflect the impact thereon of new developments; these will conform generally to the progress schedule then in effect and additionally will comply with any provisions of the Contract Documents applicable thereto. The COUNTY reserves the right to reject the progress schedule from the CONTRACTOR which in its judgment does not appear to devote sufficient resources of manpower to enable the timely completion of the project. If the COUNTY requests the progress schedule to be adjusted, the CONTRACTOR shall do so and perform the work according to the adjusted schedule at no additional cost to the COUNTY.

11 Substitute Materials or Equipment

- 11.1 If it is indicated in the specifications that the CONTRACTOR may furnish or use a substitute that is equal to any material or equipment specified, and if the CONTRACTOR wishes to furnish or use a proposed substitute, he will, within thirty calendar days after the award of the Contract, make written application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval of such a substitute, certifying in writing that the proposed substitute will perform adequately the duties imposed by the general design, be similar and of equal substance to that specified and be suited to the same use and capable of performing the same function as that specified. No substitute shall be ordered or installed without the written approval of the COUNTY who shall be the judge of quality. Whether or not the COUNTY accepts a proposed substitute, the CONTRACTOR shall reimburse the COUNTY for any charges or cost for evaluating any proposed substitute.

12 Concerning Sub-contractors

- 12.1 The CONTRACTOR will be fully responsible for all acts and omissions of his SUB-CONTRACTORS and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them and of persons for whose acts they may be liable to the same extent that they are employed by him. Nothing in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between any SUB-CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY. The COUNTY may, upon request, furnish to any SUB-CONTRACTOR, to the extent practicable, evidence of amounts paid to the CONTRACTOR on account of specific Work done.
- 12.2 The divisions and sections of the specifications and the identifications of any Drawings shall not control the CONTRACTOR in dividing the Work among SUB-CONTRACTORS or delineating the Work to be performed by any specific trade.
- 12.3 The CONTRACTOR agrees to bind specifically every SUB-CONTRACTOR to the applicable terms and conditions of these Contract Documents for the benefit of the COUNTY.
- 12.4 All Work performed for the CONTRACTOR by a SUB-CONTRACTOR shall be pursuant to an appropriate agreement between the CONTRACTOR and the SUB-CONTRACTOR which shall

contain provisions that waive all rights the contracting parties may have against one another for damages caused by fire or perils covered by insurance, except such rights as they may have to the proceeds of such insurance held by the COUNTY as trustee.

13 Patent Fees and Royalties

- 13.1 The costs involved in fees, royalties, or claims for any patented invention, article, process or method that may be used upon, or in a manner connected with the work under this contract, shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR and his sureties, together with his officers, agents, and employees, shall protect and hold the COUNTY harmless against any and all demands made for such fees or claims brought or made by holder of any invention or patent. Before final payment is made on the account of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall, if requested by the COUNTY, furnish acceptable proof of a proper release from all such fees or claims.
- 13.2 Should the CONTRACTOR, his agent, employee, or any of them be enjoined from furnishing or using any invention, article, material or plans supplied or required to be supplied or used under this contract, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly pay such royalties and secure the requisite licenses; or, subject to acceptance by the COUNTY, substitute other articles, materials or appliances in lieu thereof which are of equal efficiency, quality, finish, suitability and market value to those planned or required under the contract. Descriptive information of these substitutions shall be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for determination of general conformance to the design concept and the construction contract. Should the COUNTY elect to use the substitution, the CONTRACTOR agrees to pay such royalties and secure such valid licenses as may be requisite for the COUNTY, his officers, agents, and employees, or any of them, to use such invention, article, material, or appliance without being disturbed or in any way interfered with by any proceeding in law or equity on account thereof.

14 Permits

- 14.1 Unless otherwise specified herein, the CONTRACTOR will secure and pay for all permits, impact fees, and licenses and will pay all governmental charges and inspections' fees necessary for the prosecution of the Work which are applicable at the time of his bid. The CONTRACTOR will also pay all public utility charges and connection fees except as provided for in the Contract Documents. Permits and licenses of regulatory agencies which are necessary to be maintained after completion of the guarantee period shall be secured and paid for by the COUNTY.
- 14.2 Pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 218.80, the following County permits and fees are required to be obtained and paid for by the CONTRACTOR.
- 14.2.1 Lee County DOT ROW permit for use of County ROW
 - 14.2.2 FDOT ROW permit for use of state roads
- 14.3 This is a disclosure of permits and fees, required by Lee County, for this project and does not relieve the contractor of its responsibility to obtain and pay for permits required by other governmental entities as specified elsewhere in this document.
- 14.4 The CONTRACTOR will give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Work. If the CONTRACTOR observes that the Specifications or Drawings are at a variance therewith, he will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice thereof, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by an appropriate modification. If the CONTRACTOR performs any Work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and without such notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, he will bear all cost arising therefrom; however, it shall not be his primary responsibility to make certain that the Drawings and Specifications are in accordance with such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

15 Licenses

15.1 The CONTRACTOR must be properly licensed, within the jurisdiction where the project is to be constructed, to perform the work specified in the Scope of Work at the time of bid submittal.

16 Use of Premises

16.1 The CONTRACTOR will confine his equipment, the storage of materials and equipment, and the operations of his workmen to the areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits or the requirements of the Contract Documents and shall not unreasonably encumber the premises with materials or equipment.

17 Record Drawings

17.1 The CONTRACTOR will keep one record copy of all Specifications, Drawings, Addenda, Modifications and Shop Drawings at the site in good order, and annotated to show all changes made during the construction process or addition and exact location of underground or otherwise concealed components such as, but not limited to, plumbing, air conditioning, electric, culverts, drainage structures, water main, force mains, service lines, wiring, traffic loops, pond or ditch bottoms and banks, signal poles, signs, and conduit which were not installed exactly as shown on the contract drawings. These shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall be verified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE at 30%, 60%, and 100% completion of the Project. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE one complete set of all recorded changes made during Construction entitled "As-Built", and dated. Submittals shall be made in accordance with the above and shall be submitted at the time of substantial completion.

17.2 The sum of \$5,000.00 shall be withheld from the final payment until written acceptance or all of the Record Drawings by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has occurred.

17.3 Certified "as-built" information, which the CONTRACTOR must show on marked-up copies of the design drawings, prints, and other materials as specified above shall include both authorized and unauthorized changes to horizontal pavement dimensions, finish pavement grades, finish dimensions, elevations and alignment of the items noted in Article 17.1, and any modifications to material types from that specified in the bid plans and specifications. As a prerequisite to any payments, the CONTRACTOR shall make available to the Engineer all "as-built" information pertinent to the design drawings each month prior to his submission of a monthly application for payment. The CONTRACTOR shall also obtain "as-built" cross-sections of the roadway, ditches, channels, and other drainage ways as shown in the Contract Documents at intervals not to exceed 100 ft. The CONTRACTOR shall set benchmarks on or within 100 ft. of each control structure constructed as part of this project. A complete description including elevation and location of each control structure benchmark shall be provided to the Engineer as part of the "as-built" information. The elevation shall be clearly and permanently indicated on each benchmark.

17.4 "As-built" dimensions and elevations shall be obtained by a Professional Land Surveyor registered in the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 472, Florida Statutes. The "as-built" drawings shall be signed and sealed by the CONTRACTOR'S Professional Land Surveyor in accordance with Section 472.025, Florida Statutes.

17.5 All pertinent surveyors' field survey notes containing the "as-built" data shall be sealed and submitted to the Engineer for review and acceptance prior to authorization of the final payment.

17.6 "As-built" data shall be secured and the accuracy of measurements shall be 0.01 ft.

17.7 All sub-surface improvements considered part of the Work as shown in the Contract Documents shall be "as-built" by the CONTRACTOR prior to backfilling.

17.8 A final bench level circuit shall be secured indicating accuracy of vertical closure and a copy of these field notes shall be submitted to the Engineer before final acceptance of the project.

17.9 The CONTRACTOR shall annotate and show all "as-built" information on 11" x 17" prints of the bid plans during the course of the construction process. Upon completion of all contract work,

but prior to authorization of the final payment by the Engineer, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver one (1) set of such annotated, in neat draftsman-like manner, "as-built" 11" x 17" prints to the Engineer for approval. Upon approval of such "as-built" plans, the CONTRACTOR shall forthwith provide two (2) sets of these drawings containing all "as-built" information, a CD of the "as-built" electronic files in AutoCAD or MicroStation format and data which have been sealed by a Professional Land Surveyor by the CONTRACTOR at the CONTRACTOR'S cost and forthwith become the property of the COUNTY.

- 17.10 The cost of preparing, maintaining, and providing "as-built" plans and documents as specified in this Article must be included in the Lump Sum payment for mobilization for each part of the Bid Schedule providing for Mobilization.
- 17.11 Shop drawing submittals processed by the Engineer shall not be construed as Change Orders; the purpose of a shop drawing is to demonstrate to the Engineer that the CONTRACTOR understands the design concept, and that his understanding is demonstrated by indicating the equipment and material to be furnished and installed. Corrections or changes indicated by the Engineer in the shop drawings do not constitute authorization to perform extra work.
- 17.12 The review of shop drawings and schedules shall be considered general and shall not be construed as permitting any departures from the contract requirements. The design drawings and contract specifications shall take precedence over the shop drawings in the event of deviations, discrepancy, or conflict.

18 Safety and Protection

- 18.1 The CONTRACTOR will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. He will take all necessary precautions for the safety of and will provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
- 18.1.1 All employees on the Project and other persons who may be affected thereby;
- 18.1.2 All the Work and all materials or equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site; and
- 18.1.3 Other property at the site or adjacent thereto including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.
- 18.1.4 The CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders of any public body having jurisdiction for the safety of persons or property or to protect them from damage, injury or loss. He will erect and maintain, as required by the conditions and progress of the Work, all necessary safeguards for safety and protection and, in addition, he will comply with all applicable recommendations of the "Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction" published by the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.; "Roadway and Traffic Design Standards" latest edition published by the Florida Department of Transportation, specifically Index 600-650; and Occupational Safety and Health Administration published by the United States Department of Labor. He will notify owners of adjacent utilities when prosecution of the Work may affect them. All damage, injury or loss to any property caused directly or indirectly, in whole or in part by the CONTRACTOR, any SUB-CONTRACTOR, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable will be remedied by the CONTRACTOR; except any damage or loss attributable to the fault of the Drawings or the Specifications or to the acts or omissions of the COUNTY, and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault of negligence of the CONTRACTOR.
- 18.1.5 The CONTRACTOR will designate a member of his organization whose responsibility will be to plan for the prevention of accidents at the site. This person shall be

the CONTRACTOR'S Superintendent unless otherwise designated in writing by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

19 Emergencies

- 19.1 In emergencies affecting the safety of persons, the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, the CONTRACTOR, without special instruction or authorization from the COUNTY, is obligated to act at his discretion to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. He will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prompt written notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Contract Documents caused thereby. If the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE determine that a change to the Contract Documents is required because of the action taken in response to an emergency, a Field Directive Change or Change Order shall thereupon be issued covering the changes and deviations involved.

20 Shop Drawings and Samples

- 20.1 After checking and verifying all field measurements, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval, in accordance with the acceptable schedule of Shop Drawing submission, five copies (or at the option of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, one reproducible copy) of all Shop Drawings, which shall have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR and identified as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require. The data shown on the Shop Drawings will be complete with respect to dimensions, design criteria, materials of construction and the like to enable the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to review the information as required.
- 20.2 The CONTRACTOR will also submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for approval with such promptness as to cause no delay in the Work, all samples required by the Contract Documents. All samples will have been checked by and stamped with the approval of the CONTRACTOR, identified clearly as to material, manufacturer, any pertinent numbers and the use for which intended.
- 20.3 At the time of each submission, the CONTRACTOR will in writing call the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S attention to any deviations that the Shop Drawing or sample may have from the requirements of the Contract Documents and, in addition, shall cause a specific notation to be made on each shop drawing submitted for review and approval of each such variation.
- 20.4 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will review and approve with reasonable promptness Shop Drawings and Samples, but its review and approval shall be only for conformance with the design concept of the Project and for compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents. The approval of a separate item as such will not indicate approval of the assembly in which the item functions. The CONTRACTOR will make any corrections required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and will return the required number of corrected copies of Shop Drawings and re-submit new samples until approved. All cost incurred by the COUNTY for the review of a shop drawing in excess of two reviews shall be the CONTRACTORS responsibility. The CONTRACTOR'S stamp of approval on any Shop Drawing or sample shall constitute a representation to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that the CONTRACTOR has either determined and verified all quantities, dimensions, field construction criteria, materials, catalog numbers and similar data or he assumes full responsibility for doing so, and that he has reviewed or coordinated each Shop Drawing or sample with the requirements of the Work and the Contract Document.
- 20.5 No work requiring a Shop Drawing or sample submissions shall be commenced until the submission has been approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any related Work performed prior to review and approval by the COUNTY of the pertinent submission will be the sole expense and responsibility of the CONTRACTOR. A copy of each approved Shop Drawing and each approved sample shall be kept in good order by the CONTRACTOR at the site and shall be available to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

20.6 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE approval of Shop Drawings or samples shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from his responsibility for any deviations from the requirements of the Contract Documents, unless the CONTRACTOR has in writing called the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE attention to such deviation at the time of submission and the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE have given written approval to the specific deviation; nor shall any approval by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE relieve the CONTRACTOR from responsibility for errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings.

20.6.1 The CONTRACTOR shall, upon completion of the work, furnish to the Engineer two (2) complete sets of prints, neatly bound together, and in good condition, of all the CONTRACTOR'S, Subcontractors' and manufacturers' drawings as finally checked and reviewed by the Engineer with all modifications accepted by the Engineer subsequent thereto, showing the work as actually completed. Such "as-built" information for bridges, culverts, and similar structures shall also be provided by the CONTRACTOR.

21 Indemnification

21.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, save harmless and defend the COUNTY and all of its officers, agents, consultants and employees from and against all losses, claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description brought or recoverable against it or them by reason of any act or omission of the CONTRACTOR, his agent, consultants, employees, sub-contractors etc., in the execution of the work or in consequence of any negligence or carelessness in guarding the same and agrees to assume any related cost.

21.2 The CONTRACTOR shall assume all risk and bear any loss or injury to property or persons occasioned by neglect or accident during the progress of work until the same shall have been completed and accepted. The CONTRACTOR agrees to repair, restore or rebuild any damages he causes to any property of the COUNTY. He shall also assume all blame or loss by reason of neglect or violation of any state or federal law or municipal rule, regulation or order. The CONTRACTOR shall give to the proper authorities all required notices relating to the work, obtain all official permits and licenses and pay all proper fees. He shall repair any damage that may have occurred to any adjoining building, structure, utility or private property in the course of this work.

22 Cleaning Up

22.1 The CONTRACTOR will keep the premises free from accumulations of waste materials, rubbish and other debris resulting from the Work; at the completion of the Work he will remove all waste materials, rubbish and debris from and about the premises as well as all tools, construction equipment and machinery, and surplus materials, and will leave the site clean and ready for occupancy by the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR will restore to their original condition those portions of the site not designated for alteration by the Contract Documents.

22.2 If the CONTRACTOR fails to clean up as provided in the Contract Documents, the COUNTY may do so and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the final retainage due the CONTRACTOR.

23 Continuing the Work

23.1 The CONTRACTOR shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule during all disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY. No work shall be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements, except as permitted (The COUNTY May Stop Work) or as the CONTRACTOR and the COUNTY may otherwise agree in writing.

24 Anti-Discrimination

- 24.1 The CONTRACTOR for itself, its successors in interest, and assignees, as part of the consideration thereof covenant and agree that:
- 24.2 In the furnishing of services to the COUNTY hereunder, no person on the grounds of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- 24.3 The CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. The CONTRACTOR will make affirmative efforts to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, acts of employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeships.
- 24.4 CONTRACTOR agrees to post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this anti-discrimination clause.
- 24.5 CONTRACTOR will provide all information and reports required by relevant regulations and/or applicable directives. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the COUNTY to be pertinent to ascertain compliance. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain and make available relevant data showing the extent to which members of minority groups are beneficiaries under these contracts.
- 24.6 Where any information required of the CONTRACTOR is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the CONTRACTOR shall so certify to the COUNTY its efforts made toward obtaining said information. The CONTRACTOR shall remain obligated under this paragraph until the expiration of three years after the termination of this CONTRACT.
- 24.7 In the event of breach of any of the above anti-discrimination covenants, the COUNTY shall have the right to impose sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including withholding payment to the CONTRACTOR or canceling, terminating or suspending this CONTRACT, in whole or in part.
- 24.8 Additionally, the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts by rule, regulation or order of the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, or as otherwise provided by law.
- 24.9 The CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union, or representative of workers with which the CONTRACTOR has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract of understanding, a notice informing the labor union or worker's representative of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this assurance, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to the employees and the applicants for employment.
- 24.10 The CONTRACTOR will include the provisions in every sub-contract under this contract to insure its provisions will be binding upon each Sub-contractor. The CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any Sub-contractor, as the contracting agency may direct, as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for non-compliance.

25 Work by Others

- 25.1 The COUNTY may perform additional Work related to the Project by itself, or it may let other direct contracts which shall contain General Conditions similar to these.
- 25.2 The CONTRACTOR will afford the other Contractors who are parties to such direct contracts (or the COUNTY, if it is performing the additional Work itself), reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of materials and equipment and the execution of the Work, and shall properly connect and coordinate his work with theirs. Should the Contract entail relocation of

facilities not a part of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR will coordinate and cooperate with the applicable entity responsible for this portion of the Work.

- 25.3 Water lines, gas lines, wire lines, service connections, water and gas meter boxes, water and gas valve boxes, light standards, cableways, signals, and all other utility appurtenances within the limits of the proposed construction which are to be relocated or adjusted are to be moved by the owners at their expense, unless otherwise provided in the Contract. It is understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR has considered in his bid all of the permanent and temporary utility appurtenances in their present or relocated positions as shown on the plans and that no additional compensation will be allowed for any delays, inconveniences, or damage sustained to him due to any interference from the said utility appurtenances or the operation of moving them. If any part of the CONTRACTOR'S work depends (for proper execution) upon the Work of any such other Contractor (or the COUNTY), the CONTRACTOR will inspect and promptly report to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE in writing, any defects, deficiencies or delays in such Work that render it unsuitable for such proper execution and results. His failure to report shall constitute an acceptance of the Work, except as to defects, deficiencies and delays which may appear in the other Work after the execution of his Work.
- 25.4 The CONTRACTOR will do all cutting, fitting and patching of his Work, which is consistent with the Contract Documents that may be required to make its several parts come together properly and fit it to receive or be received by such other Work. The CONTRACTOR will not endanger any Work of others by cutting, excavating or otherwise altering such other Work and will only cut or alter such other work with the written consent of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 25.5 If the performance of additional Work by other Contractors or the COUNTY is not noted in the Contract Documents prior to the execution of the Contract, written notice thereof shall be given to the CONTRACTOR prior to starting any such additional Work.
- 25.6 The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for coordination with all activities with adjacent projects.

26 Owner's Representative Status During Construction

- 26.1 County's Representatives
- 26.1.1 The COUNTY shall issue all communications to the CONTRACTOR through the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
- 26.2 Clarifications and Interpretations
- 26.2.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will issue with reasonable promptness, through the COUNTY, such written clarifications or interpretations of the requirements of the Contract Documents (in the form of Drawings or otherwise) as the COUNTY may determine necessary, which shall be consistent with or reasonably inferable from the overall intent of the Contract Documents. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a written clarification or interpretation justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.
- 26.3 Authorized Variations in Work
- 26.3.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may authorize, with prior approval from the COUNTY minor variations in the Work from the requirements of the Contract Documents which do not involve an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time and are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. These may be accomplished by a Field Change Order and the CONTRACTOR shall perform the Work involved promptly. If the CONTRACTOR believes that a Field Change Order

justifies an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time and the parties are unable to agree as to the amount or extent thereof, the CONTRACTOR may make a claim.

27 Changes in Work

- 27.1 Without invalidating the Agreement, the COUNTY may unilaterally and at any time or from time to time order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work; these will be authorized by Change Orders or Field Directive Change. Upon receipt of a Change Order or Field Directive Change, the CONTRACTOR will proceed with the Work involved.
- 27.2 All such Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents.
- 27.3 If any Change Order or Field Directive Change causes an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or any extension or shortening of the Contract Time, an equitable adjustment will be made.
- 27.4 Additional Work performed by the CONTRACTOR without written authorization of a change in the form of an approved Change Order will not entitle him to an increase in the Contract Price or any extension of the Contract Time, except in the case of an emergency.
- 27.5 It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to notify the Surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the Work or change of the Contract Price and the amount of the applicable Bonds shall be adjusted accordingly. The Surety's Acceptance must be submitted to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, by the CONTRACTOR, within ten calendar days of the initiation of the change.

28 Change of Contract Price

- 28.1 The Contract Price constitutes the total compensation payable to the CONTRACTOR for performing the Work. All duties, responsibilities and obligations assigned to or undertaken by the CONTRACTOR shall be at his expense without change in the Contract Price.
- 28.2 The Contract Price may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an increase or decrease in the Contract Price shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating the general nature of the claim. Notice of the amount of the claim with supporting data shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless COUNTY allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the amount claimed covers all known amounts (direct, indirect, and consequential) to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. No claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price will be valid if not submitted in accordance. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Price shall be reviewed by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Price shall be incorporated in a Change Order and approved by the COUNTY. No claim by the CONTRACTOR for an equitable adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.
- 28.3 Where the Work involved is covered by unit prices contained in the Contract Documents or subsequently agreed upon, by application of unit prices to the quantities of the items involved.
- 28.4 By mutual acceptance of a lump sum properly itemized and supported by sufficient substantiating data to permit evaluation.
- 28.5 By cost of the Work and mutually acceptable fixed amount for overhead and profit agreed upon by the parties.
- 28.6 If none of the above methods is agreed upon, the value shall be determined by the COUNTY on the basis of cost of the Work and a percentage for overhead and profit. Cost shall only include labor (payroll, payroll taxes, fringe benefits, worker's compensation, etc.), materials, equipment, and other incidentals directly related to the Work involved.

- 28.7 In such cases the CONTRACTOR will submit in the form prescribed by the COUNTY an itemized cost breakdown together with supporting data. The amount of credit to be allowed by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY for any such change which results in a net decrease in cost will be the amount of the actual net decrease as determined by the COUNTY. When both additions and credits are involved in any one change, the combined overhead and profit shall be figured on the basis of the net decrease, if any.

29 Cash Allowance

- 29.1 It is understood that the CONTRACTOR has included in the Contract Price any allowances so named in the Contract Documents and shall cause the Work so covered to be done by such materialmen, suppliers, or SUB-CONTRACTORS and for such sums within the limit of the allowances as the COUNTY may approve. Upon final payment, the Contract Price shall be adjusted as required and an appropriate Change Order issued. The CONTRACTOR agrees that the original Contract Price includes such sums as he deems proper for cost and profit on account of cash allowances. No demand for an additional sum for overhead or profit in connection therewith will be allowed.

29.2 Unit Price Work

- 29.2.1 Where the Contract Documents provide that all or part of the Work is to be Unit Price Work, the Contract Price will be deemed to include for all Unit Price Work an amount equal to the sum of the established unit prices for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of each item as indicated in the Agreement. The estimated quantities of items of Unit Price Work are not guaranteed and are solely for the purpose of comparison of Bids and determining an initial Contract Price.

- 29.2.2 Each unit price will be deemed to include an amount considered by the CONTRACTOR to be adequate to cover the CONTRACTOR'S overhead and profit for each separately identified item.

- 29.2.3 The unit price of an item of Unit Price Work shall be subject to revaluation and adjustment under the following conditions:

- 29.2.3.1 If the total cost of a particular item of Unit Price Work amounts to 5% or more of the Contract Price and the variation in the quantity of that particular item of Unit Price Work performed by the CONTRACTOR differs by more than 15% from the estimated quantity of such item indicated in the Agreement; and,

- 29.2.3.2 If there is no corresponding adjustment with respect to any other item of Work; and

- 29.2.3.3 If the CONTRACTOR believes that it has incurred additional expense as a result thereof; or

- 29.2.3.4 If the COUNTY believes that the quantity variation entitles it to an adjustment in the unit price, either the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR may make a claim for an adjustment in the Contract Price if the parties are unable to agree as to the effect of any such variations in the quantity of Unit Price Work performed.

30 Change of Contract Time

- 30.1 The Contract Time may only be changed by a Change Order. Any claim for an extension in the Contract Time shall be in writing and delivered to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and stating general nature of the claim. Notice of the extent of the claim with supporting data (analysis

and documentation) shall be delivered within sixty calendar days after such occurrence (unless the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE allows an additional period of time to ascertain more accurate data in support of the claim) and shall be accompanied by the CONTRACTOR'S written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the CONTRACTOR has reason to believe it is entitled as a result of the occurrence of said event. If adverse weather conditions are the basis for a claim for additional time, such claim shall be documented by data substantiating that weather conditions were abnormal for the period of time and could not have been reasonably anticipated, and that the weather conditions had an adverse effect on the scheduled construction. No claim by the CONTRACTOR under this provision shall be allowed unless the CONTRACTOR has given the notice and the analysis and documentation required in this paragraph. All claims for adjustment in the Contract Time shall be determined by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE. Any change in the Contract Time resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.

- 30.2 The COUNTY shall not be responsible for any delay in the completion of the project where the delay is beyond the control or without fault or negligence on behalf of the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall not be held accountable for extra compensation or an extension of time due to default by the CONTRACTOR, SUB-CONTRACTORS, or suppliers in the furnishing of labor or materials for the project, or having to replace defective materials.
- 30.3 The CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to a claim for an extension of time when a delay or hindrance is caused by an act of God, or any act or omission on the part of the COUNTY, provided the CONTRACTOR gives notice to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE within fifteen calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim and having stated the general nature of the claim. The CONTRACTOR'S sole remedy shall be an extension of Contract Time.
- 30.4 No extension of Contract Time or increases in Contract Price shall be granted for any delay caused either by (1) inadequate crewing, default or bankruptcy of lower tier contract, slow submittals, etc., or (2) by severe though not unusual weather conditions (other than hurricanes and tornadoes) or (3) any delay impacting a portion of the Work within the available total float or slack time and not necessarily preventing completion of the Work within the Contract Time unless otherwise agreed to by the COUNTY in its sole discretion or (4) for any delay which is caused by the CONTRACTOR having to replace defective material or equipment or (5) delays attributable to the lack of performance by Sub-contractors regardless of the reasons.
- 30.5 All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Agreement. Shall not exclude recovery for damages (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys and other professionals and court cost) for delay by either party.

31 Warranty and Guarantee: Acceptance of Defective Work

31.1 Warranty and Guarantee

31.1.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees to the COUNTY that all materials and equipment will be new unless otherwise specified and that all Work will be of good quality, free from faults or defects and in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and any inspections, test or approvals referred to in this Article. All unsatisfactory Work, all faulty Work, and all Work not conforming to the requirements of the Contract Documents or such inspections, tests or approvals shall be considered defective. Prompt notice of all defects shall be given to the CONTRACTOR. All defective Work, whether or not in place, may be rejected, corrected or accepted as provided herein. Contractor is to assign any and all warranties or guarantees on equipment, materials, etc. to the COUNTY.

31.2 Tests and Inspections

- 31.2.1 If the Contract Documents, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or order of any public authority having jurisdiction require any Work to specifically be inspected, tested or approved by someone other than the CONTRACTOR, the CONTRACTOR will give the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE forty-eight (48) hours' notice of readiness therefore. The CONTRACTOR will furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the required certificates of inspection, testing or approval. All such tests will be in accordance with the methods prescribed by the American Society for Testing and Materials or such other applicable organizations as may be required by law or the Contract Documents. If any such Work required to be inspected, tested or approved is covered without written approval of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall, if requested by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, be uncovered for observation at the CONTRACTOR'S expense. The cost of all such inspections, tests and approvals shall be borne by the CONTRACTOR unless otherwise provided.
- 31.2.2 Project field testing of materials required by the specifications or the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall be provided by and at the expense of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate and schedule the required testing. The Contractor shall pay for all retests when the initial test result reveals that the materials failed to meet the requirements of the specifications. The CONTRACTOR shall notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE twenty-four (24) hours prior to conducting any test so the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may be present.
- 31.2.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall have the right to require all materials to be submitted to tests prior to incorporation in the Work. In some instances, it may be expedient to perform these tests at the source of supply, and for this reason, it is required that the CONTRACTOR furnish the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE with the information concerning the location of his source before incorporating material into the Work. This does not in any way obligate the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to perform tests for acceptance of material and does not relieve the CONTRACTOR of his responsibility to furnish satisfactory material. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish manufacturer's certificates of compliance with these specifications covering manufactured items incorporated in the Work.
- 31.2.4 Neither observations by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, nor inspections, tests or approvals by persons other than the CONTRACTOR shall relieve the CONTRACTOR from his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- 31.2.5 Testing/Permits: The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for performing any testing and the cost for all items that may be required as part of the NPDES, FDEP, USACOE and SFWMD permits.

32 Close Out Procedure

32.1 General Operating/Maintenance Instructions & Manuals

- 32.1.1 The CONTRACTOR shall organize maintenance operating manual information into four suitable sets of manageable size, and bind into individual binders properly identified and indexed (thumb-tabbed). Emergency instructions, spare parts listing, warranties, wiring diagrams, recommended "turn around" cycles, inspection procedures, shop drawings, product data, and similar acceptable information shall be included. The CONTRACTOR shall bind each manual of each set in a heavy duty, 3-ring vinyl covered binder, and include pocket folders for folded sheet information. Mark identification on both front and spine of each binder.
- 32.1.2 Arrange for each installer of work requiring continuing maintenance (by the OWNER)

or operation, to meet with the OWNER'S personnel, at the project site, to provide basic instructions needed for proper operation and maintenance of the entire work. Include instructions by manufacturer's representatives where installers are not expert in the required procedures. Review maintenance manuals, record documentation, tools, spare parts and materials, lubricants, fuels, identification system, control sequences, hazards, cleaning and similar procedures and facilities. For operational equipment, demonstrate start-up, shut-down, emergency operations, noise and vibration adjustments, safety, economy/efficiency adjustments, and similar operations. Review maintenance and operations in relation with applicable guaranties, warranties, agreements to maintain, bonds, and similar continuing commitments.

33 Access to the Work

- 33.1 The COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE shall at all times have access to the Work. The CONTRACTOR shall provide proper facilities for such access and observation of the Work and also for any inspection or testing thereof by others.

34 Uncovering the Work

- 34.1 If any work has been covered which the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not specifically requested to observe prior to its being covered, or if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE considers it necessary or advisable that covered Work be inspected or tested by others, the CONTRACTOR, at the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S request, will uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, the CONTRACTOR will bear all the expense of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing, and of satisfactory reconstruction. If, however, such Work is not found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection, testing and reconstruction, if he makes a claim therefore.

35 County May Stop Work

- 35.1 If the Work is defective, if the CONTRACTOR fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, or if the CONTRACTOR fails to make prompt payments to SUB-CONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment: the COUNTY may order the CONTRACTOR to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the COUNTY to stop the work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the COUNTY to exercise this right for the benefit of the CONTRACTOR or any other party.
- 35.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 35.1, the COUNTY may also issue a Stop Work Order for the following reasons:
- 35.2.1 Insufficient Maintenance of Traffic practices.
 - 35.2.2 Failure to comply with permits regarding pollution control.
 - 35.2.3 Insufficient construction materials or methods.
 - 35.2.4 Failure to provide a safe working environment in accordance with the US Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- 35.3 Upon notice of the Stop Work Order, the CONTRACTOR shall cease all contracted work except for the activities required to correct the problem and as directed by the COUNTY.
- 35.4 If the CONTRACTOR fails to correct the problem causing the Stop Work Order and there is

immediate threat to the public's health, safety, or environmental protection, the COUNTY may perform any remedial activities necessary to protect the public and environment. Any costs incurred by the County in the performance of this work shall be deducted from monies due the Contractor or paid by the Contractor to the County.

- 35.5 No increase in the Contract Price or extension of the Contract Time will be granted for any delays or loss of time due to a Stop Work Order.

36 Correction or Removal of Defective Work

- 36.1 If required by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to approval of final payment, the CONTRACTOR will, promptly, without cost to the COUNTY and as specified by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, either correct any defective Work whether or not fabricated, installed or completed or, if the Work has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If the CONTRACTOR does not correct such defective Work or remove and replace such rejected Work within ten calendar days, all as specified in a written notice from the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may have the deficiency corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct or indirect costs of such correction or removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR will also bear the expense of making good all Work of others destroyed or damaged by his correction, removal or replacement of his defective Work.

37 One Year Correction Period

- 37.1 If, after the approval of the final payment and prior to the expiration of one year after the date of Final Completion or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any Work is found to be defective, the CONTRACTOR will promptly, without cost to the COUNTY, and in accordance with the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S written instructions, either correct such defective Work or, if it has been rejected by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work. If, within seven calendar days, the CONTRACTOR does not comply with the terms of such instructions, the Bonding Company shall be notified of default and requested to make repairs or replacement, the COUNTY may have the defective Work corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced. All direct and indirect costs of such removal and replacement shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR.

38 Acceptance of Defective Work

- 38.1 If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the COUNTY prefers to accept it, the COUNTY may do so. In such case, if acceptance occurs prior to approval of final payment, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revisions to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the acceptance occurs after approval of the final payment, an appropriate amount shall be paid by the CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.

39 Neglected Work By Contractor

- 39.1 If the CONTRACTOR should neglect to prosecute the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements of the progress schedule, the COUNTY may, after three calendar days written notice to the CONTRACTOR and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, make good such deficiency and the cost thereof shall be charged against the CONTRACTOR. A Change Order shall be issued incorporating the appropriate revision to the Contract Documents including an appropriate reduction in the Contract Price. If the

payments then or thereafter due the CONTRACTOR are not sufficient to cover such amount, the CONTRACTOR shall pay the difference to the COUNTY.

40 Payment and Completion

40.1 Schedule of Values

40.1.1 Within ten (10) calendar days after the effective date of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR must submit a schedule of values of the Work including quantities and unit prices totaling to the Contract Price. This schedule shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the COUNTY and shall subdivide the Work into sufficient detail to serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. Upon approval of the schedule of values by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, it shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment prescribed by the COUNTY. Unit Price Contracts shall have the bid proposal prices incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment.

40.2 Application for Progress Payment

40.2.1 Bid proposal units and unit prices shall serve as the basis for progress payments during construction. The bid proposal process shall be incorporated into the Estimate and Requisition for Payment Form No. CSD:505(4) prescribed by the COUNTY.

40.2.2 Not more often than once a month, nor less often than specified in the approved payment schedule, and on a date established at the Project Pre-Construction Conference, the CONTRACTOR will submit to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE for review the Estimate and Requisition for Payment form filled out and signed by the CONTRACTOR covering the Work completed as of the date of the Application and supported by such data as the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may reasonably require. Also, if payment is requested on the basis of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or at another location agreed to in writing, the Application for Payment shall also be accompanied by such supporting data, satisfactory to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, as will establish the COUNTY'S title to the material and equipment and protect its interest therein, including applicable insurance. All progress payments will be subject to the retainage percentage specified in the Contract Documents. Such retainage shall be paid and will be issued in the final payment after acceptance by the COUNTY of the Work.

41 Contractor's Warranty of Title

41.1 The CONTRACTOR warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an application for progress payment, whether incorporated in the Project or not, will be passed to the COUNTY prior to the next making of application for progress payment, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interest and encumbrances; and that no Work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment will have been acquired by the CONTRACTOR or by any other person performing the Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the CONTRACTOR or such other person.

42 Approval of Payments

42.1 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will, within ten calendar days after receipt of each Application for Payment, either indicate his approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY or return the Application to the CONTRACTOR indicating in writing the reason

for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within five calendar days after receipt of each approved application for payment, either indicate their approval of payment, and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved, or return the application to the CONTRACTOR thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

- 42.2 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of any payment requested in an Application for Payment shall constitute a representation by him to the COUNTY, based on the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S on-site observations of the Work in progress and on his review of the Application for Payment and the supporting data that the CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment of the amount approved.
- 42.3 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S approval of final payment shall constitute an additional representation by him to the COUNTY that the conditions precedent to the CONTRACTOR'S being entitled to final payment as set forth have been fulfilled.
- 42.4 The OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may refuse to approve the whole or any part of any payment if in his opinion; he is unable to make such representations to the COUNTY. He may then refuse to approve any such payment because of subsequently discovered evidence or the results of subsequent inspections or test, nullify any such payment previously approved, to such extent as may be necessary in his opinion to protect the COUNTY from loss because:
- 42.4.1 The Work is defective;
 - 42.4.2 A portion of such payment is the subject of a dispute or claim that has been filed;
 - 42.4.3 The Contract Price has been reduced because of Modifications;
 - 42.4.4 The COUNTY has been required to correct defective Work or complete the Work, or of unsatisfactory prosecution of the Work, including failure to clean up as required.

43 Substantial Completion

- 43.1 Prior to final payment, the CONTRACTOR shall, in writing to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, certify that the entire Project is substantially complete and request that the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of the Project to determine the status of completion. If the COUNTY does not consider the Project substantially complete, it will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing giving the reasons therefore. If the COUNTY considers the Project substantially complete, a Certificate of Substantial Completion will be issued. This certificate shall fix the date of Substantial Completion and the responsibilities between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities. The Certificate of Substantial Completion will also include a punch list of items to be completed or corrected, said time to be within the Contract Time. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from the Project after the date of Substantial Completion but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete items on the punch list.

44 Partial Utilization

- 44.1 Prior to final payment, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE may request the CONTRACTOR to permit the use of a specified part of the Project which the COUNTY believes it may use without significant interference with construction of the other parts of the Project. If the CONTRACTOR agrees, he will certify to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE that said part of the Project is substantially complete and request the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE to

issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion for that part of the Project. Within fourteen calendar days thereafter, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and the CONTRACTOR will make an inspection of that part of the Project to determine its status of completion. If the COUNTY considers that part of the Project to be substantially complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will deliver to the CONTRACTOR a certificate to that effect, fixing the date of Substantial Completion as to that part of the Project, and listing the punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment and fixing the responsibility between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for maintenance, heat and utilities as to that part of the Project. The COUNTY shall have the right to exclude the CONTRACTOR from any part of the Project which is so certified to be substantially complete but the COUNTY will allow the CONTRACTOR reasonable access to complete or correct items on the punch list.

45 Final Inspection

45.1 Upon written notice from the CONTRACTOR that the Project is complete, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE will make a final inspection with the CONTRACTOR and will notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of any particulars which this inspection reveals that the Work is defective. The CONTRACTOR shall immediately make such corrections as are necessary to remedy the defects within a reasonable time.

46 Final Inspection for Payment

46.1 After the CONTRACTOR has completed any such corrections to the satisfaction of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and delivered all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, Certificates of Inspection and other documents as required by the Contract Documents, he may make application for final payment following the procedure for progress payments. The final Application for Payment shall be accompanied by legally effective final releases or waivers of liens from the CONTRACTOR and all SUB-CONTRACTORS which performed services for the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the Contract Documents and the consent of surety, if applicable to final payment.

47 Approval of Final Payment

47.1 If, on the basis of its observations and review of the Work during construction, its final inspection and its review of the final Estimate and Requisition for Payment, all as required by the Contract Documents, the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE is satisfied that the Work has been completed and the CONTRACTOR has fulfilled all of his obligations under the Contract Documents, it will, within ten calendar days after receipt of the final Application for Payment, indicate in writing its approval of payment and deliver the application to the COUNTY. Otherwise, it will return the Application to the CONTRACTOR, indicating in writing its reason for refusing to approve final payment, in which case the CONTRACTOR will make the necessary corrections and re-submit the Application. The COUNTY will, within fifteen calendar days after receipt of approved application for final payment, either indicate their approval of the estimate and requisition application for payment and within fifteen calendar days pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved by the COUNTY and issue a Certificate of Final Completion or return the application thru the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE indicating in writing the reason for refusing to approve payment. In the latter case, the CONTRACTOR may make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

47.2 If, after substantial Completion of the Work, final completion is materially delayed through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE so confirms, the COUNTY shall and without terminating the Agreement, make payment of the balance due for

that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted. If the remaining balance for Work not fully completed or corrected is less than the retainage stipulated in the Agreement, and if bonds have been furnished as required, the written consent of the Surety to the payment of the balance due for that portion of the Work fully completed and accepted shall be submitted by the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, prior to certification of such payment. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

- 47.3 If liquidated damages are to be deducted from the final payment, the COUNTY shall so notify the CONTRACTOR in writing at least seven calendar days prior to the COUNTY'S submittal to Finance.
- 47.4 The Contractor will be required to submit with his final payment documents a DBE Participation Certification, indicating all DBE sub-contractor(s) and amount(s) utilized for the project.
- 47.5 If the CONTRACTOR did not utilize the DBE firm(s) listed on the Bid Proposal, a letter of justification, as to why shall be submitted along with the DBE Participation Certification.
- 47.6 At the final completion of the construction project if the county project manager experienced problems with the CONTRACTOR the project manager will prepare a Contractor Performance Evaluation, and forward to the Contractor for review, comment and signature.
- 47.7 Upon receipt of the Contractor Performance Evaluation the CONTRACTOR will have seven calendar days, from the date received, to review, comment, sign and return back to the project manager. If the evaluation has not been received back from the CONTRACTOR within the seven calendar days, the COUNTY will assume the CONTRACTOR fully agrees with and has no comments to the evaluation. The evaluation will then be placed on file with Lee County Procurement Management.

48 Contractor's Continuing Obligation

- 48.1 The CONTRACTOR'S obligation to perform the Work and complete the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents shall be absolute. Neither approval of any progress or final payment by the COUNTY, the issuance of the Certificates of Completion, any payment by the COUNTY to the CONTRACTOR under the Contract Documents, any use or occupancy of the Project or any part thereof by the COUNTY, any act of acceptance by the COUNTY, any failure to do so, nor any correction of defective Work by the COUNTY shall constitute an acceptance of Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

49 Waiver of Claims

- 49.1 The making and acceptance of final payment shall constitute:
- 49.1.1 A waiver of all claims by the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR other than those arising from unsettled liens, from defective Work appearing after final payment or from failure to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents, or from the terms of any special guarantees specified therein, and,
- 49.1.2 A waiver of all claims by the CONTRACTOR against the COUNTY other than those previously made in writing and still unsettled.

50 Suspension of Work and Termination

- 50.1 County May Suspend Work
- 50.1.1 The COUNTY may at any time and without cause suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety calendar days by notice in writing to the CONTRACTOR. The COUNTY shall fix the date on which Work shall be resumed and the CONTRACTOR will resume the Work on the date so fixed. The

CONTRACTOR will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price, an extension of the Contract Time or both, if such increases are justified and directly attributable to any COUNTY suspension and if he makes a claim thereof.

51 County May Terminate

- 51.1 If the CONTRACTOR is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, if he makes a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, if a trustee or receiver is appointed for the CONTRACTOR or for any of his property, if he files a petition to take advantage of any debtor's act or reorganizes under the bankruptcy or similar laws, if he repeatedly fails to supply sufficient skilled workmen or suitable materials or equipment, if he repeatedly fails to make prompt payments to SUB-CONTRACTORS for labor, materials or equipment, if he disregards laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public body having jurisdiction, if he disregards the authority of the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, or if he otherwise substantially violates any provisions of the Contract Documents, then the COUNTY may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving the CONTRACTOR and his surety seven (7) calendar days' written notice, terminate the services of the CONTRACTOR and take possession of the Project and all materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery thereon owned by the CONTRACTOR and finish the Work by whatever method the COUNTY may deem expedient or arrange with the Surety to complete the project. The CONTRACTOR, if notified by the COUNTY to do so, shall promptly remove any part of his equipment and supplies from the property of the COUNTY; failing, the COUNTY shall have the right to remove such equipment and supplies at the expense of the CONTRACTOR.
- 51.2 In such case the CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Work is finished. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the direct and indirect cost of completing the Project, including compensation for additional professional services, such excess shall be paid to the CONTRACTOR. If such cost exceeds such unpaid balance, the CONTRACTOR will pay the difference to the COUNTY. Such cost incurred by the COUNTY will be determined by the COUNTY and incorporated in a Change Order.
- 51.3 Where the CONTRACTOR'S services have been so terminated by the COUNTY, said termination shall not affect any rights of the COUNTY against the CONTRACTOR then existing or which may thereafter accrue.
- 51.4 If so terminated, any retention or payment of monies by the COUNTY due the CONTRACTOR will not release the CONTRACTOR from liability accruing under this Contract.
- 51.5 If after notice of termination of the CONTRACTOR'S right to proceed under the provisions of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the CONTRACTOR was not in default under the provisions or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had not been issued.
- 51.6 Upon thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the CONTRACTOR, the COUNTY may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy elect to abandon the Project and terminate the Agreement. In such case the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for all Work executed and any expense sustained plus a reasonable profit.

52 Contractor May Stop Work or Terminate The Contract

- 52.1 If through no fault of the CONTRACTOR, or a Sub-contractor, or their agents or employees or any other persons performing portions of the Work under Contract with the CONTRACTOR, the WORK is suspended for a period of more than ninety calendar days by the COUNTY or under an order of court or other public authority, or the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has not issued a certificate for payment and has not notified the CONTRACTOR of the reason for withholding certification or because the COUNTY has not

made payment on a certificate for payment within the time stated in the Contract Documents, then the CONTRACTOR may, upon seven calendar days written notice to the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, terminate the Agreement and recover from the COUNTY payment for all Work executed and proven loss with respect to materials, equipment, tools and construction equipment and machinery, including reasonable overhead, profit and damages.

- 52.2 In addition and in lieu of terminating the Agreement, if the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE has failed to act on an application for payment or the COUNTY has failed to make any payment as aforesaid, the CONTRACTOR may upon seven calendar days written notice to the COUNTY and the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE stop the Work until payment of all amounts then due. The provisions of this paragraph shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of the obligation to carry on the Work in accordance with the progress schedule and without delay during disputes and disagreements with the COUNTY.

53 Miscellaneous

53.1 General

53.1.1 All Specifications, Drawings and copies thereof furnished by the COUNTY, to the CONTRACTOR, shall remain the COUNTY'S property. They shall not be used on another Project.

53.1.2 The duties and obligations imposed by these General Conditions and the rights and remedies available hereunder, and, in particular but without limitation, the warrants, guarantees and obligations imposed upon the CONTRACTOR and the rights and remedies available to the COUNTY thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any otherwise imposed or available by law, by special guarantee or other provisions of the Contract Documents.

53.1.3 Should the COUNTY or the CONTRACTOR suffer injury or damage to its person or property because of any error, omission or act of the other or any of his employees, agents, or others for whose acts he is legally liable, claim should be made in writing to the other party within seven calendar days of the first observance of such injury or damage.

53.1.4 The Contract Documents shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, the County of Lee, and the municipality in which the project is being done.

- 53.2 Right-of-Way Station Boards: The CONTRACTOR must establish and maintain throughout construction the right-of-way station boards at every even station within ten (10) days after the Notice to Proceed to assist and expedite construction and utility coordination. No additional compensation or separate pay item will be made for this work.

- 53.3 Abbreviations: Reference in the technical specifications to the specifications or requirements of technical societies, associated organization, or bodies shall mean their most current specifications. These groups are identified in the technical specifications.

- 53.4 Use of Public Streets: The use of public streets and roads shall be such as to minimize any inconvenience to the public and to other traffic. Any earth or other excavation materials spilled from trucks shall be removed by the CONTRACTOR and the streets and roads shall be cleaned by the CONTRACTOR to the satisfaction of the COUNTY.

- 53.5 Damage to Existing Property, Structures and Utilities: The CONTRACTOR shall be held responsible for and shall repair all damage to pavement beyond the limits of the contract or outside the right-of-way. Also, the CONTRACTOR shall repair if damaged buildings, telephone or other cables, poles, signs, mailboxes, irrigation piping, water pipes, sanitary pipes, or other structures which may be encountered, whether or not they are shown on the Drawings. Information shown on the Drawings as to the location of existing utilities has been prepared from the most reliable data available to the Engineer. However, this information is not

guaranteed, and it shall be the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine the location, character, and depth of any existing utilities. The CONTRACTOR shall assist the utility companies, by every means possible, to determine said locations. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise extreme caution to eliminate any possibility of any damage to utilities resulting from his activities.

- 53.5.1 At least two (2) business days prior to excavating any section of the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall call the utility companies noted on the plans and inform them that Work on the specific section is about to commence and request that they field locate their underground utilities.
- 53.5.2 When proceeding with the Work, the CONTRACTOR shall exercise due caution to protect all underground and overhead utilities and existing structures from damage. In keeping with the Trench Safety Act, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all sheeting, shoring, and bracing that may be required to properly protect adjacent property, structures and people. The CONTRACTOR shall repair, to the satisfaction of the OWNER, any surface or subsurface Improvement damaged during the course of the Work (unless such improvement is shown to be abandoned or removed) whether or not such improvement is shown on the Drawing. Should any utilities be encountered that are not shown on the Drawing, the CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE and shall take all due caution necessary to protect the utility.
- 53.6 Adjustment of Grades: Adjustments of grades shown on Drawings may be necessary to conform to actual field conditions or to maintain cover under proposed future grades. Such adjustments shall be considered part of the job conditions and no extra compensation will be allowed for such changes, except where specifically otherwise noted in the plans or specifications. Such adjustments must be approved by the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE prior to being made.
- 53.7 Existing Drainage: Existing drainage shall be maintained at all times and drainage under construction shall be left open so as not to cause flooding due to blockage. Any damage to construction caused by this requirement shall be the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.
- 53.8 Reference to Other Specifications
 - 53.8.1 Reference to FDOT Specifications shall mean the State of Florida Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction dated July 2016 and supplements thereto unless specifically stated otherwise in the Contract Documents. Where an FDOT Specification section cites or contains references to other sections, they shall also be included as though cited herein. Where FDOT Specifications refer to the "Engineer", "Engineer of Test" or "Division of Test", it shall be understood to mean the OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE or his designee. Where FDOT Specifications refer to the "Department", it shall mean the Department of Transportation of Lee County, Florida.
 - 53.8.2 In case of conflict between the referenced FDOT Specifications and the Contract Documents, the Contract Documents shall govern.
 - 53.8.3 Reference to AASHTO and ASTM are to the latest editions of published text of the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials and the American Society for Testing and Materials, respectively.
- 53.9 Shoring
 - 53.9.1 Unless trench banks are cut back on a stable slope, sheet and brace trenches shall be used as necessary to prevent caving or sliding, to provide protection for workmen and the pipe, and to protect adjacent structures and facilities. The CONTRACTOR shall not brace sheeting against the pipe, but shall brace it so that no concentrated loads of

horizontal thrust are transmitted to the pipe. If portable metal box is used for bracing the slopes, the CONTRACTOR shall take care not to disturb the pipe when the box is removed.

- 53.9.2 The CONTRACTOR must comply with the Trench Safety Act, Florida Statutes Sections 553.60 – 553.64. Cost of compliance is not a separate pay item. Costs shall be included in the cost of pipe placement.
- 53.10 Dewatering: Dewatering of excavations, trenches, structures and utilities may be required. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for obtaining water use permits for dewatering operations, as necessary, from the South Florida Water Management District. No separate payment will be made for dewatering operations or procurement of dewatering permits. Costs shall be included in the cost of items as included in the Bid Form.
- 53.11 Excess Excavated Material: Unless otherwise specified, all excavated material in excess of the needs for backfill and area fill shall become the property of the CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR shall remove same from the project.
- 53.12 Asphalt Paving Conference: A pre-paving conference shall be held prior to any asphalt placement. The conference is intended to closely coordinate the CONTRACTOR'S plant and site personnel with the COUNTY'S plant and field inspectors and establish expected quality assurance procedures. The CONTRACTOR shall not perform any paving prior to this conference.
- 53.13 Rock Excavation: All excavations for the installation of pipes, structures, foundations, or other contract items shall be unclassified and no additional or separate payment for rock excavation shall be provided nor shall additional or separate payment be made for backfill required to compensate for excavated rock material that cannot be reused as backfill.
- 53.14 Permits
- 53.14.1 Copies of permits for this project other than for dewatering or NPDES will be provided by the COUNTY.
- 53.14.2 The CONTRACTOR shall abide by all conditions, statutes, and regulations issued by the jurisdiction authorities, boards and agencies of the COUNTY, State and Federal Governments. The CONTRACTOR shall be fully responsible for the execution and adherence to all directives, instructions, conditions, issuance of notices, special conditions, and limiting conditions contained in permits specifically issued for this project and which pertain to or affect the construction phase of this project. Except as may be provided elsewhere in these documents, the cost of materials, supplies, labor testing, permit fees and other direct or indirect expenses required to abide by or execute conditions of the permits shall be paid for by the CONTRACTOR. There is no direct or specific payment item in the bid for cost due to compliance with said permits. The CONTRACTOR'S reimbursement for said costs shall be distributed within the various items of work and materials associated with the construction of the project.
- 53.15 Field Office: CONTRACTOR is not required to provide a field office within the project limits as long as CONTRACTOR has a field office within Lee, Collier or Charlotte County prior to bidding. If CONTRACTOR does not have an established office within Lee, Collier or Charlotte County, then the CONTRACTOR shall provide and staff a field office within the project limits for the entire project duration, per FDOT requirements. This item shall be compensated under the mobilization item and no separate payment will be made. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the location of this field office with the Lee County Project Manager prior to the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

54 Computation of Time

- 54.1 When any period of time is referred to in the Contract Documents by days, it will be computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. If the last day of any such period

falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on a day made a legal holiday by the law of the applicable jurisdiction, such day will be omitted from the computation.

55 Maintenance of Records

55.1 The CONTRACTOR shall keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contractual matter. Said records and documentation will be retained by the CONTRACTOR for a minimum of five years from the date of termination of this Contract. The COUNTY and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the COUNTY deems necessary during the period of this Contract and during the period of five years thereafter; provided, however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The COUNTY, during the period of time expressed by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of, and otherwise inspect, any audit made at the direction of the CONTRACTOR as concerns the aforesaid records and documentation.

55.2 Vendor specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with §119.0701, F.S., with regard to public records, and shall:

55.2.1 keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the services required under this Agreement;

55.2.2 provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

55.2.3 ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law; and

55.2.4 meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the County, all public records in possession of Vendor upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of the County.

55.3 **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

56 Federal Requirements

56.1 In the event this Contract is paid in whole or in part from any Federal Governmental agency or source, the specific terms, regulations and requirements governing the disbursement of these funds are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract as if attached hereto and become a part of this clause.

End of General Conditions Section

SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1 Lee County Board of County Commissioners seek to contract with a qualified Contractor to provide necessary services to remove the existing operable portions of the weir and replace those areas with a fixed weir as identified in the attached plan set. This scope of work will include delivering the operable structure in operable condition back to the County facility in North Fort Myers. The proposed work is primarily located within the limits of the canal, with the addition of parking lot repairs on the adjacent property to the north as identified in the attached plan set.
- 1.2 East Mulloch Drainage District (EMDD) covers approximately a 4 square mile area consisting of over 21 miles of drainage canals, lakes, and structure. EMDD is generally bounded by Alico Road on the North, Three Oaks Parkway on the East and US 41 on the West. Though the system is comprised of several water control structures of varying size and purpose. Within the EMDD is a mostly channelized system identified as Mulloch Creek. The most downstream structure, thus the structure collecting some of the largest flows in the system, is located just upstream of Culvert EM-001P, 2-10'x6' box culverts flowing under US 41 and ultimately into the Estero Bay. During the summer rainy season of 2017, historic rainfall events resulted in the flooding of adjacent properties at the weir when the weir was breached and ultimately, the gates allowing water to discharge were closed creating increased stages. Scour occurred at the north end of the weir creating erosion on adjacent properties. The goal of this project is remediate the erosion, stabilize the shoreline adjacent to the structure, and to modify the structure such that the weir is no longer physically operable to ensure gates will not be closed in the event of extreme storm events.
- 1.3 Though it is envisioned the contractor will perform all work from within the canal; reasonable right of access maybe granted across adjacent lots. A description of the provided construction access easements is attached. The contractor shall exercise care to avoid damage to public or private property including but not limited to lawns, roadways, structures, utilities, signs, and fencing. Repair, replacement, or restitution for any such damage shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor. The contractor must employ means and methods to minimize the damages to property and access needed.
- 1.4 The County is requesting a lump sum bid for removal and replacement of the Mulloch Creek weir structure and all other pertinent work to complete the tasks. The contractor may request monthly progress payments for work completed. The County staff will authorize such payments upon inspection of completed portions of the work. The work is not considered complete until restoration of damage areas has been performed, release of liens from affected property owners are provided with the final pay request, as-built survey has been provided, and the South Florida Water Management District has accepted the certification of the final project.
- 1.5 Prior to issuance of notice to proceed for this item, the Contractor is required to provide the County with the details of sediment disposal sites and haul routes.
- 1.6 All work must be completed within 90 calendar days from issuance of the first notice to proceed.

End of Scope of Work and Specifications Section

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**SUPPLEMENTAL CONDITIONS AND CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR
NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS****1.0 FEDERAL FUNDING:**

When property or services are procured using funds derived from a Federal grant or agreement whether direct to the County or “pass-through” from another entity, the County is required to and will follow the Federal procurement standards in the “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”, 2 C.F.R. Sections 200.213 and 200.317 through 200.326.

Contract Cost and Price: For every procurement in excess of \$100,000, including contract modifications or change orders greater than \$100,000, the County shall perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement subject to Federal procurement guidelines, which shall include an independent estimate of cost prior to issuing bids or proposals. For proposals where price is not considered in the award, profit shall be negotiated as a separate element of the price. In determining whether profit is fair and reasonable, the County shall consider the complexity of work, the risk to be borne by the contractor, the contractor’s investment, the amount of subcontracting necessary, the quality of the contractor’s record and past performance, and industry profit rates for the surrounding geographical area. “Cost Plus Percentage” methods for determining profit may not be used.

2.0 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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

- a. 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 by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under section

- 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e. 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.
 - f. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
 - g. In the event of the contractor's non-compliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such 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 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.
 - h. The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (h) 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 may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

3.0 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

- a. The Contractor will keep and maintain adequate records and supporting documentation applicable to all of the services, work, information, expense, costs, invoices and materials provided and performed pursuant to the requirements of this agreement. Said records and documentation will be retained by the Contractor for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of termination of this agreement, or for such period is required by law.
- b. Contractor shall provide, when requested, access by the County, Federal granting agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- c. Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- d. Contractor agrees to provide the NRCS Administrator or his authorized representatives' access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- e. Contractor shall retain all records associated with this solicitation and any agreements that are created in response to the solicitation for a period of no less than five (5) years after final payments and all other pending matters are closed.
- f. The County and its authorized agents shall, with reasonable prior notice, have the right to audit, inspect and copy all such records and documentation as often as the County deems necessary during the period of this agreement, and during the period as set forth in the paragraphs above; provided, however, such activities shall be conducted only during normal business hours of the Contractor and at the expense of

the County.

4.0 PURPOSE:

The requirements under this solicitation may be funded in whole or in part with federal funds and as such, is subject to federal requirements including, but no limited to, those set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II and as otherwise may be listed below.

5.0 SUBCONTRACTS

The selected firm must require compliance with all federal requirements listed below of all subcontractors performing work the value of which is in excess of \$10,000, by including these federal requirements in all contracts with subcontractors.

6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officers, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity must neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

7.0 APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS – 2 C.F.R Part 200, APPENDIX II:

Remedies. Unless otherwise provided by the Contract, all claims, counter-claims, disputes and other matters in question between the County and the Contractor arising out of or relating to the Service Provider Agreement between the parties, or the breach of it, that cannot be resolved by and between the parties after conferring in good faith, will be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to Florida law. If such dispute is in state court, venue shall be in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Lee County, Florida. If in federal court, venue shall be in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ft. Myers Division.

8.0 CLEAN AIR ACT & FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The successful firm awarded a contract in excess of \$100,000 agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended. Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

9.0 CONTRACT WORK HOURS & SAFETY STANDARDS (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708):

Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. 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. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

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 or transmission of intelligence.

10.0 SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

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 awarded contractor. 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 Lee County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

11.0 BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

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 nonfederal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

12.0 RECOVERED MATERIALS

Contractor must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. 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 of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines. [78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

15.0 NO OBLIGATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this solicitation 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 Solicitation.

16.0 FRAUD and FALSE OR FRAUDULENT OR RELATED ACTS

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Contractors actions pertaining to this solicitation.

17.0 OTHER REMEDIES AND RIGHTS:

Pursuing any of the above remedies will not keep the County from pursuing any other rights or remedies, which may be otherwise available under law or in equity. If the County waives any right or remedy in this Agreement or fails to insist on strict performance by the Contractor, it will not affect, extend or waive any other right or remedy of the County, or affect the later exercise of the same right or remedy by the County for any other default by the Contractor.

18.0 EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM (E-VERIFY):

Statutes and Executive Orders require employers to abide by the Immigration laws of the United States and to employ only individuals who are eligible to work in the United States. The Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to provides an internet-based means of verifying employment eligibility of workers in the united States; it is not a substitute for any other employment eligibility verification requirements.

Vendors/bidders are required to enroll in the E-Verify program and provide acceptable evidence of their enrollment, at the time of the submission of the vendor's/bidder's proposal.

Acceptable evidence consists of a copy of the properly completed E-Verify Company Profile page or a copy of the fully executed E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding for the company. **Vendors are also required to provide the Lee County Purchasing Department an executed affidavit certifying they shall comply with the E-Verify Program. The affidavit is attached to the solicitation documents.**
If the Bidder/Vendor does not comply with providing both the acceptable E-Verify evidence and the executed affidavit the bidder's / vendor's proposal may be deemed non-responsive.

Subcontractor requirement: Vendors shall require all subcontracted vendors to flow down the requirement to use E-Verify to subcontractors.

It shall be the vendor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with all rules and regulations governing this program.

For additional information regarding the Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify) program visit the following website: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

19.0 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND/OR CONVENIENCE:

The County, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate this Agreement with or without cause, in whole or in part, when the County determines in its sole discretion that it is in the County's best interest to do so. In the event of termination the Contractor will not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of the Agreement after the Contractor has received notification of termination.

If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, the Contractor shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. Such payment, however, may not exceed an amount that is the same percentage of the Agreement price as the amount of work satisfactorily completed is a percentage of the total work called for by this Agreement. All work in progress shall become the property of the County and shall be turned over promptly by the Contractor.

20.0 ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

Contractor must follow any mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

21.0 REMEDIES

In the event the Contractor fails to satisfactorily perform or has failed to adhere to the terms and conditions under this Agreement, the County may, upon fifteen (15) calendar days written notice to the Contractor and upon the Contractor's failure to cure within those fifteen (15) calendar days, exercise any one or more of the following remedies, either concurrently or consecutively:

- Withhold or suspend payment of all or any part of a request for payment.
- Require that the Contractor refund to the County any monies used for ineligible purposes under the laws, rules and regulations governing the use of these funds.

Exercise any corrective or remedial actions, to include but not be limited to:

- Requesting additional information from the Contractor to determine the reasons for or the extent of non-compliance or lack of performance;
- Issuing a written warning to advise that more serious measures may be taken if the situation is not corrected;
- Advising the Contractor to suspend, discontinue or refrain from incurring costs for any activities in question; or
- Requiring the Contractor to reimburse the County for the amount of costs incurred for any items determined to be ineligible.

22.0 SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS:

- (1) Place 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) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises.
- (6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the five previous affirmative steps.

23.0 COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT:

22.403–2 Copeland Act - The Copeland (Anti-Kickback) Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 3145) makes it unlawful to induce, by force, intimidation, threat of procuring dismissal from employment, or otherwise, any person employed in the construction or repair of public buildings or public works, financed in whole or in part by the United States, to give up any part the United States, to give up any part of the compensation to which that person is entitled under a contract of employment. The Copeland Act also requires each contractor and subcontractor to furnish weekly a statement of compliance with respect to the wages paid each employee during the preceding week.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of: 29 CFR Part 3 - CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS ON PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY LOANS OR GRANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

24.0 REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

In general, the Secretary of Labor shall prescribe reasonable regulations for contractors and subcontractors engaged in constructing, carrying out, completing, or repairing public buildings, public works, or buildings or works that at least partly are financed by a loan or grant from the Federal Government. The regulations shall include a provision that each contractor and subcontractor each week must furnish a statement on the wages paid each employee during the prior week.

26.0 All contracts awarded by a recipient shall contain the following provisions as applicable.

Notice: Awarded Bidder(s)/Vendor(s) and all associated contractor(s) are also considered recipients and therefore, the following provisions must be included in all contract provisions; inclusive those of the subcontractor(s) when and where applicable.

27.0 Additional terms, conditions, and provisions related to the funding source of this project can be found attached herein. It is the Contractor's responsibility to thoroughly review the provided documents and fully understand the compliance requirements pertaining to the County and the Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure they are in compliance with the regulations of the funding source at all times. Terms of specific importance can be found within *Attachment A – General Terms and Conditions*.

End of Supplemental Information Section

FORMS DESCRIPTION & INSTRUCTIONS

INVITATION TO BID

This table provides a brief list, description, and instructions regarding the standard requested forms that should be submitted with all bids or proposals. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of forms required for your submission, but rather a guide to assist in completion of the County's standard forms. Bidders/Proposers should utilize the Lee County Document Management Form for a complete list of all forms required for project submission.

Form #	Title/Description
1	<p><i>Solicitation Response Form</i></p> <p>All signatures must be by a corporate authorized representative, witnessed, and corporate and/or notary seal (as applicable.) The corporate or mailing address must match the company information as it is listed with the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations. Attach a copy of the web-page(s) from http://www.sunbiz.org as certification of this required information. Sample attached for your reference.</p> <p>Verify that all Addenda and tax identification number have been provided.</p>
1a	<p><i>Bid/Proposal Form</i></p> <p>This form is used to provide itemization of project cost. A more detailed "schedule of values" may be requested by the County.</p>
*	<p><i>Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement</i></p> <p>Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), F.S., prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. If this disclosure is applicable, the Bidder must request the form entitled "INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS" (Required by § 112.313(12)(b), F.S.) to be completed and returned with the Solicitation Response. It is the Bidder's responsibility to request the form and disclose this relationship; failure to do so may result in being declared non-responsive.</p> <p>NOTICE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 112.317, F.S., A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR, AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY, ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00.</p>
2	<p><i>Affidavit Certification Immigration Laws</i></p> <p>Submission of this form constitutes acknowledgement that the Bidder is in compliance in regard to all applicable immigration laws.</p>
3	<p><i>Reference Survey</i></p> <p>Provide this form to reference respondents. For Bids, this form will be requested from the apparent low Bidder prior to the award. (not required to submit with bid)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 1: Bidder/Proposer to complete with <u>reference respondent's</u> information prior to providing to them for their response. (This is not the Bidder/Proposer's information.) 2. Section 2: Enter the name of the Bidder/Proposer; provide the project information in which the reference respondent is to provide a response. 3. The <u>reference respondent</u> should complete "Section 3." 4. Section 4: The reference respondent to print and sign name 5. Three (3) Reference responses are to be provided upon request. 6. Failure to obtain reference surveys may make your company non-responsive.

4 *Negligence or Breach of Contract Disclosure Form*

The form may be used to disclose negligence or breach of contract litigation that your company may have been a part of over the past ten (10) years. You may need to duplicate this form to list all history. If the Bidder has more than ten (10) lawsuits, you may narrow them to litigation of the company or subsidiary submitting the Solicitation Response. Include, at a minimum, litigation for similar projects completed in the State of Florida. Final outcome should include in whose favor the litigation was settled and whether a monetary amount was awarded. The settlement amount may remain anonymous.

If you have **no litigation**, enter **“None”** in the first **“type of incident”** block of the form. Please do not write N/A on this form.

5 *Sub-Contractor List*

To be completed and returned when sub-contractors are to be utilized and are known at the time of the submission.

6 *Public Entity Crime Form*

Any person or affiliate, as defined by statute, who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, may not submit a Bid on a Contract to provide any goods or services to the County; may not submit a Bid on a contract with the County for the construction or repair of a public building or a public work; may not submit Bids or leases of real property to the County; may not be Awarded or perform Work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with the County, and may not transact business with the County in excess of \$25,000.00 for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

7 *Trench Safety*

Typically required in construction projects where trench excavations are in excess of 5 feet deep per Florida Trench Safety Act (90-96, Laws of Florida)

8 *Bid Bond*

Guarantee to County that Bidder/Proposer will take on job if selected.

9 *No Lobbying Certification and Disclosure Form LLL***10** *Affidavit – Immigration Law-E-Verify****** *Bid/Proposal Label*

Self-explanatory. Please affix to the outside of the sealed submission documents.

***** *Include any licenses or certifications requested*

Local Business Tax Account (as applicable) issued by City and/or County entity. This is necessary for all Florida vendors.

It is the Bidder’s responsibility to ensure the Solicitation Response is mailed or delivered in time to be received no later than the specified opening date and time. (If Solicitation is not received prior to the deadline, it cannot be considered or accepted)



LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
SOLICITATION RESPONSE FORM

Date Submitted: _____ Deadline Date: 9/24/2018

SOLICITATION IDENTIFICATION: B180425DLK

SOLICITATION NAME: EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications

COMPANY NAME: _____

NAME & TITLE: (TYPED OR PRINTED) _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: (PHYSICAL) _____

CORPORATE OR MAILING ADDRESS: _____

[] SAME AS PHYSICAL

ADDRESS MUST MATCH SUNBIZ.ORG

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX _____

NOTE REQUIREMENT: IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER TO CHECK LEE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT WEB SITE FOR ANY ADDENDA ISSUED FOR THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY WILL POST ADDENDA TO THIS WEB PAGE, BUT WILL NOT NOTIFY.

By responding to this sealed solicitation, the Bidder/Proposer makes all representations required by the instructions and further warrants and represents that: Bidder/Proposer has examined copies of all the solicitation documents and of the following addenda:

No. _____ Dated: _____ No. _____ Dated: _____ No. _____ Dated: _____
No. _____ Dated: _____ No. _____ Dated: _____ No. _____ Dated: _____

Tax Payer Identification Number: _____

(1) Employer Identification Number -OR- (2) Social Security Number:

** Lee County collects your social security number for tax reporting purposes only

Please submit a copy of your registration from the website www.sunbiz.org establishing your firm as authorized (including authorized representatives) to conduct business in the State of Florida, as provided by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. (a sample is attached for your reference)

1 Collusion Statement: Lee County, Florida The undersigned, as Bidder/Proposer, hereby declares that no person or other persons, other than the undersigned, are interested in this solicitation as Principal, and that this solicitation is submitted without collusion with others; and that we have carefully read and examined the specifications or scope of work, and with full knowledge of all conditions under which the services herein is contemplated must be furnished, hereby bid/propose and agree to furnish this service according to the requirements set out in the solicitation documents, specifications or scope of work for said service for the prices as listed on the county provided price sheet or (CCNA) agree to negotiate prices in good faith if a contract is awarded.

2 Scrutinized Companies Certification: Section 287.135, FL §, "Prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies." Prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000, that are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, have been engaged in a boycott of Israel, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. The County reserves the right to review, on a case-by-case basis, and waive this stipulation if it is deemed to advantageous to the County.

As the person authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above is in compliance with Section 287.135, FL §. I understand that submission of a false certification may subject company to contract termination, civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

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3 Business Relationship Disclosure Requirement: Sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7), FL §, prohibit certain business relationships on the part of public officers and employees, their spouses, and their children. See Part III, Chapter 112, FL §, and/or the brochure entitled "A Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers, Candidates and Employees" for more details on these prohibitions. However, Section 112.313(12), FL § (1983), provides certain limited exemptions to the above-referenced prohibitions, including one where the business is awarded under a system of sealed, competitive bidding; the public official has exerted no influence on bid negotiations or specifications; and where disclosure is made, prior to or at the time of the submission of the bid, of the official's or his spouse's or child's interest and the nature of the intended business. The Commission on Ethics has promulgated this form for such disclosure, if and when applicable to a public officer or employee.

If this disclosure is applicable request form "INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BID FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS" (Required by 112.313(12)(b), FL § (1983)) to be completed and returned with solicitation response. It is the bidder/proposer's responsibility to disclose this relationship, failure to do so could result in being declared non-responsive.

Business Relationship Applicable (request form) **Business Relationship NOT Applicable**

4 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) bidder/proposer? If yes, please attach a current certificate. Yes No

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EXECUTED BY AN AUTHORIZED AUTHORITY OF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER, WITNESSED AND SEALED (AS APPLICABLE)

Company Name <i>(Name printed or typed)</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
Authorized Representative Name <i>(printed or typed)</i>	(Affix Corporate Seal, as applicable)
Authorized Representative's Title <i>(printed or typed)</i>	Witnessed/Attested by: <i>(Witness/Secretary name and title printed or typed)</i>
Authorized Representative's Signature	Witness/Secretary Signature

Any blank spaces on the form(s), qualifying notes or exceptions, counter offers, lack of required submittals, or signatures, on County's Form may result in the submission being declared non-responsive by the County.

Detail by Entity Name

Florida Profit Corporation

Bill's Widget Corporation

Filing Information

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 Event Effective Date NONE

Principal Address

555 N Main Street
Your Town, USA 99999

Changed 02/11/2012

Verify either Principal or Mailing address is on Form 1

Mailing Address

555 N Main Street
MYour Town, USA 99999

Changed 02/11/2012

Registered Agent Name & Address

My Registered Agent
111 Registration Road
Registration, USA99999

Name Changed:12/14/2006

Address Changed: 12/14/2006

Officer/Director Detail

Name & Address

Title P

President, First
555 AVENUE
Anytown, USA99999

Title V

President, Second
555 AVENUE
Anytown, USA99999

IMPORTANT:

For corporations, ALL documents must be signed by the president of the company or an authorized individual. For any individual other than the president, we will need one of the following to confirm their authority to sign:

1. a corporate resolution by the Board of Directors, or
2. an extract of minutes, or
3. an extract of Vote by the Board of Directors

If the company's articles of incorporation identify additional positions that have the power to bind the corporation, we will accept the articles of incorporation with verification from the president that a certain individual serves in that role (e.g., the president confirms that John Doe is the CEO, and the articles of incorporation provide that the CEO has the power to bind the company).

With respect to an LLC, the authority to bind a limited liability company is controlled by Florida statutes. Managers or managing members have inherent authority to bind an LLC.

If the president of a corporation or a manager/managing member of an LLC delegates their authority, such delegation must be sent to us on company letterhead with the President's or manager's/managing member's original, wet signature.

v01/03/2018

STATE OF FLORIDA

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REGISTRATION DIVISION



Lee County Procurement Management
BID/PROPOSAL FORM

Company Name: _____

Solicitation # B180425DLK **Solicitation Name** EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications

This page serves as a header/placeholder only. Please refer to the Excel document provided with the solicitation for the complete Bid Schedule. The Excel document contains formulas for convenience, however it is the Contractor’s responsibility to verify all pricing and calculations are CORRECT. Lee County is not responsible for errors in formulas or calculations contained within Excel document(s).

REMINDER: In the event there is a discrepancy between the total quoted amount or the extended amounts and the unit prices quoted, the unit prices will prevail and the corrected sum will be considered the quoted price.

The County will only accept bids submitted on bid forms provided by the County. Bids submitted on other forms, other than those provided by the County, will deem Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.

Bidders may not adjust or modify data provided within the Bid Schedule. Bids received with modified data may deem the Bidder as non-responsive and ineligible for award.

PLEASE ENSURE you have provided a printed copy of the Bid Schedule with your hard copy submission packages and provided the excel version with your digital submission package.

PRICING

Pricing shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, supplies, overhead, profit, materials, and any other incidental costs required to perform and complete all work as specified herein.



LEE COUNTY
S O U T H W E S T F L O R I D A

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFICATION IMMIGRATION LAWS

SOLICITATION NO.: B180425DLK SOLICITATION NAME: EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications

LEE COUNTY WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY AWARD COUNTY CONTRACTS TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHO KNOWINGLY EMPLOYS UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN WORKERS, CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN 8 U.S.C. SECTION 1324 a(e) {SECTION 274A(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT (“INA”).

LEE COUNTY MAY CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT BY ANY CONTRACTOR OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS A VIOLATION OF SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA. **SUCH VIOLATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 274A(e) OF THE INA SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR UNILATERAL CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT BY LEE COUNTY.**

BIDDER/PROPOSER ATTESTS THAT THEY ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL APPLICABLE IMMIGRATION LAWS (SPECIFICALLY TO THE 1986 IMMIGRATION ACT AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS).

Company Name: _____

Signature Title Date

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 20____, by _____ who has produced

(Print or Type Name)
_____ as identification.

(Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

The signee of this Affidavit guarantee, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made. **LEE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AS EVIDENCE OF SERVICES PROVIDED, AT ANY TIME.**



Lee County Procurement Management

REFERENCE SURVEY

Solicitation # B180425DLK

EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications

Section 1	Reference Respondent Information	Please return completed form to:	
FROM:	_____	Bidder/Proposer:	
COMPANY:	_____	Due Date:	
PHONE #:	_____	Total # Pages: 1	
FAX #:	_____	Phone #:	Fax #:
EMAIL:	_____	Bidder/Proposer E-Mail:	

Section 2	Enter Bidder/Proposer Information, as applicable Similar Performed Project (Bidder/Proposer to enter details of a project performed for above reference respondent)		
Bidder/Proposer Name:	_____		
Reference Project Name:	Project Address:	Project Cost:	
Summarize Scope:			

You as an individual or your company has been given as a reference on the project identified above. Please provide your responses in section 3 below.

Section 3		Indicate: "Yes" or "No"
1. Did this company have the proper resources and personnel by which to get the job done?		
2. Were any problems encountered with the company's work performance?		
3. Were any change orders or contract amendments issued, other than owner initiated?		
4. Was the job completed on time?		
5. Was the job completed within budget?		
6. On a scale of one to ten, ten being best, how would you rate the overall work performance, considering professionalism; final product; personnel; resources. Rate from 1 to 10. (10 being highest)		
7. If the opportunity were to present itself, would you rehire this company?		
8. Please provide any additional comments pertinent to this company and the work performed for you:		

Section 4

Reference Name (Print) _____

Reference Signature _____

Please submit non-Lee County employees as references



ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH OF CONTRACT DISCLOSURE FORM

Please fill in the form below. Provide each incident in regard to alleged negligence or breach of contract that has occurred over the past 10 years.
Please complete in chronological order with the most recent incident on starting on page 1.

Company Name: _____

Type of Incident <i>Alleged Negligence or Breach of Contract</i>	Incident Date And Date Filed	Plaintiff <i>(Who took action against your company)</i>	Case Number	Court <i>County/State</i>	Project	Claim Reason <i>(initial circumstances)</i>	Final Outcome <i>(who prevailed)</i>

Make as many copies of this sheet as necessary in order to **provide a 10 year history** of the requested information. If there is no action pending or action taken in the last 10 years, complete the **company name and write "NONE" in the first "Type of Incident" box** of this page and return with your submission package. This form should also include the primary partners listed in your submission. Do not include litigation with your company as the plaintiff. Final outcome should include who prevailed and what method of settlement was made. If a monetary settlement was made the amount may remain anonymous. **Please do not modify this form (expansion of spacing allowed) or submit your own variation.**

Page Number: _____ Of _____ Total pages

Update the page number to reflect the current page and the total number of pages. Example: Page 3, of 5 total submitted pages of this form.

This form must be signed and sworn to in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

1. This sworn statement is submitted to _____
(Print name of the public entity)

by _____
(Print individual's name and title)

for _____
(Print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is _____

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement: On the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
1. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime:
or:
2. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm's length Agreement/Contract, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1) (c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statement. (Please indicate which statement applies.)

_____ Neither the entity submitted this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

Public Entity Crime Form

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

(Date)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, _____
(Name of individual signing)

who, after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided above on this _____ day of _____, 2_____.

(NOTARY PUBLIC)

My Commission Expires: _____

Form 7: Trench Safety (Required for Construction Projects Only)

TRENCH SAFETY

Contractor/Vendor acknowledges that included in the appropriate solicitation items of the solicitation and in the Total solicitation price are costs for complying with the Florida Trench Safety Act (90-96, Laws of Florida) effective October 1, 1990. The contractor/vendor further identifies the costs of such compliance to be summarized below:

Trench Safety Measure (Description)	Units of Measure (LF, SF)	Unit (Quantity)	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
.....				
A. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
B. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
C. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL \$ _____				

If applicable, the contractor/vendor certifies that all trench excavation done within his control in excess of five (5') feet in depth shall be in accordance with the Florida Department of Transportation's Special Provisions Article 125-1 and Sub-article 125-4.1 (TRENCH EXCAVATION SAFETY SYSTEM AND SHORING, SPECIAL-TRENCH EXCAVATION).

Failure to complete the above may result in the solicitation being declared non-responsive.

(Signature)

(Company Name)

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ by _____ *(name and title of corporate officer)* of _____ *(name of corporation)*, a _____ *(state or place of incorporation)* corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He/she is personally known to me or has produced _____ *(type of identification)* as identification.

(signature line for notary public)

(name of notary typed, printed or stamped)

(title or rank)

My commission expires:

(serial number, if any)

BID BOND

Complete EITHER Lee County Paper Bid Bond OR provide cashier's check

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we

_____ as Principal, and
(BIDDER'S Name)

_____ a Corporation licensed to do
(Surety's Name)

business under the laws of the State of Florida as a Surety, are held and firmly bound unto LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida,

in the SUM OF _____
for the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents.

SIGNED AND SEALED this _____ day of _____, _____

WHEREAS, said Principal is herewith submitting a Bid/Proposal for the construction of:
EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of the above obligation is such that if said Principal shall be awarded the Contract upon said Bid/Proposal within the specified time and shall enter into a written Contract, satisfactory in form, provide an acceptable Public Payment & Performance Bond from a Surety acceptable to the COUNTY and provide other Insurance as may be required to the COUNTY within seven (7) calendar days after the written Notice of Award date, or within such extended period as the COUNTY may grant, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise said Principal and Surety shall pay to said COUNTY in money the difference between the amount of the Bid of said Principal and the amount for which said COUNTY may legally contract with another party to perform said work, if the latter amount be in excess of the former, together with any expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by said COUNTY if suit be brought here on, but in no event shall said Surety's liability exceed the penal sum hereof plus such expenses and attorney's fees. For purposes of unsuccessful bid protests filed by the Principal herein, this obligation shall bind the Surety to pay costs and damages associated with the bid protest or delays to the project upon a finding from the Board of County Commissioners for Lee County that the bid protest was frivolous and/or lacked merit. The liability of the Surety shall not exceed the penal sum of the bid bond.

Witness as to Principal: _____ (SEAL)
(Principal)

(By) Printed Name

Witness as to Surety: _____ (SEAL)
(Surety's Name)

(By-As Attorney-in-Fact, Surety)

Affix Corporate Seals and attach proper Power of Attorney for Surety.

Form 9: No Lobbying Certification and Disclosure Form LLL

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

Approved by OMB
4040-0013

1. * Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. * Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. * Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> SubAwardee * Name <input type="text"/> * Street 1 <input type="text"/> Street 2 <input type="text"/> * City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip <input type="text"/> Congressional District, if known: <input type="text"/>		
5. If Reporting Entity in No.4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: 		
6. * Federal Department/Agency: <input type="text"/>	7. * Federal Program Name/Description: <input type="text"/> CFDA Number, if applicable: <input type="text"/>	
8. Federal Action Number, if known: <input type="text"/>	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ <input type="text"/>	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant: Prefix <input type="text"/> * First Name <input type="text"/> Middle Name <input type="text"/> * Last Name <input type="text"/> Suffix <input type="text"/> * Street 1 <input type="text"/> Street 2 <input type="text"/> * City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip <input type="text"/>		
b. Individual Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) Prefix <input type="text"/> * First Name <input type="text"/> Middle Name <input type="text"/> * Last Name <input type="text"/> Suffix <input type="text"/> * Street 1 <input type="text"/> Street 2 <input type="text"/> * City <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip <input type="text"/>		
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. * Signature: <input type="text"/> * Name: Prefix <input type="text"/> * First Name <input type="text"/> Middle Name <input type="text"/> * Last Name <input type="text"/> Suffix <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/> Telephone No.: <input type="text"/> Date: <input type="text"/>		
Federal Use Only:		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)

Form 10: Affidavit-Immigration Law-E-Verify

Attachment: Immigration Law Affidavit Certification

This Affidavit is required and should be signed by an authorized principal of the firm, notarized and submitted with formal Invitations to Bid (ITB's) and Request for Proposals (RFP) submittals. Further, Vendors / Bidders are required to enroll in the E-Verify program, and provide acceptable evidence of their enrollment, at the time of the submission of the vendor's/bidder's proposal. Acceptable evidence consists of a copy of the properly completed E-Verify Company Profile page or a copy of the fully executed E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding for the company. **Failure to include this Affidavit and acceptable evidence of enrollment in the E-Verify program, may deem the Vendor / Bidder's proposal as non-responsive.**

Lee County will not intentionally award County contracts to any vendor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provision contained in 8 U.S.C. Section 1324 a(e) Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA").

Lee County may consider the employment by any vendor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A (e) of the INA. Such Violation by the recipient of the Employment Provisions contained in Section 274A (e) of the INA shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the contract by Lee County.

Vendor attests that they are fully compliant with all applicable immigration laws (specifically to the 1986 Immigration Act and subsequent Amendment(s)) and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding with E-Verify and to provide proof of enrollment in The Employment Eligibility Verification System (E-Verify), operated by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the Social Security Administration at the time of submission of the Vendor's / Bidder's proposal.

Company Name _____

Print Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

State of _____

County of _____

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by

_____ who has produced _____ as identification.
(Print or Type Name) (Type of Identification and Number)

Notary Public Signature

Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Commission Number/Expiration

The signee of these Affidavit guarantees, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit required herein, the truth and accuracy of this affidavit to interrogatories hereinafter made.

Cut along the outer border and affix this label to your sealed solicitation envelope to identify it as a "Sealed Bid".

SEALED BID DOCUMENTS • DO NOT OPEN	
BID No.:	B180425DLK
BID TITLE:	EMDD – Stabilization of Water Control Structure - Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications
DATE DUE:	September 24, 2018
TIME DUE:	Prior to: 2:30 PM
SUBMITTED BY:	_____ (Name of Company)
e-mail address	Telephone
DELIVER TO:	Lee County Procurement Management 1500 Monroe 4 th Floor Fort Myers FL 33901
<i>Note: submissions received after the time and date above will not be accepted.</i>	



Lee County Procurement Management
1500 Monroe Street, 4th Floor
Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 533-8881
www.leegov.com/procurement

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY





NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number NR184209XXXXC031	2. Amendment Number	3. Award /Project Period 06/25/2018 - 01/31/2019	4. Type of award instrument: Cooperative Agreement
5. Agency (Name and Address) Natural Resources Conservation Service P. O. Box 141510 Gainesville, FL 32614-1510		6. Recipient Organization (Name and Address) LEE COUNTY OF 2115 SECOND STREET FORT MYERS FL 33901-3012 DUNS: 013461611 EIN:	
7. NRCS Program Contact Name: Jason Strenth Phone: (352) 338-9559 Email: jason.strenth@fl.usda.gov	8. NRCS Administrative Contact Name: MOIRA SANFORD Phone: (614) 255-2495 Email: MOIRA.SANFORD@OH.USDA.GOV	9. Recipient Program Contact Name: Anura Karuna-Muni Phone: 239-533-8131 Email: akaruna-Muni@leegov.com	10. Recipient Administrative Contact Name: Bruce Westberry Phone: (239) 533-8560 Email: bwestberry@leegov.com
11. CFDA 10.923	12. Authority 33 U.S.C. 701b-1	13. Type of Action New Agreement	14. Program Director Name: Roland Ottolini Phone: 239-533-8109 Email: rottolini@leegov.com
15. Project Title/ Description: Lee County Hurricane Irma EWP - Debris Removal and Bank Stabilization 6000003930			
16. Entity Type: 01 = County government			
17. Select Funding Type			
Select funding type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal	
Original funds total	\$8,362,561.80	\$2,459,577.00	
Additional funds total	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grand total	\$8,362,561.80	\$2,459,577.00	

Personnel	\$0.00	Fringe Benefits	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	Contractual	\$0.00
Construction	\$7,378,731.00	Other	\$983,830.80
Total Direct Cost	\$8,362,561.80	Total Indirect Cost	\$0.00
		Total Non-Federal Funds	\$2,459,577.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	\$8,362,561.80
		Total Approved Budget	10,822,138.800

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA NRCS statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any, found by NRCS to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to NRCS.

Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative RUSSELL MORGAN State Conservationist	Signature 	Date 6-25-18
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative Roland Ottolini, Director Lee County Natural Resources	Signature 	Date 6/19/18

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 522a).

Statement of Work

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is for the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, hereinafter referred to as the "NRCS", to provide technical and financial assistance to Lee County Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor", for EWP Project # 5072 (Hurricane Irma) in Lee County, Florida for implementation of recovery measures, that, if left undone, pose a risk to life and/or property.

Objectives

The design and installation of EWP measures as detailed in the individual Damage Survey Report (DSR) and described here:

DSR No. LEE-IRMA-001 – Stabilize water control structure = \$358,501
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-002 – Remove debris from San Carlos Park Canal System = \$884,382
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-003 – Stabilize Whiting Canal bank = \$244,628
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-004 – Stabilize Bass Canal bank = \$92,748
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-005 – Stabilize Gernard Canal bank = \$31,096
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-006 – Stabilize Lampry Canal bank = \$159,804
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-007 – Stabilize Ladyfish Canal bank = \$523,377
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-008 – Stabilize Flounder Canal bank = \$467,485
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-009 – Stabilize Herring Canal bank = \$98,604
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-010 – Stabilize Porkfish Canal bank = \$192,062
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-011 – Stabilize Sardine Canal bank = \$108,014
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-012 – Stabilize Ray Canal bank = \$119,712
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-013 – Stabilize Clam Canal bank = \$52,936
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-014 – Stabilize Moonfish Canal bank = \$329,722
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-015 – Stabilize Jewel Canal bank = \$134,153
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-016 – Stabilize Hammerhead Canal bank = \$103,305
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-017 – Stabilize Octopus Canal bank = \$208,380
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-018 – Stabilize Toadfish Canal bank = \$180,412
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-019 – Stabilize Trout Canal bank = \$322,161
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-020 – Stabilize Sprat Canal bank = \$300,938
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-021 – Stabilize Tautog Canal bank = \$269,089
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-022 – Stabilize Runner Canal bank = \$171,454
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-023 – Stabilize Cabio Canal bank = \$157,395
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-025 – Remove sediment from Ten Mile Creek = \$3,491,950
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-026 – Remove Debris from Central Lee County Canals = \$359,700
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-027 – Remove Debris from Winn Dixie Canal = \$101,200
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-028 – Remove Debris from Gator Slough Canal = \$154,000
 DSR No. LEE-IRMA-029 – Remove sediment from San Carlos Park Canal = \$221,100

Total Estimated Construction Cost = \$9,838,308

Budget Narrative

A. The estimated costs for the Project:

1. Total Estimated Project Budget: \$10,822,138.80

The budget includes:

Financial Assistance (FA) Costs:

Construction Costs (75% NRCS \$7,378,731.00 + 25% Sponsor \$2,459,577.00): \$9,838,308

Technical Assistance (TA) Costs:

100% NRCS (10.0% of total construction cost): \$983,830.80

2. NRCS pays up to 75 percent of eligible construction costs, and Sponsor pays 25 percent of construction costs. NRCS will contribute up to 10.0 percent of the total construction cost for design services, contract administration and construction management costs. It is possible that technical and administrative costs will exceed this amount, requiring the Sponsor to contribute resources to complete technical and administrative work.

3. NRCS funding for this project is provided to the Sponsor in two separate NRCS funding accounts, one for financial assistance (FA) and one for technical assistance (TA). FA costs are associated with construction activities; TA costs are associated with services. These expenditures shall be accounted for separately in order for expenses to be eligible for reimbursement.

4. NRCS will provide FA for actual costs as reimbursement to the Sponsor for approved on-the-ground construction costs, subject to above limits. If costs are reduced, reimbursement will be reduced accordingly. Construction costs are associated with the installation of the project measures including labor, equipment and materials.

5. NRCS will provide TA reimbursement to the Sponsor for technical and administrative costs directly charged to the project, subject to the above limits. If costs are reduced, reimbursement will be reduced accordingly. These costs include

a. engineering costs include, but not limited to, developing a project design that includes construction drawings and specifications, an operation and maintenance plan, a quality assurance/inspection plan and an engineer's estimate of the project installation costs in addition to providing necessary quality assurance during construction.

b. contract administration costs include, but not limited to, soliciting, evaluating, awarding and administering contracts for construction and engineering services, including project management, verifying invoices and record keeping.

6. The Sponsor will contribute funds toward the total construction costs in either direct cash expenditures, the value of non-cash materials or services, or in-kind contributions. The value of any in-kind contribution shall be agreed to in writing prior to implementation.

Responsibilities of the Parties:

A. Sponsor will—

1. Accomplish construction of the EWP project measures by contracting, in-kind construction services, or a combination of both.

2. Ensure and certify by signing this agreement that its cost share obligation is from a non-Federal source.

3. Designate a project liaison to serve between the Sponsor and NRCS and identify that person's contact information with this executed agreement. Any change in the project liaison during the terms of this agreement must be immediately communicated to NRCS.

4. Appoint a contracting officer and an authorized representative who will have authority to act for the contracting officer, listing their duties, responsibilities, and authorities. Furnish such information in writing to the NRCS State Conservationist.

5. Comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement and the attached general terms and conditions except those that are not applicable to State and local governments.

6. Acquire and provide certification to NRCS that real property rights (land and water), permits and licenses in accordance with local, state, and Federal laws necessary for the installation of EWP project measures have been obtained at no cost to NRCS prior to construction. This includes any rights associated with required environmental mitigation. Sponsors shall provide such certification on Form NRCS-ADS-78, Assurances Relating to Real Property Acquisition. Sponsors shall also provide an attorney's opinion supporting this certification. Costs related to land rights and permits are the Sponsor's responsibility and ineligible for reimbursement.

7. Accept all financial and other responsibility for excess costs resulting from their failure to obtain, or their delay in obtaining, adequate land and water rights, permits and licenses needed for the Project.

8. Provide the agreed-to portion of the actual, eligible and approved construction cost. These costs may be in the form of cash, in-kind construction services, or a combination of both. Final construction items that are eligible construction costs will be agreed upon during the pre-design conference. These costs consist of costs from contracts awarded to contractors and eligible Sponsor in-kind construction costs for materials, labor, and equipment. The Sponsor shall

9. Be responsible for 100 percent of all ineligible construction costs and 100 percent of any unapproved upgrade to increase the level of protection over and above that described in the DSR.
10. Account for and report FA and TA expenditures separately in order for expenses to be eligible for reimbursement. NRCS funding for this project is provided to the Sponsor in two separate NRCS funding accounts, one for TA and one for FA, requiring this separation.
11. Contract for services and construction in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 2 CFR § 200.317 through 200.326, applicable State regulations, and the Sponsor's procurement regulations, as appropriate. (See general terms and conditions attached to this agreement for a link to the CFR.) In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.326, contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200. Davis-Bacon Act would not apply under this Federal program legislation.
12. The contracts for design services and construction described in this Agreement shall not be awarded to the Sponsor or to any firm in which any Sponsor's official or any member of such official's immediate family has direct or indirect interest in the pecuniary profits or contracts of such firms. Reference 2 CFR § 200.318 regarding standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the performance of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts.
13. Any costs (construction or technical and administrative services) incurred prior to the Sponsor and NRCS signing this agreement are ineligible and will not be reimbursed.
14. For contracts, provide NRCS a copy of solicitation notice, bid abstract, and notice of contract award, or other basis of cost and accomplishment.
15. For in-kind construction services (materials, labor, and/or equipment supplied by the Sponsor), develop a Plan of Operations describing the construction services to be performed including estimated quantities and values. The Plan of Operations shall be concurred in by NRCS at the pre-design conference. In-kind construction services for equipment shall not exceed published FEMA equipment rates unless otherwise documented and concurred in advance by NRCS.
16. The following documentation is required to support the Sponsor's request for reimbursement of in-kind construction services:
 - a. Invoices covering actual costs of materials used in constructing the eligible EWP project measures.
 - b. Records documenting the type, quality, and quantities of materials actually used in constructing the eligible EWP project measures.
 - c. Daily time records for each employee showing name, classification, wage rate, hours, and dates actually employed for constructing the eligible EWP project measures.
 - d. Equipment operating records showing the type and size of equipment, hourly rate, actual hours of operation and dates used to install the eligible EWP project measures. Equipment idle time is not eligible in-kind construction services, even if on the job site, and should not be included in the equipment operating records.
17. Within thirty (30) calendar days of signing the project agreement, hold a pre-design conference with the Sponsor, Sponsor's design engineer, and NRCS. The design conference shall set forth design parameters concurred by both the Sponsor and NRCS. During the pre-design conference, NRCS will determine the eligible construction costs.
18. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the pre-design conference submit to NRCS a schedule with time lines of major items to be completed. Milestones shall include, but not limited to, obtaining land rights, obtaining permits, completing any necessary surveys, completing draft engineering plans and specifications for NRCS review, completing final engineering plans and specifications, completing quality assurance plan, solicit bids, award contract, issue notice to proceed, and complete construction.
19. Prior to commencement of work and/or solicitation of bids, submit for NRCS review, the preliminary design, construction specifications, and engineering drawings prepared in accordance with standard engineering principles and design parameters set forth in the pre-design conference.
20. Upon receiving comments from NRCS, prepare the final design, construction specifications, and engineering drawings in accordance with standard engineering principles that comply with NRCS programmatic principles and design parameters set forth in the pre-design conference. One set of the final plans and specifications shall be submitted to NRCS for final review and concurrence prior to solicitation of bids and/or commencement of work. The final construction plans and specifications shall be signed and sealed by a licensed Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida (Not required for debris removal only sites). A copy of the signed and seal plans and specifications shall be provided to NRCS.

21. Prior to commencement of work and/or solicitation of bids, submit for NRCS review and concurrence a Quality Assurance Plan (QAP). The QAP shall outline technical and administrative expertise required to ensure the EWP project measures are installed in accordance with the plans and specifications, identify individuals with the expertise, describe items to be inspected, list equipment required for inspection, outline the frequency and timing of inspection (continuous or periodic), outline inspection procedures, and record keeping requirements. A copy of the final QAP shall be provided to NRCS prior to commencement of construction.

22. Provide construction inspection in accordance with the QAP.

23. Prepare and submit for NRCS concurrence an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan, if applicable (Not required for debris removal only sites) , prior to commence of work. The O&M Plan shall describe the activities the Sponsor will do to ensure the project performs as designed. Upon completion of the project measures, the Sponsor shall assume responsibility for O&M.

24. Provide copies of site maps to appropriate Federal and State agencies for environmental review. Sponsor will notify NRCS of environmental clearance, modification of construction plans, or any unresolved concerns as well as copies of all permits, licenses, and other documents required by Federal, state, and local statutes and ordinances prior to solicitation for installation of the EWP project measures. All modifications to the plans and specifications shall be reviewed and concurred on by NRCS.

25. Ensure that any special requirements for compliance with environmental and/or cultural resource laws are incorporated into the project.

26. The Sponsor must secure at its own expense all Federal, State, and local permits and licenses necessary for completion of the work described in this agreement as well as any necessary natural resource rights and provide copies of all permits and licenses obtained to NRCS.

27. Will arrange and pay for any necessary location, removal, or relocation of utilities. EWP program regulations prohibit NRCS from reimbursing the Sponsor or otherwise paying for any such costs; nor do the costs qualify as a Sponsor cost-share contribution.

28. Ensure that technical and engineering standards and specifications of NRCS are adhered to during construction of the Project, as interpreted by NRCS Government Representative (GR). Provide NRCS Program/Technical Contact and GR progress reports every 2 weeks after execution of the agreement. Progress reports should include work accomplished for the period, technical on-site inspections, work planned, results of material tests, deficient work products and/or tests with corrective actions taken, modifications anticipated, technical problems encountered, contractual issues and other relevant information.

29. Ensure that all contractors on NRCS assisted projects are performing their work in accordance with OSHA regulations and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). The Sponsor is responsible for periodically checking the contractor's compliance with safety requirements.

30. Arrange for and conduct final inspection of completed project with NRCS to determine whether all work has been performed in accordance with contractual requirements. Provide a Professional Engineer (PE) certification that the Project was installed in accordance with approved plans and specifications. For debris removal only sites, certification does not need to be from a PE.

31. Provide PE-certified as-built drawings and quantities for the project. A copy of the as-built drawings will be submitted to the NRCS Program/Technical Contact. For debris removal only sites, as-built drawings do not need to be certified by a PE.

32. Pay the contractor(s) for work performed in accordance with the agreement and submit a SF-270, "Request for Advance or Reimbursement" to the NRCS Program/Technical Contact with all documentation to support the request. Payments can be requested as frequently as monthly. Final payment request shall be submitted within 90 calendar days of completion of the EWP project measures. Payments will be withheld until all required documentation is submitted and complete.

a. The required supporting documentation for reimbursement of construction costs include invoices and proof of payment to the contractor showing the items and quantities installed and certified by the engineer of record along with any supporting documentation such as quantity calculations, rock weight tickets, etc.

b. The required supporting documentation for reimbursement of in-kind construction expenses will include employee time sheets, employee hourly rate, equipment operating logs, equipment hourly rate, and material quantities and invoices.

c. The required documentation for reimbursement of technical and administrative services will be invoices and proof of payment to consultants and/or employee time sheets along with the employee's hourly rate, hours worked, and date work was performed.

33. Ensure that information in the System for Award Management (SAM) is current and accurate until the final financial report (SF-425) under this award or final payment is received, whichever is later.

34. Take reasonable and necessary actions to dispose of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of the contract(s) awarded under this Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to disputes, claims, protests of award, source evaluation, and litigation that may result from the Project. Such actions will be at the expense of the Sponsor, including any legal expenses. The Sponsor will advise, consult with, and obtain prior written concurrence of NRCS on any litigation matters in which NRCS could have a financial interest.

35. Sponsor must indemnify and hold NRCS harmless to the extent permitted by State law for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the Sponsor in connection with its acquisition and management of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program pursuant to this agreement. Further, the Sponsor agrees that NRCS will have no responsibility for acts and omissions of the Sponsor, its agents, successors, assigns, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the acquisition and management of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program pursuant to this agreement that result in violation of any laws and regulations that are now or that may in the future become applicable.

36. Retain all records dealing with the award and administration of the contract(s) for 3 years from the date of the Sponsor's submission of the final request for reimbursement or until final audit findings have been resolved, whichever is longer. If any litigation is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, records are to be retained until the litigation is resolved or the end of the 3-year period, whichever is longer. Make such records available to the Comptroller General of the United States or his or her duly authorized representative and accredited representatives of the Department of Agriculture or cognizant audit agency for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

37. Be liable to the NRCS for damages sustained by the NRCS as a result of the contractor failing to complete the work within the specified time. The damages will be based upon the additional costs incurred by the NRCS resulting from the contractor not completing the work within the allowable performance period. These costs include but are not limited to personnel costs, travel, etc. The NRCS will have the right to withhold such amount out of any monies that may be then due or that may become due and payable to the Sponsor. This liability is not applicable to the extent that the contract performance time is extended by court judgment unless such judgment results from actions of the Sponsor not concurred in by NRCS.

38. Take necessary legal action, including bringing suit, to collect from the contractor any monies due in connection with the contract, or upon request of NRCS, assign and transfer to NRCS any or all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever that the Sponsor has against the contractor or his or her sureties.

39. Submit requests for a time extension to the agreement (if necessary) in writing no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date of the agreement. Submit the written, signed request to the NRCS Program/Technical Contact.

B. NRCS will—

1. Assist Sponsor in establishing design parameters; determine eligible construction costs during the pre-design conference.

2. Designate a Government representative (GR) to serve as liaison with the Sponsor and identify that person's contact information with this executed agreement.

3. Review, comment and concur in preliminary and final plans, specifications, O&M Plan, Plan of Operations (if required) and QAP.

4. Make periodic site visits during the installation of the EWP project measures to review construction progress, document conformance to engineering plans and specifications, and provide any necessary clarification on the Sponsor's responsibilities.

5. Upon notification of the completion of the EWP project measures, NRCS shall promptly review the performance of the Sponsor to determine if the requirements of this agreement and fund expenditures as agreed have been met.

6. Make payment to the Sponsor covering NRCS' share of the cost upon receipt and approval of Form SF-270 and supporting documentation, withholding the amount of damages sustained by NRCS as provided for in this agreement. In the event there are questions regarding the SF 270 and supporting documentation, NRCS will contact the Sponsor in a

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

A. The furnishing of financial, administrative, and/or technical assistance above the original funding amount by NRCS is contingent on there being sufficient unobligated and uncommitted funding in the Emergency Watershed Protection Program that is available for obligation in the year in which the assistance will be provided. NRCS may not make commitments in excess of funds authorized by law or made administratively available. Congress may impose obligational limits on program funding that constrains NRCS's ability to provide such assistance.

B. In the event of default of a construction contract awarded pursuant to this agreement, any additional funds properly allocable as construction costs required to ensure completion of the job are to be provided in the same ratio as construction funds are contributed by the parties under the terms of this agreement. Any excess costs including interest resulting from a judgment collected from the defaulting contractor, or his or her surety, will be prorated between the Sponsor and NRCS in the same ratio as construction funds are contributed under the terms of the agreement.

C. Additional funds, including interest properly allocable as construction costs as determined by NRCS, required as a result of decision of the CO or a court judgment in favor of a claimant will be provided in the same ratio as construction funds are contributed under the terms of this agreement. NRCS will not be obligated to contribute funds under any agreement or commitment made by the Sponsor without prior concurrence of NRCS.

D. The State Conservationist may make adjustments in the estimated cost to NRCS set forth in this agreement for constructing the EWP measures. Such adjustments may increase or decrease the amount of estimated funds that are related to differences between such estimated cost and the amount of the awarded contract or to changes, differing site conditions, quantity variations, or other actions taken under the provisions of the contract. No adjustment will be made to change the cost sharing assistance provided by NRCS as set forth in this agreement, nor reduce funds below the amount required to carry out NRCS' share of the contract.

E. Except for item D. above, this document may be revised as mutually agreed through a written amendment duly executed by authorized officials of all signatory parties to this agreement.

F. NRCS, at its sole discretion, may refuse to cost share should the Sponsor, in administering the contract, elect to proceed without obtaining concurrence as set out in this agreement.

G. Once the project is completed and all requests for reimbursement submitted, any excess funding remaining in the agreement will be de-obligated from the agreement.

H. If inconsistencies arise between the language in the Statement of Work (SOW) in the agreement and the general terms and conditions, the language in the SOW takes precedence.

Expected Accomplishments and Deliverables

The following accomplishments and deliverable will be provided to NRCS.

1. One copy of the final engineering plans, specifications signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer (if applicable), including engineer's cost estimate, and approved Plan of Operations (if applicable).
2. Signed NRCS-ADS-78 supported by an attorney's opinion.
3. One copy of the quality assurance plan.
4. One copy of the operation and maintenance plan (if applicable).
5. One copy of the notice of solicitation, bid abstract, and notice of award.
6. Certification that the project was installed in accordance with the plans and specifications.
7. As-built drawings of final construction signed by a licensed professional engineer within 30 days of completion of construction.
8. Quantities of the units of work applied for each site within 45 days of completion of construction.

Resources Required

No resources other than funding.

Milestones

Milestones shall include, but not limited to, the following items:

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1. Pre-design conference within 30 days of signing agreement.
2. Submit to NRCS a schedule with time lines of major items to be completed within 14 days of the pre-design conference.
3. Acquire needed real property rights and permits (signed NRCS-ADS-78 supported by an attorney's opinion) prior to start of construction.
4. Obtain permits.
5. Complete any necessary surveys.
6. Complete draft engineering plans and specifications for NRCS review.
7. Complete final engineering plans and specifications.
8. Complete quality assurance plan and operation and maintenance plan (if applicable).
9. Solicit bids.
10. Award contract.
11. Manage construction contract and provide quality assurance as described in the QAP.
12. Provide final inspection.
13. Complete as-built drawings.
14. Submit final payment.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please reference the below link(s) for the General Terms and Conditions pertaining to this award:

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

I. APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

a. The recipient, and recipients of any subawards under this award, agree to comply with the following regulations, as applicable. The full text of Code of Federal Regulations references may be found at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR> and <http://www.ecfr.gov/>.

(1) 2 CFR Part 25, "Universal Identifier and System of Award Management" (2) 2 CFR Part 170, "Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information" (3) 2 CFR Part 180, "OMB Guidelines To Agencies On Governmentwide Debarment And Suspension (Nonprocurement)" (4) 2 CFR Part 182, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)" (5) 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for Federal Awards"

b. The recipient, and recipients of any subawards under this award, assure and certify that they have and/or will comply with the following regulations, as applicable. The full text of Code of Federal Regulations references may be found at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR> and <http://www.ecfr.gov/>.

(1) 2 CFR Part 175, "Award Term for Trafficking in Persons" (2) 2 CFR Part 417, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" (3) 2 CFR Part 418, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" (4) 2 CFR Part 421, "Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)"

c. Allowable project costs will be determined in accordance with the authorizing statute, the purpose of the award, and to the extent applicable to the type of organizations receiving the award, regardless of tier. The following portions of the Code of Federal Regulations are hereby incorporated by reference. The full text of Code of Federal Regulations references may be found at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR> and <http://www.ecfr.gov/>.

(1) 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles And Audit Requirements For Federal Awards" (2) 48 CFR Part 31, "Contract Cost Principles and Procedures"

II. UNALLOWABLE COSTS

The following costs are not allowed:

a. Costs above the amount authorized for the project b. Costs incurred after the expiration of the award including any no-cost extensions of time c. Costs that lie outside the scope of the approved project and any amendments thereto d. Compensation for injuries to persons or damage to property arising from project activities

This list is not exhaustive. For general information about the allowability of particular items of costs, please see 2 CFR Part 200, "Subpart E – Cost Principles", or direct specific inquiries to the NRCS administrative contact identified in the award.

III. CONFIDENTIALITY

a. Activities performed under this award may involve access to confidential and potentially sensitive information about governmental and landowner issues. The term "confidential information" means proprietary information or data of a personal nature about an individual, or information or data submitted by or pertaining to an organization. This information must not be disclosed without the prior written consent of NRCS.

b. The recipient's personnel will follow the rules and procedures of disclosure set forth in the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, and implementing regulations and policies with respect to systems of records determined to be subject to the Privacy Act. The recipient's personnel must also comply with privacy of personal information relating to natural resources conservation programs in accordance with section 1244 of Title II of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-171).

c. The recipient agrees to comply with NRCS guidelines and requirements regarding the disclosure of information protected under Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (PL 110-246), U.S.C. 8791.

d. The recipient agrees to comply with the "Prohibition Against Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements:"

1. You may not require your employees, contractors, or subrecipients seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign or comply with internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting them from lawfully reporting that waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a Federal department or agency authorized to receive such information. 2. You must notify your employees, contractors, or subrecipients that the prohibitions and restrictions of any internal confidentiality agreements inconsistent with paragraph (1) of this award provision are no longer in effect. 3. The prohibition in paragraph (1) of this award provision does not contravene requirements applicable to any other form issued by a Federal department or agency governing the nondisclosure of classified information. 4. If NRCS determines that you are not in compliance with this award provision, NRCS: a. Will prohibit your use of funds under this award, in accordance with sections 743 and 744 of Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, (Pub. L. 114-113) or any successor provision of law; b. May pursue other remedies available for your material failure to comply with award terms and conditions.

IV. PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

The following are the most common situations requiring prior approval. However, the recipient is also bound by any other prior approval requirements of the applicable administrative provisions and Federal cost principles.

a. Purpose or Deliverables.—When it is necessary for the recipient to modify the purpose or deliverables, the recipient must submit a written request and justification for the change along with the revised purpose or deliverables of the award to the NRCS administrative contact. The request should contain the following: 1. Grant or agreement number 2. Narrative explaining the requested modification to the project purpose or deliverables 3. A description of the revised purpose or deliverables 4. Signatures of the authorized representative, project director, or both

b. Subaward/contractual Arrangement.—The recipient must submit a justification for the proposed subaward/contractual arrangements, a statement of work to be performed, and a detailed budget for the subaward/contract to the NRCS administrative contact. Subaward/contractual arrangements disclosed in the application do not require additional postaward approval.

c. Absence or Change in Project Leadership.—When a project director or the person responsible for the direction or management of the project—

1. Relinquishes active direction of the project for more than 3 consecutive months or has a 25 percent or more reduction in time devoted to the project, the grantee must notify the NRCS administrative contact in writing, identifying who will be in charge during the project director's absence. The notification must include the qualifications and the signature of the replacement, signifying his or her willingness to serve on the project.

2. Severs his or her affiliation with the grantee, the grantee's options include— i. Replacing the project director. The grantee must request written approval of the replacement from the NRCS administrative contact and must include the qualifications and the signature of the replacement signifying his or her willingness to serve on the project. ii. Subcontracting to the former project director's new organization. The grantee must request approval from the administrative contact to replace the project manager and retain the award, and to subcontract to the former project director's new organization certain portions of the project to be completed by the former project director. iii. Relinquishing the award. The grantee must submit to the NRCS administrative contact a signed letter by the grantee and the project director that indicates that the grantee is relinquishing the award. The letter must include the date the project director is leaving and a summary of progress to date. A final Standard Form (SF) 425 reflecting the total amount of funds spent by the recipient must be attached to the letter.

3. Transfers the award to his or her new organization, the authorized organization's representative at the new organization must submit the following to the NRCS administrative contact as soon as the transfer date is firm and the amount of funds to be transferred is known: i. The forms and certifications included in the application package ii. A project summary and work statement covering the work to be completed under the project (deliverables and objectives must be the same as those outlined in the approved proposal) iii. An updated qualifications statement for the project director showing his or her new organizational affiliation iv. Any cost-sharing requirements under the original award transfer to the new institution; therefore, cost-sharing information must be included in the proposal from the new organization

Note: The transfer of an award from one organization to another can take up to 90 calendar days to accomplish, which may result in a delay in the project director resuming the project at the new organization.

d. Budget Revisions.—Budget revisions will be in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.308.

e. No-Cost Extensions of Time.—When a no-cost extension of time is required, the recipient must submit a written request to the NRCS administrative contact no later than 30 calendar days before the expiration date of the award. The request must contain the following: The length of additional time required to complete the project and a justification for the extension A summary of progress to date An estimate of funds expected to remain unobligated on the scheduled expiration date A projected timetable to complete the portions of the project for which the extension is being requested Signature of the grantee and the project director A status of cost sharing to date (if applicable)

Note: An extension will not exceed 12 months. Requests for no-cost extensions received after the expiration of the award will not be granted. V. PAYMENTS

a. Payment by NRCS to the entity will be made monthly or quarterly (whichever is mutually agreed upon by both parties) on a reimbursable or advanced basis upon completion of work outlined herein. Payment will be executed upon the submission of a properly executed form SF-270 with supporting documentation. The SF-270 must cite the agreement number, remittance address, and billing period. The SF-270 must be sent to the NRCS administrative contact at the email address identified in block 8 of the Notice of Grant/Agreement Award.

b. Unless otherwise specified in the award, the recipient must receive payments through electronic funds transfers.

c. Recipients requesting advances should request payments in amounts necessary to meet their current needs pursuant to procedures contained in the Federal administrative provisions and 31 CFR Part 205.

d. The method of payment between the recipient and its contractors will be in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the recipient except that the contractors may not use the USDA Office of Financial Management/National Finance Center method to request payments. If the grantee makes advance payments to contractors, the grantee must ensure that the timing of such payments is designed to minimize elapsed time between the advance payment and the disbursement of funds. Payment requests from the grantee's contractors will not be sent to NRCS for review or approval.

e. Accounting records for all costs incurred under this award must be supported by source documentation. Such documentation includes, but is not limited to, canceled checks, paid bills, payroll records, and subaward documents. Labor cost charges to this award must be based upon salaries actually earned and the time actually worked on this award. All project costs must be incurred within the approved project period of this award, including any approved no-cost extension of time. Costs that cannot be supported by source documentation or that are incurred outside of the approved project period and budget may be disallowed and may result in award funds being returned to the Federal Government by the recipient.

VI. ACCRUALS

a. Recipients must submit an accrual estimate to the NRCS Program/Technical no later than 15 calendar days prior to the end of the quarter (submit by March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15th). b. An accrual represents the value of goods or services provided to NRCS for which you have not requested payment. The quality and completeness of NRCS audited financial statements depends on your continuing cooperation and timely information. c. At a minimum, the signed accrual statement should include, "Under agreement number _____, at the close of the quarter ending _____, we have provided or anticipate providing goods or services that we have not requested payment for in the amount of \$_____." Include the name and title of the person preparing the accrual estimate.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTING

a. Recipients must submit a Federal Financial Report (FFR), SF 425 and 425A, in accordance with the following schedule:

Quarterly Schedule Report Due Date October 1 to December 31 January 31 January 1 to March 31 April 30 April 1 to June 30 July 31 July 1 to September 30 October 31

Reports must be submitted on an accrual accounting basis. Failure to submit reports in accordance with the above schedule may result in suspension or termination of award.

b. A final Report must be submitted no later than 90 calendar days after the completion of the award. For final FFRs, reporting end date must be the end date of the project or agreement period. The reports should be submitted to the NRCS administrative contact identified in award notifications.

VIII. PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

a. The recipient is responsible for monitoring day-to-day performance and for reporting to NRCS. If the project involves subaward arrangements, the recipient is also responsible for monitoring the performance of project activities under those arrangements to ensure that approved goals and schedules are met.

b. Every 6 months the recipient must submit a written progress report. Each report must cover— 1. A comparison of actual accomplishments with the goals and objectives established for the reporting period and, where project output can be quantified, a computation of the costs per unit of output.

2. The reasons why goals and objectives were not met, if appropriate.

3. Additional pertinent information including, where appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high unit cost.

c. The recipient must submit a final performance report within 90 calendar days after completion of project.

IX. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

The recipient is responsible for complying with audit requirements in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F. A non-Federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more during the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in Federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year.

X. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

a. The recipient assures and certifies that it will comply with the minimum-wage and maximum-hour provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

b. Employees of NRCS will participate in efforts under this agreement solely as representatives of the United States. To this end, they may not participate as directors, officers, employees, or otherwise serve or hold themselves out as representatives of the recipient. They also may not assist the recipient with efforts to lobby Congress or to raise money through fundraising efforts. Further, NRCS employees must report to their immediate supervisor any negotiations with the recipient concerning future employment and must refrain from participation in efforts regarding such parties until approved by the agency.

c. Employees of the recipient will not be considered Federal employees or agents of the United States for any purposes under this agreement.

XI. PATENTS, INVENTIONS, COPYRIGHTS, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SUPPORT AND DISCLAIMER

a. Allocation of rights of patents, inventions, and copyrights must be in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.315. This regulation provides that small businesses normally may retain the principal worldwide patent rights to any invention developed with USDA support.

b. In accordance with 37 CFR Section 401.14, each subject invention must be disclosed to the Federal agency within 2 months after the inventor discloses it in writing to contractor personnel responsible for patent matters. Invention disclosure statements pursuant to 37 CFR Section 401.14(c) must be made in writing to:

Acquisitions Division Grants and Agreements Services Branch 1400 Independence Avenue, SW. Room 6823 South Building Washington, DC 20250

c. USDA receives a royalty-free license for Federal Government use, reserves the right to require the patentee to license others in certain circumstances, and requires that anyone exclusively licensed to sell the invention in the United States must manufacture it domestically.

d. The following acknowledgment of NRCS support must appear in the publication of any material, whether copyrighted or not, and any products in electronic formats (World Wide Web pages, computer programs, etc.) that is substantially based upon or developed under this award:

- "This material is based upon work supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, under number [recipient should enter the applicable award number here]."

In addition, all publications and other materials, except scientific articles or papers published in scientific journals, must include the following statement:

- "Any opinions, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

e. All publications printed with Federal Government funds will include the most current USDA nondiscrimination statement, available from the Public Affairs Division, Civil Rights Division, or on the USDA and NRCS home pages. If the material is too small to permit the full nondiscrimination statement to be included, the material must, at a minimum, include the statement:

- “USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.” Any publication prepared with funding from this agreement must include acknowledgement to USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service.”

The recipient is responsible for ensuring that an acknowledgment of NRCS is made during news media interviews, including popular media such as radio, television, and news magazines, that discuss in a substantial way work funded by this award.

XII. COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS

a. If the award has specific cost-sharing requirements, the cost-sharing participation in other projects may not be counted toward meeting the specific cost-share requirement of this award, and must come from non-Federal sources unless otherwise stated in the applicable program announcement.

b. Should the recipient become aware that it may be unable to provide the cost-sharing amount identified in this award, it must— 1. Immediately notify the NRCS administrative contact of the situation. 2. Specify the steps it plans to take to secure replacement cost sharing. 3. Indicate the plans to either continue or phase out the project in the absence of cost sharing.

c. If NRCS agrees to the organization’s proposed plans, the recipient will be notified accordingly. If the organization’s plans are not acceptable to NRCS, the award may be subject to termination. NRCS modifications to proposed cost sharing revisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

d. Failure by the recipient to notify NRCS in accordance with paragraph (b) above may result in the disallowance of some or all the costs charged to the award, the subsequent recovery by NRCS of some of the NRCS funds provided under the award, and possible termination of the award, and may constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of the award so serious as to provide grounds for subsequent suspension or debarment.

e. The recipient must maintain records of all project costs that are claimed by the recipient as cost sharing as well records of costs to be paid by NRCS. If the recipient’s cost participation includes in-kind contributions, the basis for determining the valuation for volunteer services and donated property must be documented.

XIII. PROGRAM INCOME

Income derived from patents, inventions, or copyrights will be disposed of in accordance with the recipient’s own policies. General program income earned under this award during the period of NRCS support must be added to total project funds and used to further the purpose and scope of this award or the legislation under which this award is made.

XIV. NONEXPENDABLE EQUIPMENT

Recipients purchasing equipment or products with funds provided under this award are encouraged to use such funds to purchase only American-made equipment and products. Title to nonexpendable equipment purchased with award funds will vest in the recipient upon completion of the award project and acceptance by NRCS of required final reports. When equipment is no longer needed by the recipient and the per-unit fair market value is less than \$5,000, the recipient may retain, sell, or dispose of the equipment with no further obligation to NRCS. However, if the per-unit fair market value is \$5,000 or more, the recipient must submit a written request to the NRCS administrative contact for disposition instructions.

XV. LIMIT OF FEDERAL LIABILITY

The maximum financial obligation of NRCS to the recipient is the amount of funds indicated in the award as obligated by NRCS. However, in the event that an erroneous amount is stated on the approved budget, or any supporting document relating to the award, NRCS will have the unilateral right to make the correction and to make an appropriate adjustment in the NRCS share of the award to align with the Federal amount authorized.

XVI. MODIFICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS

NRCS may amend or modify the award through an exchange of correspondence between authorized officials of the recipient and NRCS. The award is subject to termination if NRCS determines that the recipient has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the award. In the event that the award is terminated, the financial obligations of the parties

will be those set forth in 2 CFR Part 200.329. Attachment A - General Terms and Conditions

XVII. AWARD CLOSEOUT

Award closeout is the process by which NRCS determines that all required project activities have been performed satisfactorily and all necessary administrative actions have been completed.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN

FOR

MULLOCH CREEK WEIR MODIFICATIONS

The Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) outlines the responsibilities of the Lee County Natural Resources Division to ensure that the works of improvement are installed in accordance with the plans and specifications. Lee County will designate a person to fulfill the inspection responsibilities.

I. ITEMS OF WORK TO BE INSPECTED

The work to be accomplished under this contract consists of pollution control measures, clearing and grubbing, excavation, earthfill, grading, installing drainage inlets, removal and replacement of asphalt pavement, weir modifications, installing earth retaining structures (concrete retaining wall), installing rip rap, maintenance dredging, and vegetative measures.

The intensity of the inspection of these items will vary from periodic to continuous. The intensity of the inspection will depend on the complexity of the work item and what the damaging results would be should that portion of the installation fail.

The timing and intensity of the required inspection is shown in Table 1. Support personnel should be provided as needed to assist the assigned inspector. The inspector may consult the engineer as necessary.

Other types of work items may be encountered during construction. The intensity of the inspection will be determined by the Inspector or Engineer.

A. Clearing and Grubbing

Very limited inspection will be required on clearing and grubbing. The inspector will check the site to verify that the item was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

B. Excavating and/or Backfilling

Excavating and/or backfilling operations will require periodic inspection. The inspector shall be on-site in situations where the excavation or backfill is set to a grade that is critical for the

installation of stabilization measures. The inspector shall be on-site to ensure the earthfill is of suitable material and to make sure the earthfill has sufficient moisture content and is compacted in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Compaction tests shall be performed periodically to ensure that fill is placed and embankments are constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

C. Drain Pipe and Box Inlet

The inspector shall check the length, diameter and quality of pipe material to ensure it meets the plans and specifications. The inspector shall also verify the location of box inlet placement and check pipe joints are connected and installed per plans and specifications.

D. Earth Retaining Structures (Concrete Retaining Wall)

The inspector shall ensure that the materials provided by the Contractor, for the earth retaining structures, meets all project specifications and has the correct backfill as detailed in the plans and specifications.

The inspector shall provide continuous inspection of the installation of the earth retaining structures to ensure that proper techniques are used for connecting subsequent sections of the structures and for tying into grade. Contractor shall follow manufacturer's recommendations and installation techniques in accordance with the plans and specifications.

E. Rock Riprap and Bedding Stone

Verify that the rock riprap and bedding stone is of the gradation and durability as specified and placed to the neat lines as shown on the plans. Careful inspection will be required to ensure the rock riprap is uniformly placed and minimum thicknesses are met.

F. Geotextile

Verify that the geotextile is of the type specified and is placed as specified on the drawing. Careful inspection will be required to ensure the geotextile is properly placed and has the overlap as shown on the drawings.

G. Vegetative Measures

QA inspection for this item will be to ensure that:

- Where sod is used, the correct type and amount of sod and applied according to the plans and specifications.
- All disturbed areas are treated.

H. Concrete

Verify that all concrete is constructed to the dimensions and grades as shown on the drawings with the specified class of concrete (compressive strength). Ensure that the concrete contains the appropriate cement, coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and admixtures as stated in the construction specifications or in the approved design mix.

I. Channel Sediment Removal

Verify all work is performed in accordance with applicable agency regulations, permit requirements and FDOT design standards.

J. Pollution Control

Inspect to verify that pollution control measures are installed and maintained as per the plans and specifications and/or as required by the permits.

Table 1 – Inspection Items and Intensity

Item	Inspector
Clearing and Grubbing	P/F
Excavating and/or Backfilling	P/F
Drain Pipe	P/F
Earth Retaining Structures	P/F
Rip Rap	P/F
Vegetative Measures	P/F
Concrete	C/F
Pollution Control	C/F

Legend: C = Continuous
 P = Periodic
 F = Final

II. INSPECTOR SKILLS NEEDED TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

- A. Ability to manage an inspection program effectively.
- B. Must understand the design concepts of the job to ensure that it is installed properly and functions properly.
- C. Must be familiar with quality assurance and inspection needed for installation of earthfill, drain pipes, earth retaining structures, geotextiles, vegetative measures, concrete, and other materials used in the work.
- D. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships and clear communications with the Contractor and others involved or affected by the project.
- E. Thorough understanding of all contract provisions.
- F. Ability to recognize potential safety hazards and take the necessary actions to avoid them to the extent possible.
- G. Ability to anticipate potential conflicts of work activities with existing utilities and fixed improvements and to take the necessary actions to resolve them in the most efficient manner.
- H. Ability to administer contract to include preparation of contract modifications and pay estimates on a timely basis.

III. STAFF NEEDED TO PERFORM REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

One Inspector shall be available to inspect the construction progress at critical points during construction as shown in Table 1. The Inspector will ensure overall compliance with plans and specifications and recommend needed modifications.

The Inspector will be needed for the duration of the contract. In addition, one additional person will be needed to be on call to fill in if the Inspector is absent from work.

Lee County will periodically check on construction and review all requested modifications.

IV. TESTING EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES NEEDED

No testing equipment or facilities will be needed by the Inspector. Concrete slump tests, concrete temperature, and required compaction tests will be performed by the Contractor.

Compaction test will be performed by a testing lab approved by Lee County.

The inspector will need equipment such as a survey level, rod, and measuring tape to check the Contractor's work.

V. QUALIFIED PERSONNEL

Lee County will designate a firm to inspect the construction of the works of improvement. Said firm is to provide an Inspector to make reviews by visiting the work site and/or by verbal/written communications with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley Horn) to assist with problems that may develop requiring changes in the design and to gain familiarity in case of contractual problems with the Contractor.

VI. DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTS TO BE PREPARED

As-built drawings shall be prepared and sent to Kimley Horn.

At the completion of the job, Kimley Horn shall furnish to Lee County an Engineer's certification that the job was installed as planned and meets all specifications. The engineer shall also furnish a sealed set of As-built drawings. The As-built drawings shall be kept up to date during construction and the final As-built drawings shall be checked by Lee County.

The above listed documentation shall be completed and mailed to the Lee County Engineer or Project Manager within 10 work days of the completion of the work.



South Florida Water Management District
Environmental Resource General Permit No. 36-100239-P
Date Issued: May 1, 2018

Permittee: Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
1500 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Project: Mulloch Creek Weir Modifications

Location: Lee County, See Exhibit 1

Application No. 180411-467

Description: The proposed project seeks to make an emergency repair on the existing Mulloch Weir structure and its associated infrastructure. The repairs and improvements include replacing the manually operable gates with a constructed fixed weir. The improvements also include wing walls, curb and inlet on the northern parking lot, and replacing the rip-rap and bedding material in washout/ damaged embankment areas.

Rule: **62-330.451, F.A.C.:** General Permit to Counties, Municipalities, and other Agencies to Conduct Stormwater Retrofit Activities

Expiration: May 1, 2023

Your application to use a General Environmental Resource Permit has been approved. This action is taken based on Chapter 373, Part IV, of Florida Statutes (F.S.) and the rules in Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Please read this entire agency action thoroughly and understand its contents.

This permit is subject to:

- Not receiving a filed request for a Chapter 120, F.S., administrative hearing.
- The attached General Conditions for Environmental Resource General Permits.
- The attached Specific Conditions.
- All referenced Exhibits.

Should you object to these conditions, please refer to the attached "Notice of Rights" which addresses the procedures to be followed if you desire a public hearing or other review of the proposed agency action. Please contact this office if you have any questions concerning this matter. If we do not hear from you in accordance with the "Notice of Rights", we will assume that you concur with the District's action.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that this written notice has been mailed or electronically transmitted to the Permittee (and the persons listed in the distribution list) on May 1, 2018 , in accordance with Section 120.60(3), F.S. Notice was also electronically posted on this date through a link on the home page of the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Rose".

Brian Rose, P.E.
Section Leader - Engineering

General Conditions for All General Permits, 62-330.405, F.A.C.

1. The general permit is valid only for the specific activity indicated. Any deviation from the specified activity and the conditions for undertaking that activity shall constitute a violation of the permit and shall subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.
2. This general permit does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, local and special district authorizations prior to the start of any construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal or abandonment authorized by this permit.
3. This general permit does not convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any property right, or any interest in real property, nor does it authorize any entrance upon or activities on property which is not owned or controlled by the permittee, or convey any rights or privileges other than those specified in the general permit.
4. The general permit does not relieve the permittee from liability and penalties when the permitted activity causes harm or injury to: human health or welfare; animal, plant or aquatic life; or property. It does not allow the permittee to cause pollution that violates state water quality standards.
5. Section 253.77, F.S., provides that a person may not commence any excavation, construction, or other activity involving the use of state-owned or other lands of the state, the title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund without obtaining the required consent, lease, easement, or other form of authorization authorizing the proposed use. Therefore, the permittee is responsible for obtaining any necessary authorizations from the Board of Trustees prior to commencing activity on state-owned lands.
6. The authorization to conduct activities under a general permit may be modified, suspended or revoked in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S., and Section 373.429, F.S.
7. This permit shall not be transferred to a third party except pursuant to Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. The permittee transferring the general permit shall remain liable for any corrective actions that may be required as a result of any permit violations prior to sale, conveyance, or other transfer of ownership or control of the permitted project, activity, or the real property at which the permitted project or activity is located.
8. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, Agency staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the permitted activity to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications approved by the permit.
9. The permittee shall maintain any permitted project or activity in accordance with the plans submitted to the Agency and authorized in this general permit.
10. A permittee's right to conduct a specific activity under this general permit is authorized for a duration of five years.
11. Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be implemented and maintained immediately prior to, during, and after construction as needed to stabilize all disturbed areas, including other measures specified

in the permit to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the "State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual" (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), available at: www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wetlands/docs/erp/FLerosionSedimentManual_6_07.pdf, and the "Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual" (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), available at: www.dep.state.fl.us/water/nonpoint/docs/erosion/erosion-inspectors-manual.pdf.

12. Unless otherwise specified in the general permit, temporary vehicular access within wetlands during construction shall be performed using vehicles generating minimum ground pressure to minimize rutting and other environmental impacts. Within forested wetlands, the permittee shall choose alignments that minimize the destruction of mature wetland trees to the greatest extent practicable. When needed to prevent rutting or soil compaction, access vehicles shall be operated on wooden, composite, metal, or other non-earthen construction mats. In all cases, access in wetlands shall comply with the following:
 - a. Access within forested wetlands shall not include the cutting or clearing of any native wetland tree having a diameter 4 inches or greater at breast height;
 - b. The maximum width of the construction access area shall be limited to 15 feet;
 - c. All mats shall be removed within 72 hours after the work commences; and
 - d. Areas disturbed for access shall be restored to natural grades immediately after the maintenance or repair is completed.
13. Barges or other work vessels used to conduct in-water activities shall be operated in a manner that prevents unauthorized dredging, water quality violations, and damage to submerged aquatic communities.
14. The construction, alteration, or use of the authorized project shall not adversely impede navigation or create a navigational hazard in the water body.
15. Except where specifically authorized in this general permit, activities must not:
 - a. Impound or obstruct existing water flow, cause adverse impacts to existing surface water storage and conveyance capabilities, or otherwise cause adverse water quantity or flooding impacts to receiving water and adjacent lands; or
 - b. Cause an adverse impact to the maintenance of surface or ground water levels or surface water flows established pursuant to Section 373.042, F.S., or a Works of the District established pursuant to Section 373.086, F.S.
16. If any prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, work involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries shall cease. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section, at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278, as well as the appropriate Agency office. Such subsurface work shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and notification shall be provided in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S.
17. The activity must be capable of being performed and of functioning as proposed, based on generally accepted engineering and scientific principles, and must comply with any applicable District special basin and geographic area criteria

18. The permittee shall comply with the following when performing work within waters accessible to federally- or state-listed aquatic species, such as manatees, marine turtles, smalltooth sawfish, and Gulf sturgeon:
 - a. All vessels associated with the project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the work area and where the draft of the vessels provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
 - b. All deployed siltation or turbidity barriers shall be properly secured, monitored, and maintained to prevent entanglement or entrapment of listed species.
 - c. All in-water activities, including vessel operation, must be shutdown if a listed species comes within 50 feet of the work area. Activities shall not resume until the animal(s) has moved beyond a 50-foot radius of the in-water work, or until 30 minutes elapses since the last sighting within 50 feet. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of listed species.
 - d. Any listed species that is killed or injured by work associated with activities performed shall be reported immediately to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Hotline at 1-888-404-3922 and ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com.
 - e. Whenever there is a spill or frac-out of drilling fluid into waters accessible to the above species during a directional drilling operation, the FWC shall be notified at imperiledspecies@myfwc.com with details of the event within 24 hours following detection of the spill or frac-out.
19. The permittee shall hold and save the Agency harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any activity authorized by the general permit.
20. The permittee shall immediately notify the Agency in writing of any submitted information that is discovered to be inaccurate.

Specific Conditions for General Permits, 62-330.451, F.A.C.

1. Within 30 days after completion of construction, a registered professional shall submit certification that construction was completed in substantial conformance with the plans and calculations that were submitted in the notice to use this general permit.

Distribution List

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Exhibits

The following exhibits to this permit are incorporated by reference. The exhibits can be viewed by clicking on the links below or by visiting the District's ePermitting website (<http://my.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting>) and searching under this application number 180411-467.

[Exhibit No. 1.0](#)

[Exhibit No. 2.0](#)

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

As required by Sections 120.569 and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., the following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all of the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a SFWMD decision which affects or may affect their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD, in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein, within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: (1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or (2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Section 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of written notice through mail, electronic mail, or posting that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

If the District takes final agency action which materially differs from the noticed intended agency decision, persons who may be substantially affected shall, unless otherwise provided by law, have an additional Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, point of entry.

Any person to whom an emergency order is directed pursuant to Section 373.119(2), Fla. Stat., shall comply therewith immediately, but on petition to the board shall be afforded a hearing as soon as possible.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for an extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

A petition for administrative hearing must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the Office of the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery, or e-mail. Filings by facsimile will not be accepted. A petition for administrative hearing or other document is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the Office of the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. The District's normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Any document received by the Office of the District Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day.

Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the District Clerk, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the District Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. It will be necessary to request that the SFWMD's security officer contact the Office of the District Clerk. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by e-mail must be transmitted to the Office of the District Clerk at clerk@sfwmd.gov. The filing date for a document transmitted by electronic mail shall be the date the Office of the District Clerk receives the complete document. A party who files a document by e-mail shall (1) represent that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of the proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause and that the party shall produce it upon the request of other parties; and (2) be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed.

INITIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Pursuant to Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, SFWMD file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

MEDIATION

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401–.405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., and in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed, and by filing a copy of the notice with the clerk of the appropriate district court of appeal.