

**AGREEMENT FOR  
PURCHASE & SUPPLY OF SOD**

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Lee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and Battista Farms, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company whose address is 19490 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, FL 33908, and whose federal tax identification number is 30-1120158, hereinafter referred to as "Vendor."

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, the County intends to purchase and supply Argentine Bahia, 419 Bermuda, Floratam, and "Empire" Zoysia and installation of sod on an "as needed" basis from the Vendor in connection with "Purchase & Supply of Sod" (the "Purchase"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County issued Solicitation No. B210047MIF on November 16, 2020 (the "Solicitation"); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County evaluated the responses received and found the Vendor qualified to provide the necessary products and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County posted a Notice of Intended Decision on February 08, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Vendor has reviewed the products and services to be supplied pursuant to this Agreement and is qualified, willing and able to provide all such products and services in accordance with its terms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County and the Vendor, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, do agree as follows:

**I. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

The Vendor agrees to diligently provide all products and services for the Purchase, a more specific description of the Project Scope of Services is set forth in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions Sections of B200483MIF, a photocopy of said sections being attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A. Vendor shall comply strictly with all of the terms and conditions of Solicitation No. B210047MIF, copies of which are on file with the County's Department of Procurement Management and are deemed incorporated into this Agreement.

## **II. TERM AND DELIVERY**

- A. This Agreement shall commence immediately upon the effective date and shall continue through the delivery of the Purchase and the associated warranty period as further described in this Agreement on an as needed basis for one (1) three (3) year period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the initial Agreement term of three (3) years. The increments of the renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest. The effective date shall be the date the Lee County Board of County Commissioners awarded the Solicitation to the Vendor
- B. A purchase order must be issued by the County before commencement of any work or purchase of any goods related to this Agreement.

## **III. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT**

- A. The County shall pay the Vendor in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for providing all products and services as set forth in Exhibit A, and further described in Exhibit B, Fee Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein. Said total amount to be all inclusive of costs necessary to provide all products and services as outlined in this Agreement, and as supported by the Vendor's submittal in response to the Solicitation, a copy of which is on file with the County's Department of Procurement Management and is deemed incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. Notwithstanding the preceding, Vendor shall not make any deliveries or perform any services under this Agreement until receipt of written authorization from the County. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that no minimum order or amount of product or service is guaranteed under this Agreement and County may elect to request no products or services. If the County authorizes delivery of products or performance of services, the County reserves the right to amend, reduce, or cancel the authorization in its sole discretion.
- C. All funds for payment by the County under this Agreement are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the County. In the event of non-appropriation of funds by the County for the services provided under this Agreement, the County will terminate the contract, without termination charge or other liability, on the last day of the then current fiscal year or when the appropriation made for the then-current year for the services covered by this Agreement is spent, whichever event occurs first. If at any time funds are not appropriated for the continuance of this Agreement, cancellation shall be accepted by the Vendor on thirty (30) days' prior written notice, but failure to give such notice shall be of no effect and the County shall not be obligated under this Agreement beyond the date of termination.

#### **IV. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- A. The County shall pay the Vendor in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Section 218.70, Florida Statutes, upon receipt of the Vendor's invoice and written approval of same by the County indicating that the products and services have been provided in conformity with this Agreement.
- B. The Vendor shall submit an invoice for payment to the County on a monthly basis for those specific products and services as described in Exhibit A (and the corresponding fees as described in Exhibit B) that were provided during that invoicing period.
- C. For partial shipments or deliveries, progress payments shall be paid monthly in proportion to the percentage of products and services delivered on those specific line items as approved in writing by the County.

#### **V. ADDITIONAL PURCHASES**

- A. No changes to this Agreement or the performance contemplated hereunder shall be made unless the same are in writing and signed by both the Vendor and the County.
- B. If the County requires the Vendor to perform additional services or provide additional product(s) related to this Agreement, then the Vendor shall be entitled to additional compensation based on the Fee Schedule as amended to the extent necessary to accommodate such additional work or product(s). The additional compensation shall be agreed upon before commencement of any additional services or provision of additional product(s) and shall be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment. The County shall not pay for any additional service, work performed or product provided before a written amendment to this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the preceding, in the event additional services are required as a result of error, omission or negligence of the Vendor, the Vendor shall not be entitled to additional compensation.

#### **VI. LIABILITY OF VENDOR**

- A. The Vendor shall save, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, fees, fines, penalties, defense costs, suits or liabilities which may arise out of any act, neglect, error, omission or default of the Vendor arising out of or in any way connected with the Vendor or subcontractor's performance or failure to perform under the terms of this Agreement.

B. This section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

**VII. VENDOR'S INSURANCE**

- A. Vendor shall procure and maintain insurance as specified in Exhibit C, Insurance Requirements, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- B. Vendor shall, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, maintain in full force and effect, at all times during the life of this Agreement, insurance coverage (including endorsements) and limits as described in Exhibit C. These requirements, as well as the County's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Vendor, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by Vendor under this Agreement. Insurance carriers providing coverage required herein must be licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida and must possess a current A.M. Best's Financial Strength Rating of "B or better." No changes are to be made to these specifications without prior written specific approval by County Risk Management. To the extent multiple insurance coverages and/or County's self-insured retention may apply, any and all insurance coverage purchased by Vendor and its subcontractors identifying the County as an additional named insured shall be primary.

**VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VENDOR**

- A. The Vendor shall be responsible for the quality and functionality of all products supplied and services performed by or at the behest of the Vendor under this Agreement. The Vendor shall, without additional compensation, correct any errors or deficiencies in its products, or if directed by County, supply a comparable replacement product or service.
- B. The Vendor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person (other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor), to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Vendor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award of this Agreement.
- C. The Vendor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to the work or payment for work thereof, and shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. Vendor specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, with regard to public records, and shall:

- 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;
- 2) upon request from the County, 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 in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;
- 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
- 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.

**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, [PRRCustodian@leegov.com](mailto:PRRCustodian@leegov.com); <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

- E. The Vendor is, and shall be, in the performance of all work, services and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor. Vendor is not an employee, agent or servant of the County and shall not represent itself as such. All persons engaged in any work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the Vendor's sole direction, supervision and control. The Vendor shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the Vendor's relationship and the relationship of its employees to the County shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees of the County. The Vendor shall be solely responsible for providing benefits and insurance to its employees.
- F. The Vendor shall comply with the Vendor Background Screening Affidavit attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit D.

**IX. OWNERSHIP OF PRODUCTS**

It is understood and agreed that all products provided under this Agreement shall become the property of the County upon acceptance by the County.

**X. TIMELY DELIVERY OF PRODUCTS AND PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES**

- A. The Vendor shall ensure that all of its staff, contractors and suppliers involved in the production or delivery of the products are fully qualified and capable to perform their assigned tasks.
- B. The personnel assigned by the Vendor to perform the services pursuant to this Agreement shall comply with the terms set forth in this Agreement. If the services provided require use of specific key personnel, the personnel shall be agreed to by the County and Vendor. If the Vendor's key personnel have been predetermined and approved, through the Solicitation process or otherwise, any subsequent change or substitution to the personnel must receive the County's written approval before said changes or substitution can become effective.
- C. The Vendor specifically agrees that all products shall be delivered within the time limits as set forth in this Agreement, subject only to delays caused by force majeure, or as otherwise defined herein. "Force majeure" shall be deemed to be any unforeseeable and unavoidable cause affecting the performance of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the control of the parties.

**XI. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Vendor shall promptly comply with all applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, regulations, and rules relating to the services to be performed hereunder and in effect at the time of performance. Vendor shall conduct no activity or provide any service that is unlawful or offensive.

**XII. TERMINATION**

- A. The County shall have the right at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Vendor to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part for any reason whatsoever. In the event of such termination, the County shall be responsible to Vendor only for fees and compensation earned by the Vendor, in accordance with Section III, prior to the effective date of said termination. In no event shall the County be responsible for lost profits of Vendor or any other elements of breach of contract.
- B. After receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed, the Vendor shall stop work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or sub-

contracts for materials, services, or facilities except as necessary for completion of such portion of the work not terminated; terminate all vendors and subcontracts; and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims.

### **XIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- A. In the event of a dispute or claim arising out of this Agreement, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by direct discussion. If this is unsuccessful, the parties may enter into mediation in Lee County, Florida, with the parties sharing equally in the cost of such mediation.
- B. In the event mediation, if attempted, is unsuccessful in resolving a dispute, the parties may proceed to litigation as set forth below.
- C. Any dispute, action or proceeding arising out of or related to this Agreement will be exclusively commenced in the state courts of Lee County, Florida, or where proper subject matter jurisdiction exists, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Each party irrevocably submits and waives any objections to the exclusive personal jurisdiction and venue of such courts, including any objection based on forum non conveniens.
- D. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
- E. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Vendor shall be required to continue all obligations under this Agreement during the pendency of a claim or dispute including, but not limited to, actual periods of mediation or judicial proceedings.

### **XIV. VENDOR WARRANTY**

- A. All products provided under this Agreement shall be new (unless specifically identified otherwise in Exhibit B and of the most suitable grade for the purpose intended).
- B. If any product delivered does not meet performance representations or other quality assurance representations as published by manufacturers, producers or distributors of the products or the specifications listed in this Agreement, 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. In such case, the Vendor shall refund to the County any money which has been paid for same.

## **XV. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. This Agreement constitutes the sole and complete understanding between the parties and supersedes all other contracts between them, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter. No amendment, change or addendum to this Agreement is enforceable unless agreed to in writing by both parties and incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and assignees of the parties hereto. A party to this Agreement shall not sell, transfer, assign, license, franchise, restructure, alter, or change its corporate structure or otherwise part with possession or mortgage, charge or encumber any right or obligation under this Agreement without the proposed assignee and/or party restructuring, altering or changing its corporate structure agreeing in writing with the non-assigning party to observe and perform the terms, conditions and restrictions on the part of the assigning party to this Agreement, whether express or implied, as if the proposed assignee and/or party restructuring, altering or changing its corporate structure was an original contracting party to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the Vendor may assign its rights if given written authorization by the County and claims for the money due or to become due to the Vendor from the County under this Agreement may be assigned to a financial institution or to a trustee in bankruptcy without such approval from the County. Notice of any such transfer or assignment due to bankruptcy shall be promptly given to the County.
- C. The exercise by either party of any rights or remedies provided herein shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights or remedies available under this Agreement or any applicable law.
- D. The failure of the County to enforce one or more of the provisions of the Agreement shall not be construed to be and shall not be a waiver of any such provision or provisions or of its right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.
- E. The parties covenant and agree that each is duly authorized to enter into and perform this Agreement and those executing this Agreement have all requisite power and authority to bind the parties.
- F. Neither the County's review, approval or acceptance of, nor payment for, the products and services required under this Agreement shall be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement.
- G. If the Vendor is comprised of more than one legal entity, each entity shall be jointly and severally liable hereunder.



- H. When any period of time is referred to by days herein, it shall be computed to exclude the first day and include the last day of such period. When the period of time is fewer than three (3) days, it shall mean business days as defined by Lee County. If the period of time is greater than three (3) days, then it shall mean calendar days. For any period of time greater than seven (7) days, where the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Lee County recognized holiday, the deadline will then fall to the next Monday or non-Lee County recognized holiday
- I. Any notices of default or termination shall be sufficient if sent by the parties via United States certified mail, postage paid, or via a nationally recognized delivery service, to the addresses listed below:

Vendor's Representative:		County's Representatives:		
Name:	<u>Loreta Valone</u>	Names:	<u>Roger Desjarlais</u>	<u>Mary Tucker</u>
Title:	<u>Manager</u>	Titles:	<u>County Manager</u>	<u>Director of Procurement Management</u>
Address:	<u>19490 S. Tamiami Trail Fort Myers, FL 33908</u>	Address:	<u>P.O. Box 398 Fort Myers, FL 33902</u>	
Telephone:	<u>239-267-1133</u>	Telephone:	<u>239-533-2221</u>	<u>239-533-8881</u>
Facsimile:	<u>239-267-8022</u>	Facsimile:	<u>239-485-2262</u>	<u>239-485-8383</u>
E-mail:	<u>Info@battistafarms.net</u>	E-Mail:	<u>rdesjarlais@leegov.com</u>	<u>mtucker@leegov.com</u>

- J. Any change in the County's or the Vendor's Representative will be promptly communicated by the party making the change.
- K. Paragraph headings are for the convenience of the parties and for reference purposes only and shall be given no legal effect.
- L. In the event of conflicts or inconsistencies, the documents shall be given precedence in the following order:
1. Agreement
  2. County's Purchase Order
  3. Solicitation
  4. Vendor's Submittal in Response to the Solicitation

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date last below written.

WITNESS:

Signed By: Ronald Lohmann

Print Name: Ronald Lohmann

**BATTISTA FARMS, LLC**

Signed By: Loreta Valone

Print Name: Loreta Valone

Title: Manager

Date: 2-18-2021

**LEE COUNTY**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]  
CHAIR

DATE: 04/22/21

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Linda Doggett, Clerk

BY: Joyce Townsend  
DEPUTY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE  
RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:

BY: [Signature]  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNE

## EXHIBIT A SPECIFICATIONS OR SCOPE OF SERVICES

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### SCOPE OF WORK AND SPECIFICATIONS

#### 1. GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- 1.1. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners seeks to contract with a qualified Vendor for the purchase of Argentine Bahia, 419 Bermuda, Floratam, and "Empire" Zoysia and installation of sod on an "as needed" basis.
- 1.2. Sod materials and installation shall conform to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition, Section 570, 981, 982, and 983.
- 1.3. There will be no minimum order restrictions placed on the County by the Vendor for any items awarded for County staff pickup.

#### 2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. This contract shall consist of the requirements as listed in the attached Bid Schedule:
  - 2.1.1. Section A: This Section shall consist of delivery and installation of various types of sod. Individual orders placed under this Section shall consist of less than 2400 square feet.
  - 2.1.2. Section B: This Section shall consist of delivery and installation of various types of sod. Individual orders placed under this Section shall consist of 2400 square feet or more, but less than a truckload of sod.
  - 2.1.3. Section C: This Section shall consist of delivery and installation of various types of sod. Individual orders placed under this Section shall consist of a minimum of 7200 square feet; the equivalent of a 'truckload' of sod.
  - 2.1.4. Section D: This Section is for the pickup of all the various types of sod. Pickup shall be completed by Lee County personnel of individual (16" X 42") pieces. No minimum shall apply.
  - 2.1.5. Section E: This Section is for the pickup of all the various types of sod by Lee County Personnel by pallet. No minimum shall apply.
  - 2.1.6. Section F: This Section is for hydroseeding certain areas by square feet. Hydroseeding shall be supplied and completed by the Vendor.
  - 2.1.7. Option A: Water - 1000 Gallons/Per Day: If necessary to water sod that has been installed, then this option may be used to pay the Vendor for this service. The Vendor may be requested to provide a quote for this daily service and shall advise County personnel when this service is recommended. The County will schedule with the Vendor an appropriate schedule for watering if this service is deemed necessary. Services shall be quoted and provided in accordance with Agreement pricing and shall be conducted upon authorization by County personnel.
  - 2.1.8. Option B: Rolling of Sod - Upon request, the Vendor shall be responsible for any additional rolling of sod that exceeds standard installation services. The Vendor may be requested to provide a quote for these services. Otherwise, all delivered and installed sod by Vendor shall be rolled at time of installation at no additional cost.
  - 2.1.9. Pallet Charge: This Section is for the charge per pallet which is standard wood. Charge shall be in addition to the charge for materials under this Agreement and shall be represented as a separate line item. When credited charge shall be credited in this same amount per pallet and shown as a separate line on any invoicing or credit documentation.

#### 3. PRICING

- 3.1. This is considered a County annual Agreement, which is not for any specific project. Work will be authorized, scheduled, funded, and accounted for by issuance of a Purchase Order, by the requesting department, division, or other governmental entity.

3.2. The County shall be eligible for any additional discounts, specials, and/or promotions offered by the Vendor during the term of the contract should those discounts, specials, and/or promotions offer a lower cost to the County.

3.3. Vendor shall provide pricing for the delivery and installation of sod on County property which shall include locations in Boca Grande, Pine Island and Sanibel as indicated by County Staff at the time of order. Pricing shall be inclusive of all delivery, fuel, surcharges, tolls, etc. Where installation requested (Sections A, B, C), pricing shall be inclusive of all associated labor services to complete proper installation; this shall include rolling of sod.

**4. DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**

4.1. Once the Vendor receives an order of sod from authorized County staff, the Vendor shall comply with the following mandate:

4.1.1. All sod ordered shall be delivered between the hours of 7:00AM and 3:30PM eastern time, Monday through Friday or as requested by the County, within seven (7) calendar days after verbal, electronic, or fax receipt of an order placed by an authorized member of the County unless otherwise authorized by County staff.

4.2. The Vendor shall be responsible for all costs associated with the delivery of sod and all special permits.

4.3. The County reserves the right to determine, by adding or deleting, actual delivery sites at its discretion at any time throughout the term of the Agreement.

4.4. The Vendor shall be responsible to remove all pallets from County property at the completion of each sod delivery.

4.5. The County reserves the right to refuse delivery if the delivery is not within the proper timeframe; the Vendor has improper equipment to offload the delivery; the Vendor is taking improper safety precautions; and/or the Vendor has malfunctioning equipment.

4.6. The Vendor's delivery driver shall present a photo I.D. upon delivery. The I.D. shall show that the driver is an employee of either the Vendor or delivering company. All deliveries are subject to inspection prior to acceptance by an authorized member of the County.

4.7. Pallets, on which sod is picked up, delivered and off-loaded, are to be on a turnaround basis. Lee County departments shall return all pallets to the Vendor when re-ordering and picking up additional sod.

4.8. Vendor shall reimburse the pallet charge from the previous order back to the County when pallet returned to the Vendor or utilized for new services under this Agreement.

**5. SOD SPECIFICATIONS**

5.1. Sod – Types of sod acceptable for County use is Argentine Bahia, 419 Bermuda, Floratam and "Empire" Zoysia.

5.1.1. All sod shall be composed of the specified grass type and shall be free of tropical soda apple, other types of grass, weeds, other undesirable vegetation, and shall be disease-free.

5.1.2. Sod root development and soil mat shall be such that standard size pads will support their own weight and retain their size and shape when suspended vertically.

5.1.3. Sod shall be machine stripped at a uniform thickness of "2" and shall be fresh and viable at the time of planting.

5.1.4. Sod should be harvested, delivered, and if applicable, installed within a 72- hour period.

5.1.5. Broken, torn, injured, or irregular pads of sod may be rejected by County staff.

5.2. Water

5.2.1. Water used for the installation of sod shall be clean and fresh, not brackish or containing substance injurious to turf.

**5.3. Rolling**

5.3.1. All delivered and installed sod by Vendor shall be rolled at time of installation at no additional cost.

5.3.2. Upon request, the Vendor shall be responsible for any additional rolling of sod that exceeds standard installation services. The Vendor will be reimbursed for this service based on the quoted price and in accordance with Option B pricing.

**6. SOD INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS**

**6.1. Final Grade Preparation**

6.1.1. Flooded, washed out, or otherwise damaged areas should be reconstructed and all grades re-established by the Vendor at no additional costs to County.

6.1.2. Care shall be taken to avoid damage to fencing or other County improvements during all phase of work performed by the Vendor. Any repairs required by such damage in sodding shall be at the Vendor's expense.

6.1.3. After placement of an order for sod by Lee County, the Vendor shall be responsible for maintaining the area that is to be sodded, until sod is installed.

**6.2. Placement of Sod**

6.2.1. The Vendor shall install the purchased sod in the following manner: The first row of sod shall be laid in a straight line with subsequent rows placed parallel to and tightly against each other.

6.2.2. Lateral joints shall be staggered to promote more uniform growth and strength. Care shall be exercised to ensure that the sod is not stretched or overlapped and all joints are butted tightly together.

6.2.3. Open joints and gaps shall be plugged with sod cut to the exact size and shape of the opening.

**6.3. Responsibility for Losses**

6.3.1. The Vendor will not be held liable for damage incurred to sod caused by materials not applied by the Vendor or the Vendor's staff after acceptance of work from County staff.

6.3.2. The Vendor will not be responsible for damage caused by acts of vandalism or damage caused by inclement weather.

**6.4. Warranty of Sod and Installation**

6.4.1. The Vendor shall warranty all work covered by this specification to the extent that all installed sod shall be true to variety, uniform in color and quality, reasonably free of visible imperfections, disease free, and in healthy condition at acceptance.

**7. ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS**

7.1. The County reserves the right to add or delete, at any time, and or all material, tasks or services associated with this Agreement/Contract and in the manner that is in the best interest of the County.

End of Scope of Work and Specifications 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. PROJECT TERM**

1.1. The Vendor shall be responsible for furnishing and delivering to the Lee County requesting Department(s) the commodity or services on an "as needed basis" for one (1) three-year (3) period. Upon mutual written agreement of both parties, the parties may renew the Agreement, in whole or in part, for a renewal term or terms not to exceed the initial Agreement term of three (3) years. The increments of renewal shall be at the sole discretion of the County as deemed in its best interest.

**2. BASIS OF AWARD**


2.1. The award shall be based on the Grand Total (Including Options A, Option B, and Pallet Charge) to the lowest and best responsible bidder, whose bid is determined by the County, to be in its best interest, shall determine the basis of award. It is also the intent of the County to award to multiple Vendors.

2.1.1. The County reserves the right to award by Section/Option to one or multiple Vendors in the manner and as deemed in the Best Interest of the County.

2.2. Vendors are required to bid on all line items and all requested unit prices associated with the line item within a section to be eligible for award. Failure to bid all line items within a section will deem Vendor as Non-Responsive.

End of Special Conditions Section

**EXHIBIT B  
FEE SCHEDULE**

 <b>LEE COUNTY</b> SOUTHWEST FLORIDA	<b>PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT          BID/PROPOSAL FORM</b>		
	<b>COMPANY NAME:</b>	Batista Farms, LLC	
<b>SOLICITATION:</b>	B210047MIF - Purchase & Supply of Sod		
Having carefully examined the Contract Documents, Contractor/Vendor proposes to furnish the following while			
<b>PRICING</b> Pricing shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, supplies, overhead, profit, material, and any other incidental costs required to perform and complete all work as specified in the Contract Documents. All Unit Prices will be bid at the nearest whole penny. The Excel document contains formulas for convenience, however it is the Contractor's/Vendor'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).			
In the event there is a discrepancy between a subtotal or total amount and the unit prices and extended amounts, the unit prices will prevail and the corrected extension(s) and total(s) will be considered the 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 be deemed non-responsive and ineligible for award.			
<b>PLEASE ENSURE</b> 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.			
<b>PURCHASE &amp; SUPPLY OF SOD</b>			
<b>SECTION A : SOD DELIVERED AND INSTALLED: LESS THAN 2400 SQUARE FEET</b>			
Item	Description	Price Per Square Feet	SECTION A: GRAND TOTAL
1	Agrentine Bahia	\$ 0.42	
2	419 Bermuda	\$ -	
3	Floratom	\$ 0.58	
4	"Empire" Zoysia	\$ -	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 0.98	\$ 0.98
<b>SECTION B: SOD DELIVERED AND INSTALLED: 2400 SQUARE FEET BUT LESS THAN A TRUCKLOAD</b>			
Item	Description	Price Per Square Feet	SECTION B: GRAND TOTAL
1	Agrentine Bahia	\$ 0.38	
2	419 Bermuda	\$ 0.00	
3	Floratom	\$ 0.54	
4	"Empire" Zoysia	\$ 0.00	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 0.90	\$ 0.90
<b>SECTION C: SOD DELIVERED AND INSTALLED: TRUCKLOAD (7200 SQ. FT.)</b>			
Item	Description	Price Per Truckload	SECTION C: GRAND TOTAL
1	Agrentine Bahia	\$ 0.32	
2	419 Bermuda	\$ -	
3	Floratom	\$ 0.48	
4	"Empire" Zoysia	\$ -	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 0.80	\$ 0.80
<b>SECTION D: SOD PICKED UP: PER PIECE (16" X 42")</b>			

Item	Description	Price Per Piece (16" X 42")	SECTION D: GRAND TOTAL
1	Agrentine Bahia	\$ 1.35	
2	419 Bermuda	\$ -	
3	Floritam	\$ 2.00	
4	'Empire' Zoysia	\$ -	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 3.35	\$ 3.35
<b>SECTION E: SOD PICKED UP: PALLET</b>			
Item	Description	Sod Pick Up: Pallet	SECTION E: GRAND TOTAL
1	Agrentine Bahia	\$ 120.00	
2	419 Bermuda	\$ -	
3	Floritam	\$ 180.00	
4	'Empire' Zoysia	\$ -	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<b>SECTION F: HYDROSEEDING SQUARE FEET</b>			
Item	Description	Square Feet	SECTION F: GRAND TOTAL
1	Hydroseeding per Square Feet	\$ -	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ -	\$ -
<b>OPTION A: WATER - 1000 Gallons - Per Day</b>			
Item	Description	1000 Gallons	OPTION A: GRAND TOTAL
1	Per 1000 Gallons/One Location/One day	\$ -	
2	Per 1000 Gallons/One Day/Multiple Locations	\$ -	
3	Per 1000 Gallons/Multiple Days/Multiple Locations	\$ -	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ -	\$ -
<b>OPTION B: ROLLING OF SOD</b>			
Item	Description	Square Feet	OPTION B: GRAND TOTAL
1	Rolling of Sod per Square Feet	\$ 0.02	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
<b>PALLET CHARGE:</b>			
Item	Description	Price Per Pallet	PALLET CHARGE
1	Standard Wooden Pallet - Charge per pallet	\$ 7.00	
SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			
		Grand Total	\$ 313.05



## EXHIBIT C

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS



#### 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); or  
\$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."*

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**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:

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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.

**EXHIBIT D**

**VENDOR BACKGROUND SCREENING AFFIDAVIT**



**VENDOR BACKGROUND SCREENING AFFIDAVIT**

Florida Statutes Chapter 435 governs required background screenings for any employees, contractors, subcontractors, or agents of the Vendor who will have contact with any vulnerable person, as defined by statute, or who otherwise are required to undergo a Level 1 or Level 2 background screening in accordance with Florida law.

The Vendor is responsible for ensuring that such required background screenings are conducted in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 435. Documentation of such completed background screenings must be maintained for a period of no less than five (5) years and are subject to audit by Lee County at any time during such five (5) year period.

**Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read and understand the requirements stated above, and that all required background screenings shall be conducted in accordance with this affidavit.** I further understand that there may be additional local, state, and federal regulations that may require background screening, and that the Vendor will be solely responsible for complying with such legal requirements. Furthermore, the Vendor shall indemnify and hold Lee County harmless from any and all claims or actions resulting from failure to comply with this affidavit.

Date: 2-22-21

Loreta Valone  
Signature

STATE OF FL  
COUNTY OF LEE

Loreta Valone  
Name/Title manager

The foregoing instrument was sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021, by the above-named person and in their stated capacity, and is either personally known to me or who has produce the following as identification: FLDL

[Stamp/seal required] SHARON M. STEVENSON  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
Commission# GG 357142  
My comm. expires July 22, 2023

Sharon M. Stevenson  
Signature, Notary Public