



FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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INVITATION TO BID: FWC 19/20-28

TITLE: MAINTENANCE OF PLANTED TREES & SHRUBS IN THE EVERGLADES COMPLEX OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

INVITATION TO BID/BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Purpose: The intent of this bid is to obtain competitive pricing for the annual maintenance of planted trees and shrubs in the Everglades Complex of Wildlife Management Areas (ECWMA) which includes Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area (EWMA), Holey Land Wildlife Management Area (HWMA), and Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area (RWMA), per the specifications contained herein. Only responsive and responsible Contractors will be considered for award of this Invitation to Bid (ITB).

Responsive: To be responsive, a bid must constitute a definite, firm, unqualified and unconditional offer to meet all of the material terms of this ITB. Material terms are those that could affect the price, quantity, quality, or delivery. Also included as material terms are those which are clearly identified in this ITB and which, for reasons of policy, must be complied with at risk of bid rejection for non-responsiveness.

Non-Responsive: Any submission that does not comply with this ITB in any way, does not contain all the properly signed forms, supplements or deviates from the Bid requirements or has an incomplete Price Sheet may be considered nonresponsive at the discretion of Procurement Manager.

Responsible Companies: The Commission shall only consider responsible companies. Responsible companies are those that have, in the sole judgment of the Commission, the financial ability, experience, resources, skills, capability, reliability and business integrity necessary to perform the requirements of the contract. The Commission may also consider references and quality to determine the responsibility of the bid. The Commission reserves the right to use any information, whether supplied through the Bidder's submission or otherwise obtained, in determining responsibility.

Rejection of Bids: The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any minor irregularity in the submissions received in response to this ITB. The Commission reserves the right to consider all information, whether submitted or otherwise, to determine responsiveness and responsibility and to reject bids accordingly.

Name of Business: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

The undersigned attest to the following:

"We understand all of the terms, conditions and the specifications contained herein and agree to abide by all of the terms, conditions and the specifications in their entirety."

Authorized Signature (Manual): _____

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INVITATION TO BID – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE	DUE DATE	METHOD
Bid Advertised	October 17, 2019	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/mainmenu
MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference	November 4, 2019 @ 10:00 AM/ ET	See Pre-Bid Conference Clause
Deadline for Questions	Must be received PRIOR to: November 6, 2019 @ 5:00 PM ET	See Deadline for Questions Clause
Anticipated date for Responses to Written Questions	November 8, 2019	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/mainmenu
SEALED BIDS DUE (REMEMBER: Bid number should be clearly marked on envelope)	Must be received PRIOR to: November 15, 2019 @ 10:30 AM ET	Submit BEFORE the due date and time to the following address: Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Attn: Purchasing M. Rutland 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 100 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Public Bid Opening	November 15, 2019 @ 10:30 AM ET	
Anticipated Date of Intended Award	November 19, 2019	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/mainmenu

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC or Commission) mission is to manage fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people. The Commission administers six (6) major programs including habitat and species conservation, freshwater fisheries management, law enforcement, marine fisheries management, hunting and game management and fish and wildlife research.

A Bidder submitting a bid shall be registered in the MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) system and where required, the Sunbiz system prior to the bid opening. Business entities which must be on file with Sunbiz include the following foreign and domestic entities: Corporations for and not for profit, Limited Liability Companies (LLC), Limited Partnerships (LP) including Limited Liability Limited Partnerships (LLLP), and organizations doing business under a fictitious name (DBA). A Bidder may not be considered for an award, if not registered in the MFMP and Sunbiz system. The Bidder's registration address and federal employer identification (FEID) number should match the Bidder's address and FEID number listed on the **Bidder Acknowledgment form (page 1)**.

Certified Minority-owned, Woman-owned and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, as certified by the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity, are encouraged by the Commission to participate in the bidding process.

Bids from Bidders shall include all necessary equipment to complete the job. The bidder is required to supply all specified documentation when submitting a bid for this project.

Please note:

- The terms "Contract," "Agreement" and "Purchase Order" are used interchangeably in the document.
- The terms "Commodities" and "Goods" are used interchangeably in the document.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PUR 1000 and PUR1001 are hereby incorporated by reference. PUR1000 and PUR1001 can be found at the Department of Management Services website at the following link:

https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/state_agency_resources/state_purchasing_pur_forms

The following terms and conditions take precedence over the PUR1001 and PUR1000 forms where applicable. The Commission objects to and shall not consider any additional terms or conditions submitted by a Bidder or Contractor, including any appearing in documents attached as part of a Bidder's response. In signing and submitting its bid, a Bidder agrees that any additional terms or conditions, whether submitted intentionally or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect. Failure to comply with terms and conditions, including those specifying information that must be submitted with a bid, shall be grounds for rejecting a bid.

The terms and conditions of Attachment A, Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, are hereby incorporated into this solicitation. Any contract resulting from this solicitation will include the terms and conditions of this solicitation and the terms and conditions contained in Attachment A.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

The Commission has an estimated budget for this project of **\$486,000** for the initial term and all renewal years or \$81,000 annually.

TERM

The contract will be effective three years upon issuance of Initial Purchase Order.

Project shall be completed by the Contractor by the Completion Date of May 1st of each fiscal year. If circumstances constituting Force Majeure have occurred, or if anything occurs beyond the Contractor's control, the Contractor may request in writing an extension of Completion Date. The Contract Manager and the Contract Administrator, upon review of the extension request, will determine and approve if the extension can be made.

RENEWAL

The Commission has the option to renew this Contract on a yearly basis for a period up to three (3) years after the initial Contract period upon the same terms and conditions contained herein. Pursuant to Sections 287.057(1)(a)2., and 287.057(1)(a)3., Florida Statutes (F.S.), each Bidder shall supply a price for each year that a contract may be renewed. Evaluation of bids shall include consideration of the total cost of the contract, including the total cost for each renewal year, as submitted by the Bidder.

Exercise of the renewal option is at the Commission's sole discretion and shall be conditioned, at a minimum, on the Contractor's satisfactory performance of this Contract and is subject to the availability of funds. The Contractor if it desires to exercise this renewal option will provide written notice to the Commission no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Contract expiration date. The renewal term shall require written approval from the Commission's Contract Administrator.

SCOPE CHANGES AFTER CONTRACT EXECUTION

The Commission shall provide written notice to the successful bidder thirty (30) days in advance of any Commission required changes to the technical specifications and/or scope of service that affect the successful bidder's ability to provide the service as specified herein. Any changes that are other than purely administrative changes will require a change order .

CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The bidder is required to examine carefully the conditions and specifications of this bid and to be thoroughly informed regarding any and all requirements of the conditions and specifications.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE/SITE VISIT MEETING

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on the date and time specified in the **Calendar of Events (Page 2)**. A mandatory site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. The purpose of the pre-bid conference is to discuss the contents of this ITB and to accept verbal questions from Bidders concerning the project. **Vendors must attend this pre-bid conference and site visit as a requirement of bid responsiveness. Failure to attend the entire conference and site visit, from the time it is called to order to the time it is adjourned, shall disqualify a potential respondent.** The Commission will make a reasonable effort to answer verbal questions asked at the pre-bid conference; however, Bidders should clearly understand that verbal discussions held at the pre-bid conference shall not be binding on the Commission, and the Commission will only issue an official written response to verbal questions subsequently submitted in writing in accordance with the Deadline for Questions clause below.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE DIRECTIONS

Location: L-5 Crossover (Site Visit will begin and end at this location)

Coordinates: 26.3332 N, -80.6345 W

Directions: The L-5 crossover is located approximately 6 miles west of US-27, along the L-5 levee road that runs the northern border of the WCA 3A North portion of Everglades WMA. The site visit will embark from this location following the Pre-Bid Conference.

SITE VISIT DIRECTIONS

The site visit will utilize FWC-provided equipment. Potential Bidders **MUST RSVP no later than 3 days prior** to the pre-bid meeting to assist with planning and equipment needs for the site visit. Only one representative for each vendor that responds by the deadline will be provided transportation for the site visit. Bidders that fail to RSVP as instructed will not be able to attend the site visit portion of the pre-bid conference and consequently may be deemed non-responsive.

RSVP notifications must be sent to bidrequest@myfwc.com, with a courtesy copy (cc) to michelle.rutland@myfwc.com. Please include "FWC 19/20-28" and the company's name in the subject line.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS

Any questions from Bidders that require an official FWC answer concerning this project shall be submitted in writing to the Procurement Manager identified below. Questions must be received no later than the date and time specified in the **Calendar of Events (Page 2)**. Questions may be sent via email with the solicitation number in the subject line. It is the responsibility of the bidder to confirm receipt of questions if needed.

If questions are received, an addendum will be issued and shall be posted on the Vendor Bid System (http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu).

Questions shall be directed to:

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Tallahassee Purchasing Office
Attn: Michelle Rutland, Procurement Manager
2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 100
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Michelle.Rutland@myfwc.com

LIMITATION ON BIDDER CONTACT DURING SOLICITATION PERIOD

Bidders to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the Commission posting the notice of intended award, (note: the 72-hour posting period excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement manager or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

BIDDER SPECIFICATION INQUIRIES

If the specifications of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) could restrict potential Bidder competition, the Bidder has 72 hours within which to request to the Commission that the specification(s) be changed. The Contract Administrator must receive the written request within 72 hours after the posting date of the ITB.

Requested changes to the Commission's specifications shall include the Bidder's concerns regarding restricting competition, provide detailed justification, and provide recommended changes to the specification(s). A Bidder's failure to request changes by the prescribed date and time shall be considered to constitute the Bidder's acceptance of the Commission's specifications.

The Commission shall determine what change(s) to the ITB is acceptable to the Commission. If accepted, the Commission shall issue an addendum reflecting the change(s) to the ITB, which shall be posted to the Vendor Bid Advertisement System ([http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main menu](http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu)).

It is up to the bidder to ensure that everything is included as required by the Commission's Purchasing Office. It is not the Commission's responsibility to mail or fax any forms to a potential Contractor. Bid packet information may also be requested from the Commission's Purchasing Section by calling (850) 488-6551. Please have bid number and Bidder information available when requesting any information.

BID OPENING LOCATION

The public opening of this bid will be conducted at the date and time specified in the **Calendar of Events (Page 2)**, at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Tallahassee Purchasing Office, 2590 Executive Center Circle East, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301. **BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THE SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME WILL BE REJECTED.**

Any person with a qualified disability shall not be denied equal access and effective communication regarding any bid/proposal documents or the attendance at any related meeting or bid/proposal opening. If accommodations are needed because of a disability, please contact the Purchasing Section at (850) 488-6551 at least three (3) workdays prior to the opening.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All bids shall be submitted in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** addressed to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 1875 Orange Avenue East, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. **The envelope shall be plainly marked on the outside with: BID NUMBER, DATE AND TIME OF THE BID OPENING.**

THE COMMISSION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPENING OF ANY ENVELOPES THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY MARKED.

PLEASE NOTE: The Commission's official business hours of operation are 8:00 AM–5:00 PM ET, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays. Selecting delivery services, such as next day first delivery, may result in attempted delivery prior to opening or closing, and the Commission will not be available to accept those deliveries. **THE COMMISSION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS DUE TO COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO SELECTED DELIVERY SERVICES.**

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In order for this bid to be valid, the bid must be completed in its entirety, signed by the Bidder and returned, as part of the bid or the bid will be rejected. By affixing your signature to page 1 of the bid, the Bidder hereby states that the Bidder has read all bid specifications and conditions and agrees to all terms, conditions, provisions, specifications, and is currently licensed to do business within the State of Florida, if required by State or Federal Law, for the services or commodities the Bidder will provide the Commission under these bid specifications.

FWC CONTRACT MANAGER

The FWC employee identified as the Contract Manager shall perform the following on behalf of the FWC:

- review, verify, and approve receipt of services/deliverables from the Contractor;
- submit requests for change orders/amendments/renewals, if applicable;
- review, verify, and approve invoices from the Contractor; and, if applicable, complete the Certificate of Contract Completion form; and
- maintain an official record of all correspondence between the Commission and the Contractor and forward the original correspondence to the Tallahassee Procurement Manager for the official file.

VERBAL INSTRUCTION PROCEDURE

Bidders may not consider any verbal instructions as binding upon the Commission. No negotiations, discussions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Bidder as a result of any discussion with any Commission employee. Only those communications from the Commission that are in writing, may be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Commission.

ADDENDUMS

If the COMMISSION finds it necessary to supplement, modify or interpret any portion of the specifications or documents or answer any Bidder questions during the ITB period an addendum shall be posted on the Vendor Bid System internet site. **Each Bidder is responsible for monitoring the Vendor Bid System website (http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu) for new or changing information relative to this procurement.** The Commission bears no responsibility for any delays, or resulting impacts, associated with a Bidder's failure to obtain the information made available through the Vendor Bid System.

IDENTICAL TIE BIDS

Preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. If two (2) or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Contractors must complete the **Identical Tie Bid / Drug Free Workplace form (Attachment B)** provided and return it with their bid.

AWARDED BID/INSPECTION

This shall be a multi-award bid. The Commission will award the bids to the responsive, responsible bidder(s) that submit the lowest bid price for each individual management area. If deemed necessary, an interview with the bidder by the Contract Manager may be required before the bid is awarded.

The Commission reserves the right to inspect the prospective Contractor's materials and background record prior to making an award of the Contract. If the Contract Manager determines the lowest bidder does not have sufficient experience, equipment, etc. to meet the specifications of this ITB, the Commission reserves the right to reject the bidder and evaluate the next lowest bidder.

SUPPORTING/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The Commission requires that bidders submit all required technical, specification, and other supporting information with their bid, so that a detailed analysis and determination can be made, by the Contract Manager that the product/service offered meets this ITB's specifications and that other requirements of this ITB have been met. However, provided a bid meets the requirements for a definite, firm, unqualified, and unconditional offer, the Commission reserves the right to request supplemental information from the bidder, after the bids have been opened, to ensure that the products/services offered completely meet this ITB's requirements. The requirement for such supplemental information will be at the reasonable discretion of the Commission and may include the requirement that a bidder will provide a sample product(s) so that the Commission can make a first-hand examination and determination.

A bidder's failure to provide this supplemental information or the product sample(s), within the time set by the Commission, will cause the Commission to consider the Contractor non-responsive and reject the Contractor's bid.

REFERENCES

Each prospective Bidder shall provide a minimum of three (3) references for similar projects completed. Current contact names and phone numbers shall be included with the bid package. See attached **reference form** for more detail.

DELIVERABLES

The following services or service tasks are identified as deliverables for the purposes of the subsequent Contract:

- a. Performance of all services set forth in the Scope of Work.
- b. Submission of all invoicing, supporting documentation, Corrective Action Plans and reports.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the Contractor fails to complete the work or the conditions of the Purchase Order and/or Change Orders by the completion date, the Commission shall have the right to deduct liquidated damages from any amount due and payable to the Contractor. Liquidated damages shall be assessed in the amount of **\$100** per calendar day of delay. Exceptions to this provision may be made if a delay is attributable to circumstances that are clearly beyond the control of the Contractor. The burden of proof of unavoidable delay shall rest with the Contractor and shall be supplied in a written form and submitted to the Contract Manager.

PERMITTING

Permitting for this project, if needed, is the responsibility of the Contractor. A copy of all permits shall be posted at the work site location at all times during the project. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all permit conditions and the Contractor shall pay any penalties arising from the Contractor's permit violations.

The Contractor shall assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods within thirty (30) days of notice by the Commission of such defect or damage.

SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting **IS NOT** permitted pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the select item.

AUTHORIZED COMPENSATION

It is understood and agreed that all compensation under this ITB is specifically limited to the Contractor's bid price accepted by the Commission, and to the specific procedure for payment established in this ITB and the Purchase Order executed pursuant to it. The Commission is not liable for any costs, fees, expenses or any other compensation whatsoever incurred or charged by the Contractor, other than the bid price paid for the work specifically described in the Scope of Work, which work is actually accomplished and invoiced by the Contractor subsequent to the Commission's notice to proceed (or other notice to begin work). Thus, the Commission is not liable for any costs incurred or charged by the Contractor in anticipation of responding to, or performing work described in, this ITB including, but not limited to, equipment or personnel procured by the Contractor in anticipation of such work. The Commission is not responsible to

the Contractor for any loss or damages resulting from circumstances unforeseen at the time of publication of this ITB including, but not limited to, those resulting from a “force majeure”.

ADDITIONAL LEGAL REQUIREMENT

All corporations seeking to do business with the State shall, at the time of submitting a bid, be on file with the Department of State in accordance with provisions of Chapter 607, F.S.; similarly, partnerships seeking to do business with the State shall, at the time of submitting such bid, have complied with the applicable provisions of Chapter 620, F.S. For further information on required filing and forms, please go to the following sites: <http://sunbiz.org> or <http://dos.myflorida.com>.

USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE USERS

As provided in Chapter 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and Section 287.042(16), F.S., other State of Florida agencies may purchase from the resulting contract of this ITB, provided that the Department of Management Services has determined the contract’s use is cost effective and in the best interest of the State, and with the Contractor’s consent.

Other State of Florida governmental entities and eligible users may also request of the Contractor to be able to use this contract. If the Contractor agrees to other entities to utilize this ITB contract, such agencies shall coordinate their use of this contract with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in order to reduce scheduling conflicts.

CONFIDENTIALITY/PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

Bidders are cautioned that Florida law generously defines what constitutes a public record and grants broad rights of public access to those records; see, for example, section 119.07, F.S. If a Bidder believes that its response contains information that is confidential or exempt from disclosure under Florida Law, the Bidder shall clearly segregate and mark that information (for example, stamp each page "Confidential" and place it in an envelope marked "Confidential") and briefly describe in writing the grounds and specific legal citations for claiming exemption from the public records law. If after the notice of intended decision or thirty (30) days after bid opening, whichever is earlier, the Commission receives a public record request related to the solicitation, the Commission will provide copies of public records that are not exempt to the requester. The Commission will endeavor to provide notice to the Bidder of all public records requests received related to documents provided by the Bidder that were marked pursuant to this paragraph. In no event shall the Bidder hold the Commission or any of its employees or agents liable for disclosing, or otherwise failing to protect the confidentiality of, information submitted in response to this solicitation.

POSTING OF BID TABS

Bid Tabulations with Contractors identified as awarded bidders will be posted electronically as Agency Decisions on the Department of Management Services Vendor Bid System as a Public Notice. The Agency Decision may be viewed at http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu, and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3)(b), F.S., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.

Awarded Bidders are instructed not to proceed until a Purchase Order, Formal Written Contract, Lease, Notice to Proceed, or some other form of written notice is given to the Contractor by the Commission. A company or person who proceeds prior to receiving a Purchase Order, Formal Written Contract, Lease, Notice to Proceed, or some other form of written notice from the Commission does so without a contract and at their own risk.

Sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from 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 thirty (30) days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.

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REFERENCES

A minimum of three (3) references from persons or firms for whom the bidder has performed similar jobs as per the specifications in this bid must be supplied with the bid. The firms and/or contact persons should be available between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. If any reference is not available as stated above, this may be cause for rejection of the Bidder's bid. Provide a description (scope of work) of each job.

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE: _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE: _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE: _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

CONTRACTOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

SCOPE OF WORK

**MAINTENANCE OF PLANTED TREES & SHRUBS IN
THE EVERGLADES COMPLEX OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

PURPOSE

The intent of this bid is to procure quotes for the annual maintenance of planted trees and shrubs in the Everglades Complex of Wildlife Management Areas (ECWMA) which includes Everglades and Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area (EWMA), Holey Land Wildlife Management Area (HWMA), and Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area (RWMA) (see **Figure 1**). Trees and shrubs have been planted with enclosures over the past 22 years and maintained on an annual basis. Annual maintenance of planted trees and shrubs increases survival of plants and assists area staff in tracking survival rates and planning future restoration activities.

The scope of work will include the removal of weeds from tree and shrub metal enclosures, the removal and disposal of metal enclosures, and data collection. There will be approximately 12,000-15,000 enclosures in need of maintenance in accordance with the procedures outlined herein. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reserves the right to increase or decrease the size of the project based on budgetary constraints and received bids.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION

- A. The tree and shrub enclosure maintenance will be conducted on tree islands within the ECWMA (**Figure 1**).
- B. Access to the tree islands will require specialized equipment such as an airboat or tracked vehicle depending on area water levels. Procurement or rental of such equipment will be the responsibility of the vendor.
- C. EWMA work sites are accessed as follows:
 - i. WCA 3A North is accessed via the I-75 boat ramps, or the L-4 and L-5 levees (**Figure 2**).
 - ii. WCA 2A is accessed by the US-27 East Recreational Site, Loxahatchee Road boat ramp, or the L-6 levee (**Figure 2**).
 - iii. WCA 2B is accessed by the Sawgrass Recreational Area boat ramp (**Figure 2**).
 - iv. WCA 3A South and WCA 3B are accessed by either the I-75 boat ramps or US-41/Tamiami Trail boat ramps (**Figure 3**).
- D. HWMA is accessed by the boat ramps on the L-5 levee (**Figure 4**).
- E. RWMA is accessed by the boat ramps on the L-23 levee and Powerline levee (**Figure 4**).
- F. No vehicles or transportation equipment will be allowed on the tree islands. Vehicles must be parked adjacent to tree islands.

- G. Every effort shall be made by the vendor to avoid damage to native vegetation and wildlife. No items (equipment, trash, etc.) are to be left at the work site.

TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Enclosures for living plants are to be cleared of weeds and other debris that may be shading out and/or restricting growth of the planted tree or shrub.
- B. Enclosures shall be placed upright and stabilized, as needed.
- C. The use of herbicides and weed trimmers are prohibited unless written approval is obtained from the FWC Project Manager.
- D. For enclosures containing dead plants, the Contractor shall remove the tag and submit to the FWC Project Manager along with their report (See Report and Requirements Section). Further, the Contractor shall remove the entire enclosure, including stakes/rebar, from the area and properly dispose of off-site.
- E. For plants that are growing through or around their enclosures, a portion of the enclosure can be cut and removed only if the enclosure is impeding growth. If the enclosure is not inhibiting the plant's growth it shall be left intact to ensure continued protection.
- F. Living plants that have been blown over, up-rooted or are in the process of falling over, are to be replanted, staked and tied up for support, and the cage must be fixed such that it is upright and stabilized.
- G. Enclosures and rebar shall be removed from live plants per the following specifications:
- Carolina willow trees that have at least a 2-inch diameter and are at least 10 feet tall.
 - Trees and shrubs (Carolina willow, cocoplum, firebush, myrsine, sabal palm, and wild coffee) that have outgrown (bursting through and over) their enclosures.
 - Other plants selected by the FWC Project Manager for removal. These enclosures will be flagged and information will be provided to the vendor prior to the vendor working on the specific island.
 - Entire islands selected by the FWC Project Manager for enclosure removal. Information will be provided to the vendor prior to the vendor working on these specific islands.
- H. Enclosures have been constructed of 48-inch tall welded wire fencing with 2-inch by 4-inch mesh and secured with two 48-inch metal fence posts or rebar. Most enclosures have a minimum diameter of 3 feet for all plants except cocoplum, firebush, myrsine, sabal palm and wild coffee, which may have a minimum diameter of 5 ft. Separate enclosures have been constructed for individual plants except for some cocoplum, firebush, myrsine, and wild coffee, which may have one enclosure for two or three plants with multiple tags on the enclosure.

- I. Individual tree and shrub exclosures have been labeled with a metal tag. The metal tag includes the island number, an abbreviation of the plant's respective common name, the date planted and an individual plant number. Care should be taken when cleaning cages to prevent tags from falling off and being lost. In the event the tag(s) falls off and is found on the ground, the vendor is required to reattach the tag to the cage, matching the correct tag/species utilizing plastic-coated galvanized wire provided by the FWC Project Manager. Any unused wire provided by the FWC should be returned to the Project Manager at the completion of the project.

REPORTS AND REQUIREMENTS

- A. Once work begins, work shall proceed until the project is completely finished with no significant delays. Extensions will be granted at the discretion of the FWC Project Manager.
- B. The vendor shall provide the FWC Project Manager with a work schedule prior to beginning the project and provide weekly updates after beginning work. These may be provided via email or telephone call.
- C. The vendor must ensure a crew supervisor is present on site while work is being performed to supervise work and serve as a contact person for FWC staff when needed. This crew supervisor must be able to communicate effectively with FWC staff. If the performance of the crew supervisor is not satisfactory, as determined by the FWC Project Manager, the vendor shall provide a replacement crew supervisor.
- D. The vendor shall provide all materials needed to clear exclosures of debris and weeds and all necessary supplies to replant and stabilize fallen or up-rooted plants.
- E. Exclosures removed from the tree islands will be properly disposed of at an off-site location by the vendor. Under no circumstances shall the removed exclosure be placed on any other plant.
- F. The vendor's operation shall be coordinated and conducted under the supervision of designated FWC personnel.
- G. Work must begin within two (2) weeks of purchase order issuance and shall be completed by the following 1st day of May. The FWC may, at its sole discretion, extend the completion date due to conditions beyond the vendor's control.
- H. Tags must be collected from all removed exclosures and shall be grouped by island number, as well as by status (live or dead), placed in re-sealable bags and given to the FWC Project Manager. For example, each island may have up to 2 bags – 1) removed live and 2) removed dead.
- I. For every exclosure, the tree tag information, as it is written on the tag (species abbreviation, date planted, and individual plant number), shall be recorded on a field data sheet. The status (dead or alive) and action taken (exclosure removed or cleaned) will also be recorded. The data will then be transcribed in digital format on an Excel® spreadsheet. The vendor shall provide a copy of all field data sheets and the Excel® spreadsheet to the FWC Project Manager. The FWC shall provide a copy of the field data sheet and the Excel® spreadsheet file to be used for recording the required data.

- J. The vendor shall submit a list of completed islands to the FWC Project Manager on a weekly basis (e.g., each Monday for the previous week's work).

SAFETY

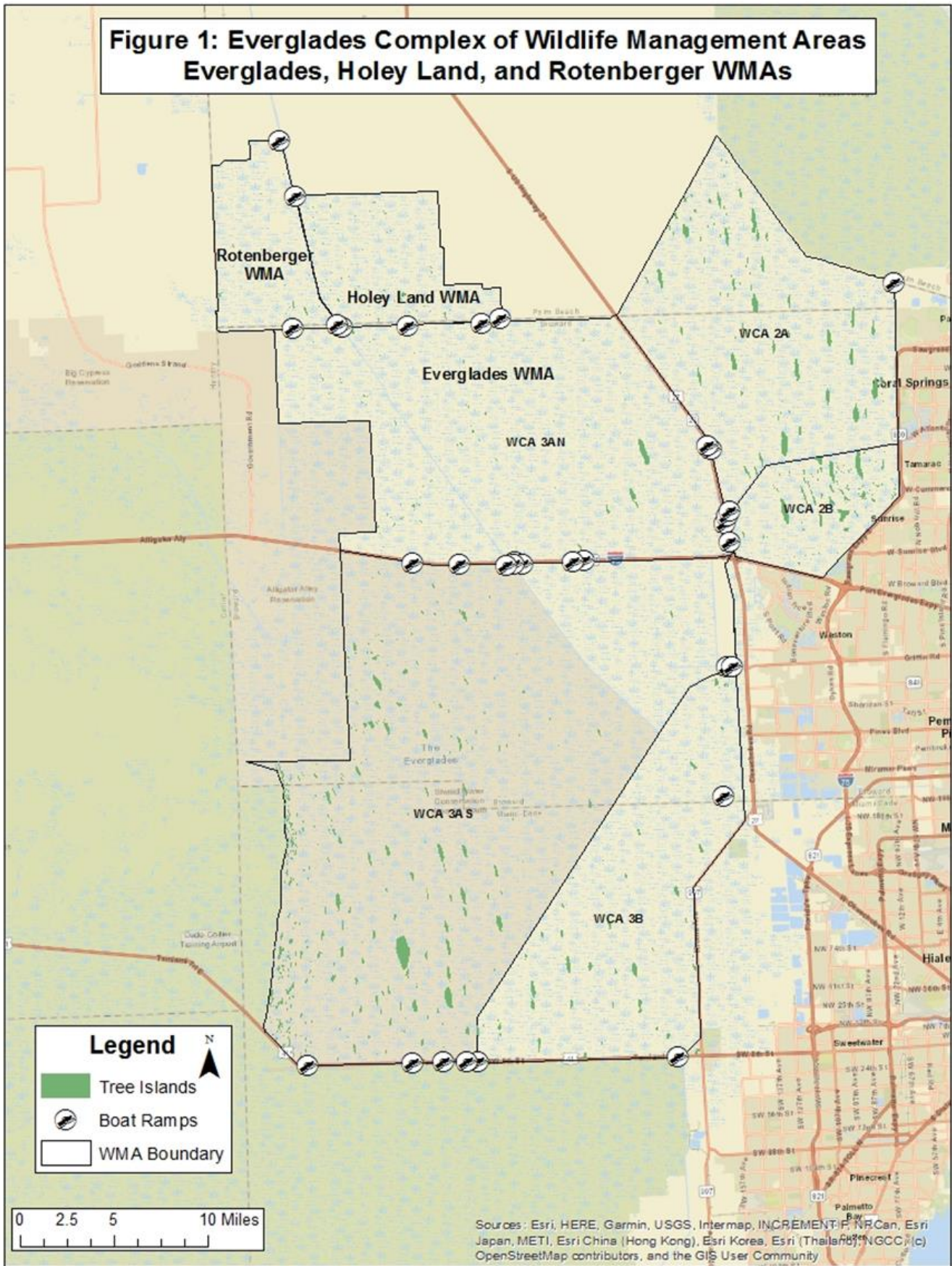
- A. The presence of any hazardous materials shall be brought to the attention of the FWC Project Manager immediately.
- B. No equipment shall be operated that damages the pavement adjacent to the work area or significantly disturbs the substrate. The vendor shall be responsible for and repair/replace, to the satisfaction of the FWC project manager, all vendor-induced damage to adjacent pavement or turf areas.
- C. It will be the vendor's responsibility to exercise caution in the vicinity of any utility. The FWC will not be responsible for any damage done to any utility by the vendor.
- D. The vendor shall be responsible for and repair/replace all vendor-induced damage to levee, pavement, buildings, telephone or other cables, water and force mains, lights, light poles, irrigation systems, agricultural crops, or other structures which may be encountered.
- E. In performing the scope of work, all safety on or off the job site shall be the sole responsibility of the vendor. The vendor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work. The vendor shall be responsible for protecting and safeguarding employees and the general public in connection with the work and job site. The FWC Project Manager shall not be responsible for safety on or off the job site.
- F. All safety precautions shall be taken, and all traffic controls shall be furnished in accordance with local, County, Department of Transportation, and/or other government agencies having jurisdiction, where partial or complete obstruction of highways, roadways, streets, drives or sidewalks is required in the performance of the work.
- G. The vendor shall be responsible for all damage or injury to person or property.
- H. The vendor's responsibility for protection against mechanical damage shall include, but not be limited to, providing protection from vehicles and providing warning signs and barricades as might be necessary. The vendor shall repair, restore and replace all property, which becomes damaged as a result of any activity by the vendor or his or her employees in complying with these requirements.

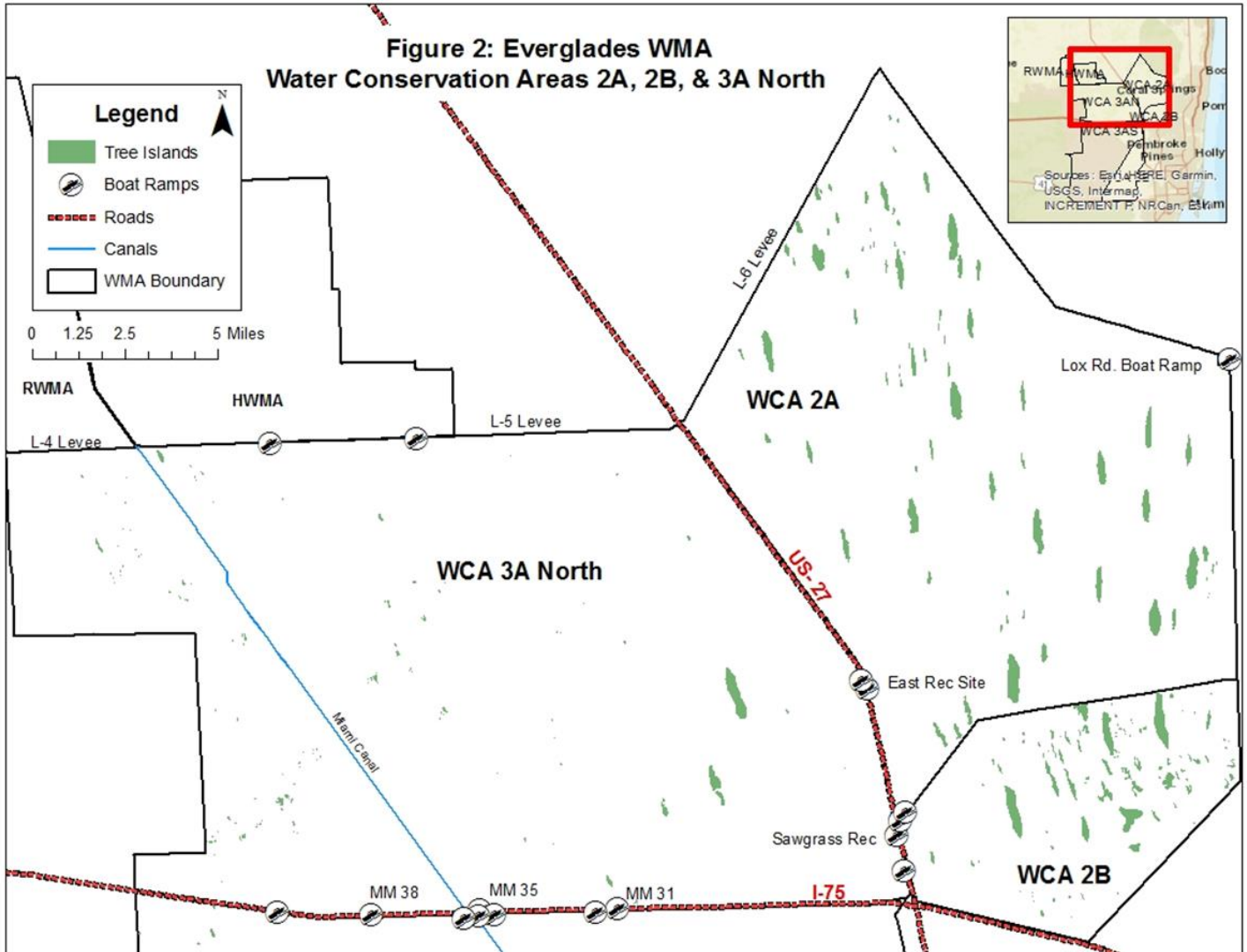
OTHER PROVISIONS

The FWC reserves the right to make partial payments to the vendor in 25% increments, as necessary, when a representative portion of the project has been completed, as determined by the FWC Project Manager.

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**Figure 1: Everglades Complex of Wildlife Management Areas
Everglades, Holey Land, and Rotenberger WMAs**





**Figure 3: Everglades WMA
Water Conservation Area 3A South & 3B**

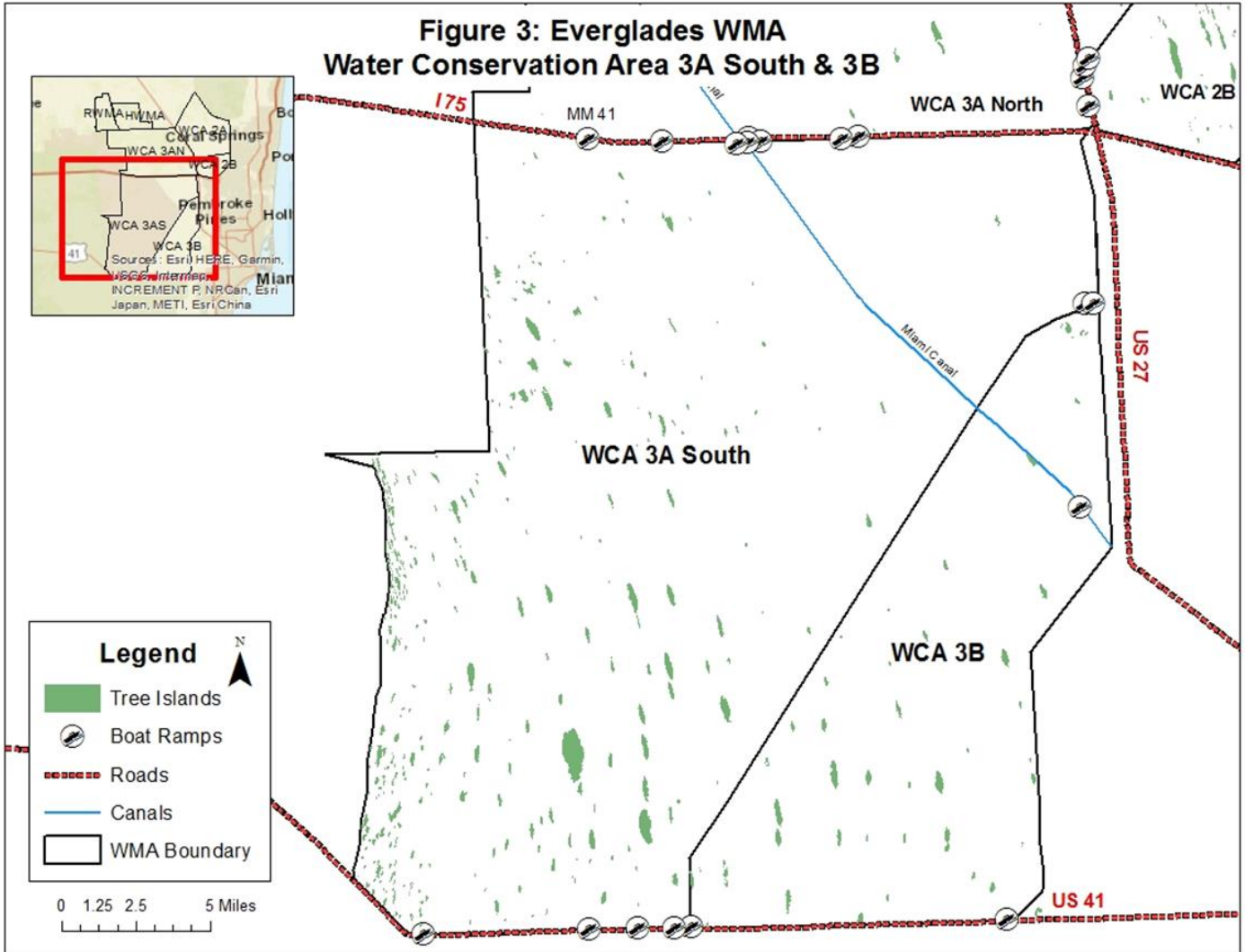
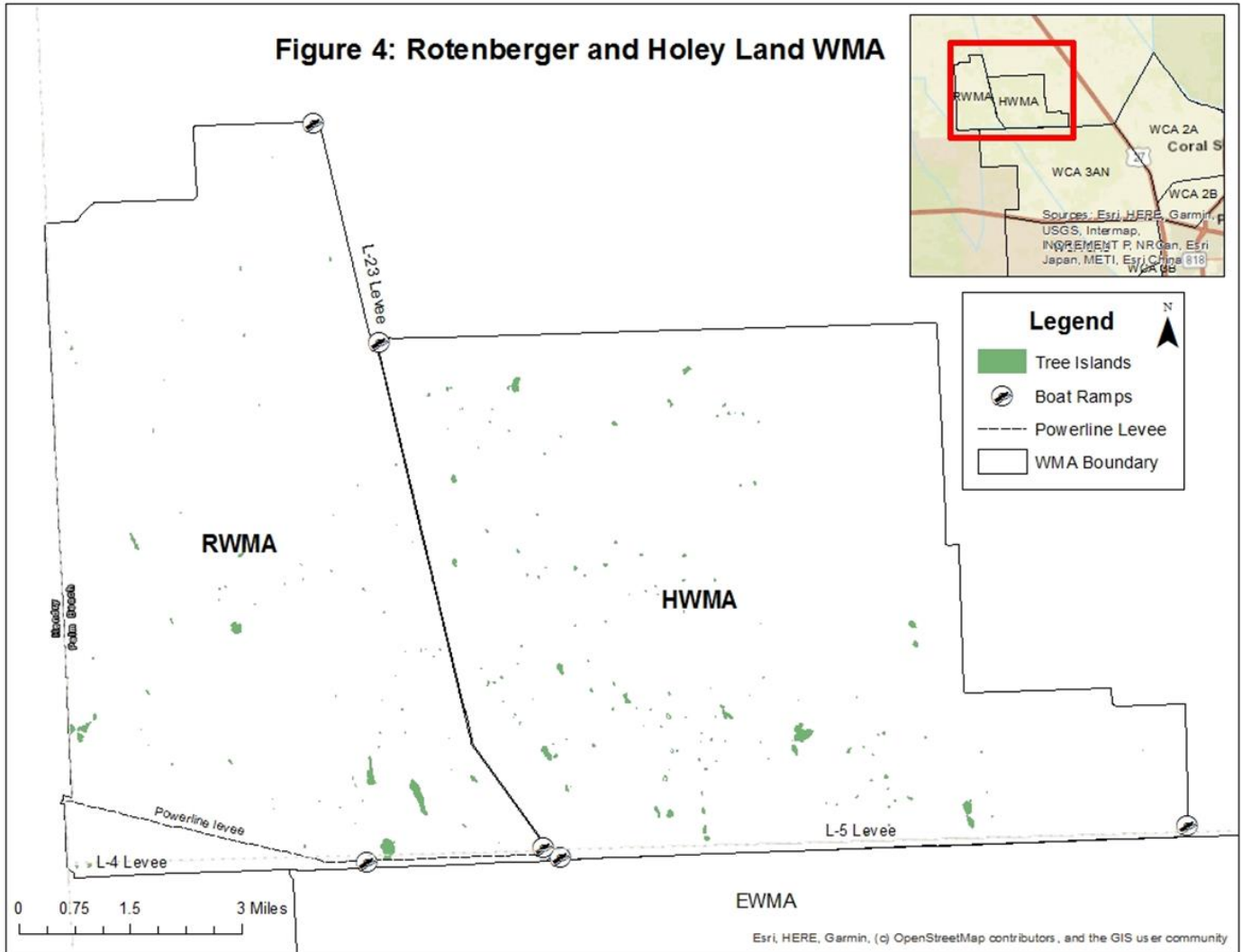


Figure 4: Rotenberger and Holey Land WMA



PRICE SHEET

CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT ALTER THE PRICE SHEET IN ANY WAY.

Price quoted shall not contain any Federal or State sales or use taxes. The bidder recognizes that the State of Florida, by virtue of its sovereignty, is not required to pay taxes on services, goods and/or equipment purchased incident to such service. Quoted price shall include all necessary items to complete the project.

EACH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA WILL BE AWARDED TO THE RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER THAT SUBMITS THE LOWEST TOTAL PRICE FOR THAT WMA.

This is a multi-award bid. Each WMA will be quoted as an individual project. The ITB will be awarded for each WMA to the responsive, responsible, qualified bidder with the lowest total bid price for that WMA. Vendors are not required to bid on all WMAs; however, a bid price must be provided for all items for each WMA bid upon or "NB" for No Bid when applicable. Failure to submit pricing for all items for any WMA for which the Vendor submits a bid shall be deemed non-responsive for that WMA bid. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 287.057(2) AND 287.057(3), FLORIDA STATUTES EACH VENDOR SHALL SUPPLY A PRICE FOR EACH YEAR THAT A CONTRACT MAY BE RENEWED. (SEE RENEWAL CLAUSE).

Everglades & Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area ONLY

- 1. BID PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES (INITIAL 3 YEARS): \$ _____
- 2. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 1: \$ _____
- 3. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 2: \$ _____
- 4. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 3: \$ _____

TOTAL BID PRICE for Everglades & Francis S Taylor WMA (1+2+3+4 above): \$ _____

Please note: Total Bid Price is for award purposes only.

Holey Land Wildlife Management Area ONLY

- 1. BID PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES (INITIAL 3 YEARS): \$ _____
- 2. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 1: \$ _____
- 3. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 2: \$ _____
- 4. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 3: \$ _____

TOTAL BID PRICE for Holey Land WMA (1+2+3+4 above): \$ _____

Please note: Total Bid Price is for award purposes only.

Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area ONLY

- 1. BID PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES (INITIAL 3 YEARS): \$ _____
 - 2. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 1: \$ _____
 - 3. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 2: \$ _____
 - 4. PRICE PER 100 TREE/SHRUB ENCLOSURES FOR RENEWAL YEAR 3: \$ _____
- TOTAL BID PRICE for Rotenberger WMA (1+2+3+4 above):** \$ _____

Please note: Total Bid Price is for award purposes only.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ THE ENTIRE BID AND AGREE TO FURNISH THE SERVICE AT THE PRICE QUOTED ABOVE. I HEREBY AFFIRM I HAVE NOT BEEN IN ANY AGREEMENT OR COLLUSION AMONG BIDDERS IN RESTRAINT OF FREEDOM OF COMPETITION.

Contractor: _____	Title: _____
Address: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Signed: _____	Phone: _____
Print Name: _____	Fax: _____

ATTACHMENT A

FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PURCHASE ORDER TERMS & CONDITIONS

Section 1. PURCHASE ORDER.

A. Composition and Priority.

The Contractor agrees to provide commodities, contractual services, or professional services to the Commission within the manner and at the location specified in the Purchase Order, and any attachments to the Purchase Order. These Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, whether generic or specific, shall take precedence over any inconsistent or conflicting provision in the State of Florida, General Contract Conditions, PUR 1000. Additionally, the terms of the Purchase Order supersede the terms of any and all prior agreements with respect to this purchase.

B. Initial Term.

Unless otherwise specified, the Purchase Order begins on the date of issuance. Contractual services or commodities to be provided by the Contractor shall be completed by the date specified on the Purchase Order end date.

Section 2. PERFORMANCE.

A. Performance Standards.

The Contractor agrees to perform all tasks and provide deliverables as set forth in the Statement of Work and attachments to the Purchase Order. The Commission shall be entitled at all times, upon request, to be advised as to the status of work being done by the Contractor and of the details thereof. Coordination shall be maintained by the Contractor with representatives of the Commission, or of other agencies involved in the project on behalf of the Commission.

B. Performance Deficiency.

If the Commission determines that the performance of the Contractor is unsatisfactory, the Commission may notify the Contractor of the deficiency to be corrected, which correction shall be made within a time frame specified by the Commission. The Contractor shall provide the Commission with a corrective action plan describing how the Contractor will address all issues of Purchase Order non-performance, unacceptable performance, and failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or Purchase Order non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Commission, the Contractor will be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to ten (10) percent of the total invoice amount or as specified in the contractual documents. The retainage will be applied to the invoice for the then-current billing period. The retainage will be withheld until the Contractor resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the Contractor may invoice the Commission for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the Contractor is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained will be forfeited.

C. Contractor Responsibilities.

The Contractor agrees that all Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Purchase Order shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, the Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Purchase Order must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Commission. The Commission may conduct, and the Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by the Contractor. The Commission may refuse access to, or require replacement of, any personnel for cause, including, but not limited to,

technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with the Commission's security or other requirements. Such refusal shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Purchase Order. The Commission may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of the Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

D. Assignment.

The Contractor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under the Purchase Order without the prior written consent of the Commission. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains secondarily liable for performance of the Purchase Order, unless the Commission expressly waives such secondary liability. The Commission may assign the Purchase Order with prior written notice to the Contractor.

E. Damages to State Property.

Any damages to state property (e.g. structures, roads, culverts, fences, trees, or other natural resources) caused by the Contractor while working on this project shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to remedy, as determined by the Commission. The Contractor shall be responsible for the conduct of all Contractor personnel at all times while on the job site.

Should any historical or cultural artifacts be uncovered, the Contractor shall immediately halt work and notify the Commission's Contract Manager. **Please note:** The State Archaeologist has the power to halt work if he or she has reason to believe artifacts are being disturbed.

F. Quarterly Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report.

The Contractor shall provide a quarterly Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report to the Commission's Contract Manager, summarizing the participation of certified and non-certified minority and service-disabled veteran subcontractors/material suppliers for the current quarter and project to date. The report shall include the names, addresses and dollar amount of each certified and non-certified Minority Business Enterprise and Service-Disabled Veteran Enterprise participant and a copy must be forwarded to the Commission's Contract Manager. The Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Diversity at (850) 487-0915 will assist in furnishing names of qualified minorities. The Commission's Minority Coordinator at (850) 488-6551 will assist with questions and answers.

G. Independent Contractor.

The Contractor shall perform as an independent contractor and not as an agent, representative, or employee of the Commission. The Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required. Each party hereto covenants that there is no conflict of interest or any other prohibited relationship between the Contractor and the Commission. The Contractor agrees to include this provision in all its subcontracts under the Purchase Order.

H. Commission Rights to Undertake or Award Supplemental Contracts.

The Contractor agrees that the Commission may undertake or award supplemental contracts for work related to the Purchase Order. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall cooperate with such other contractors and the Commission in all such cases.

Section 3. PAYMENT AND FEES.

A. Payment.

The Contractor will be paid upon submission of properly certified invoice(s) to the Commission after delivery and acceptance of commodities or contractual services is confirmed in writing by the Commission.

B. Invoicing.

Invoices may be submitted electronically to the Commission's designated Contract Manager, as identified in this Purchase Order. The Contractor acknowledges that the Commission's Contract Manager shall reject invoices lacking documentation necessary to justify invoiced expenses.

C. Invoices, Continued.

All invoices shall be processed in accordance with Section. 215.422, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 69I-24, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), upon receipt of a proper invoice and approval and inspection of goods or services. The Commission shall record the date of receipt of an invoice on the date on which a proper invoice is first received at the place designated by the Commission. Approval and inspection of goods or services shall take no longer than five (5) working days unless the bid specifications, purchase order, or contract specifies otherwise. Invoices must be legible and shall contain the items below in detail sufficient for a proper audit.

- The invoice number
- The date of the invoice
- "Bill To" information, including address
- The vendor's name and payment remittance address
- The purchase order number
- The Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or Social Security Number (SSN)
- Date(s) of service (beginning date – ending date)
- Invoices for commodities must provide a clear description of the item(s), number of units and cost per unit. Numerical code descriptions alone will not be accepted.
- Invoices for services must provide a clear description of the specific deliverables that must be provided and accepted prior to payment.
- Invoices for fixed unit rate agreements must show the number of units and cost per unit.
- Invoices for agreements paid out on a reimbursement basis or a fixed rate for a specific time period (e.g. quarterly, monthly, etc.) must identify the deliverables provided.

D. Payment Timeframe.

Section 215.422, F.S. provides that agencies have five (5) working days to inspect and approve goods and services, unless applicable solicitation specifications or this Purchase Order specify otherwise. With the exception of payments to health care providers for hospital, medical, or other health care services, if payment is not available within forty (40) days, measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected and approved a separate interest penalty as described in Section 215.422, F.S., will be due and payable in addition to the amount authorized for payment. Interest penalties less than one dollar (\$1.00) will not be paid unless the Provider requests payment. A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of

Financial Services and may be contacted at (850) 413-5516, or by calling the Department of Financial Services Consumer Hotline at 1-800-342-2762.

E. MyFloridaMarketPlace Fees.

The following language is included pursuant to rule 60A-1.031, F.A.C.:

The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system pursuant to Subsection 287.057(22), F.S. Payments issued by Agencies or Eligible Users to Vendors for purchases of commodities or contractual services are subject to Transaction Fees, as prescribed by rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code, or as may otherwise be established by law. Vendors shall submit monthly reports required by the rule. All reports shall be subject to audit. Failure to pay Transaction Fees or submit reports shall constitute grounds for default and exclusion from business with the State of Florida.

F. Annual Appropriation.

Pursuant to Section 287.0582, F.S., if this Purchase Order binds the Commission for the purchase of services or tangible personal property for a period in excess of one (1) fiscal year, the State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this Purchase Order is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. The Parties hereto understand that this Purchase Order and any renewal thereof is not a commitment to future appropriations but is subject to appropriation and authority to spend provided by the Legislature. The Commission shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds for this Purchase Order, and as to what constitutes an "annual appropriation" of funds to complete this Purchase Order. If such funds are not appropriated or available for the agreed-upon purpose, such event will not constitute a default on behalf of the Commission or the State. The Commission's Contract Manager shall notify the Contractor in writing at the earliest possible time if funds are not appropriated or available.

G. Travel.

Travel expenses are not reimbursable unless specifically authorized in writing, and shall be reimbursed only in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S.

H. Automated Clearing House (ACH)

To make transaction fee payments, contractors can register for debit ACH at https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/myfloridamarketplace/mfmp_vendors/vendor_forms and download the ACH form. Complete the ACH form and submit it electronically (per the instructions on the form) to the Department of Management Services to process. Note: Registering for ACH can take up to fourteen (14) days.

I. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

The Contractor agrees to enroll in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), offered by the State's Chief Financial Officer, within thirty (30) days of the date the last Party has signed this Purchase Order. Copies of the Authorization form and a sample blank enrollment letter can be found on the vendor instruction page at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Vendors>. Questions should be directed to the State of Florida's EFT Section at (850) 413-5517. Once enrolled, invoice payments will be made by EFT.

J. Return or Recoupment of Funds – Overpayments to Contractor.

The Contractor shall return to the Commission any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of this Purchase Order that were disbursed to the Contractor by the Commission. In the event that the Contractor or its independent auditor discovers that overpayment

has been made, the Contractor shall repay said overpayment within forty (40) calendar days without prior notification from the Commission. In the event that the Commission first discovers an overpayment has been made, the Commission will notify the Contractor in writing. Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, the Commission shall be entitled to charge interest at the lawful rate of interest established pursuant to Subsection 55.03(1), F.S., on the outstanding balance beginning forty (40) calendar days after the date of notification or discovery. Refunds should be sent to the Commission's Contract Manager and made payable to "Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission."

K. Additional Costs or Monetary Loss Resulting from Contractor Non-Compliance.

If the Contractor's non-compliance with any provision of the Purchase Order results in additional cost or monetary loss to the Commission or the State of Florida, the Commission can recoup that cost or loss from monies owed to the Contractor under this Purchase Order or any other contract between the Contractor and the Commission. In the event that the discovery of this cost or loss arises when no monies are available under this Purchase Order or any other contract between the Contractor and the Commission, the Contractor will repay such cost or loss in full to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of notice of the amount owed, unless the Commission agrees, in writing, to an alternative timeframe. If the Contractor is unable to repay any cost or loss to the Commission, the Commission shall notify the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, for resolution pursuant to Section 17.0415, F.S.

L. Florida Emergency Supplier Network (FESN).

Suppliers of products and services needed by government during hurricanes and other emergencies are invited to join a Florida Emergency Supplier Network (FESN). Suppliers will identify emergency products and services available, emergency contact information, plans to maintain their operations and supply chain in emergency circumstances, and pricing arrangements.

This information will be organized and furnished to buyers at State and County Emergency Operations Centers, and suppliers will be recognized with a certificate identifying their business as a member of the Florida Emergency Supplier Network. FESN applications and contracts may be obtained at:

https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/florida_emergency_networks/

Section 4. LIABILITY.

A. Reasonably Associated Insurance.

During the term of this Purchase Order, the Contractor, at its sole expense, shall maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Purchase Order. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor, and failure to maintain such coverage may void the Purchase Order. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the Purchase Order. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to write policies in Florida.

B. Workers Compensation.

To the extent required by Chapter 440, F.S., the Contractor will either be self-insured for Workers' Compensation claims, or will secure and maintain during the life of this Purchase Order, Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of its employees connected with the work of this project, with minimum employers' liability limits of **\$100,000.00** per accident, **\$100,000.00** per person, and **\$500,000.00** policy aggregate. Such policy shall cover all employees engaged in any contract work. If any work is subcontracted, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide

Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor. Such self-insurance program or insurance coverage shall comply fully with Florida's Workers' Compensation laws (Chapter 440, F.S.). In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under this Purchase Order is not protected under Workers' Compensation statutes, the Contractor shall provide, and cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate insurance satisfactory to the Commission, for the protection of its employees not otherwise protected. Employers who have employees who are engaged in work in Florida must use Florida rates, rules, and classifications for those employees.

C. General Liability Insurance.

By execution of this Purchase Order, unless the Contractor is a state agency or subdivision as defined by Subsection 768.28(2), F.S., or unless otherwise provided for in the Scope of Work, the Contractor shall provide reasonable and adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage and hold such liability insurance at all times during the term of the Purchase Order. A self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State of Florida may provide such coverage.

D. Insurance Required for Performance.

During the Purchase Order term, the Contractor shall maintain any other types and forms of insurance required for the performance of this Purchase Order as required in the Scope of Work.

E. Written Verification of Insurance.

Upon execution of this Purchase Order, the Contractor shall provide the Commission written verification of the existence and amount for each type of applicable insurance coverage. Within ten (10) days of the execution date of the Purchase Order, the Contractor shall furnish proof of applicable insurance coverage to the Commission's Contract Manager by standard Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development (ACORD) form certificates of insurance. In the event that any applicable coverage is cancelled by the insurer for any reason, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Commission's Contract Manager in writing of such cancellation and shall obtain adequate replacement coverage conforming to the requirements herein and provide proof of such replacement coverage within fifteen (15) business days after the cancellation of coverage. Copies are acceptable and may be faxed to (850) 922-8060.

F. Commission Not Responsible for Insurance Deductible.

The Commission shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money representing a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor providing such insurance.

G. Indemnification, Generally.

If the Contractor is a state agency or subdivision, as defined in Subsection 768.28(2), F.S., pursuant to Subsection 768.28(19), F.S., neither Party indemnifies nor insures the other Party for the other Party's negligence. If the Contractor is not a state agency or subdivision as defined above, then to the extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the State of Florida, its officers, employees and agents harmless from all fines, claims, assessments, suits, judgments, or damages, consequential or otherwise, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising out of any acts, actions, breaches, neglect or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees or delegates related to the Purchase Order, as well as for any determination arising out of or related to the Purchase Order, that the Contractor or Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees or delegates are not independent contractors in relation to the Commission.

H. Professional Services.

If this is a Professional Services Purchase Order as defined in Section 725.08, F.S., then notwithstanding the provisions of Section 725.06, F.S., the design professional shall only be liable for, and fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, the Commission, and their officers, agents, and employees, for actions caused in whole or in part, by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the design professional and other persons employed or utilized by the design professional in the performance of the Purchase Order.

I. Sovereign Immunity.

Nothing contained in this Purchase Order shall constitute a waiver by the Commission of its sovereign immunity or, consent by the Commission or the State of Florida or its subdivisions to suit by third parties, or a waiver of the provisions of Section 768.28, F.S.

Section 5. COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA LAWS.

A. Familiarity and Compliance with Laws, Generally.

The Contractor is required to be familiar and comply with all state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. The Contractor shall comply with all laws and rules applicable to the Contractor(s) that shall provide the required commodities or services to the Commission. Ignorance on the part of the Contractor will in no way relieve him or her from responsibility. Violation of such laws shall be grounds for termination of the agreement.

B. Non-Discrimination in Performance.

No person, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the proceeds or benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Purchase Order.

C. Discriminatory Vendor List.

In accordance with Section 287.134, F.S., an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the Department of Management Services' discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. The Contractor has a continuing duty to disclose to the Commission, in writing, whether the Contractor or any of its affiliates appear on the discriminatory vendor list.

D. Convicted Vendor List.

The Contractor hereby certifies that neither it, nor any person or affiliate of the Contractor, has been convicted of a Public Entity Crime as defined in Section 287.133, F.S., nor placed on the convicted vendor list. Pursuant to Subsection 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the Department of Management Services' (DMS) convicted vendor list following a conviction for a Public Entity Crime may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under a contract with any public entity and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, F.S., for Category Two for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. The Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to disclose, to the Commission, in writing, if the Contractor or any of its affiliates are on the convicted vendors list maintained by DMS pursuant to Subsection 287.133(3)(d), F.S. The Contractor must notify DMS and the Commission, in writing,

within thirty (30) days after conviction of a Public Entity Crime applicable to the Contractor or an affiliate of the Contractor as defined in Section 287.133, F.S.

E. Scrutinized Companies List.

The Contractor hereby certifies that it is not a scrutinized company as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. In addition, the Contractor agrees to observe the requirements of Section 287.135, F.S., for the term of this Agreement. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the Commission may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Contractor is placed on any applicable scrutinized companies list or engaged in prohibited contracting activity during the term of the Agreement. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions, then they shall become inoperative.

F. Lobbying.

In accordance with Sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S., the Purchase Order funds are not for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or an agency. Pursuant to Subsection 287.058(6), F.S., the Purchase Order does not prohibit the Contractor from lobbying the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding the Purchase Order, after the Purchase Order's execution and during the Purchase Order's term.

G. Gratuities.

The Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the State, directly or indirectly (1) offer, give, or agree to give anything of value to anyone as consideration for any State officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone anything of value for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State officer or employee.

H. Public Records.

- i. All records in conjunction with this Purchase Order shall be public records and shall be treated in the same manner as other public records are under Chapter 119, F.S.
- ii. This Purchase Order may be unilaterally canceled by the Commission for refusal by the Contractor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, F.S., and made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Purchase Order, unless exemption for such records is allowable under Florida law.
- iii. If the Contractor meets the definition of "Contractor" in Subsection 119.0701(1)(a), F.S., the Contractor agrees to do the following as required under Florida law:
 - a. **IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS PURCHASE ORDER, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (850) 488-6553, RecordsCustodian@myfwc.com, and 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee FL 32399.**
 - b. Keep and maintain public records required by the Commission to perform the service.
 - c. Upon request from the Commission's custodian of public records, provide the Commission 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, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.

- d. 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 Purchase Order term and following completion of the Purchase Order if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Commission.
- e. Upon completion of the Purchase Order, transfer, at no cost, to the Commission all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the Commission to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the Commission upon completion of the Purchase Order, 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 Purchase Order, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Commission, upon request from the Commission's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Commission.

I. Communications and Confidentiality.

The Contractor agrees that it shall make no statements, press releases, or publicity releases concerning the Purchase Order or its subject matter or otherwise disclose or permit to be disclosed any of the data or other information obtained or furnished in compliance with the Purchase Order, or any particulars thereof, during the period of the Purchase Order, without first notifying the Commission's Contract Manager or the Commission's designated contact person and securing prior written consent. The Contractor shall maintain confidentiality of all confidential data, files, and records related to the services and/or commodities provided pursuant to the Purchase Order and shall comply with all state and federal laws, including, but not limited to Sections 381.004, 384.29, 392.65, and 456.057, F.S. The Contractor's confidentiality procedures shall be consistent with the most recent version of the Commission's security policies, protocols, and procedures. The Contractor shall also comply with any applicable professional standards with respect to confidentiality of information.

J. Intellectual Property.

- i. **Contractor's Preexisting Intellectual Property (Proprietary) Rights.** Unless specifically addressed otherwise in the Scope of Work, intellectual and other intangible property rights to the Contractor's preexisting property will remain with the Contractor. If the Contractor is a state agency or subdivision, as defined in Subsection 768.28(2), F.S., pursuant to Subsection 768.28(19), F.S., neither Party indemnifies nor insures the other Party for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or un-patented invention, process or article manufactured or supplied by the Contractor. If the Contractor is not a state agency or subdivision as defined above, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Commission and its employees from any liability, including costs, expenses, and attorney's fees, for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or un-patented invention, process or article manufactured or supplied by the Contractor.
- ii. **Proceeds Related to Intellectual Property Rights.** Proceeds derived from the sale, licensing, marketing or other authorization related to any intellectual and other intangible property right created or otherwise developed by the Contractor under this Purchase Order for the Commission shall be handled in the manner specified by applicable Florida State Statute and/or Federal program.

- iii. **Commission Intellectual Property Rights.** Where activities supported by this Purchase Order produce original writing, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings or other graphic representation and works of any similar nature, the Commission and the State of Florida have the unlimited, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable right to use, duplicate and disclose such materials in whole or in part, in any manner, for any purpose whatsoever and to have others acting on behalf of the Commission to do so. If this Purchase Order is supported by federal funds, the federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

K. Real Property.

If this Purchase Order is for the purchase or improvement of real property and supported by state funds, the Contractor shall comply with Section 287.05805, F.S. This section requires the Contractor to grant a security interest in the property to the State of Florida, the type and details of which are provided in the Scope of Work. Title to state-owned real property remains vested in the state.

State-owned real property will be used as provided in the Scope of Work.

L. Non-Expendable Property.

For the requirements of this section of the Purchase Order, “non-expendable property” is the same as “property” as defined in Section 273.02, F.S. (equipment, fixtures, and other tangible personal property of a non-consumable and non-expendable nature, with a value or cost of \$1,000.00 or more, and a normal expected life of one (1) year or more; hardback-covered bound books that are circulated to students or the general public, with a value or cost of \$25.00 or more; and uncirculated hardback-covered bound books, with a value or cost of \$250.00 or more).

Title (ownership) to all non-expendable property acquired with funds from this Purchase Order shall be vested in the Commission and said property shall be transferred to the Commission upon completion or termination of the Purchase Order unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Commission or unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Scope of Work.

M. Cooperation with Inspector General.

Pursuant to Subsection 20.055(5), F.S., the Contractor, and any subcontractors to the Contractor, understand and will comply with their duty to cooperate with the Commission’s Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. Upon request of the Inspector General or any other authorized State official, the Contractor shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Agreement. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees.

N. Employment Eligibility Verification.

- i. **Requirement to Use E-Verify.** Executive Order 11-116 signed May 27, 2011, by the Governor of Florida, requires Commission contracts in excess of nominal value to expressly require the Contractor to: 1.) utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the Contractor during the Purchase

Order term; and 2.) include in all subcontracts under this Purchase Order, the requirement that subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Purchase Order utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the term of the subcontract.

- ii. **E-Verify Online.** E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee's Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States after the effective date of the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); the responsibilities and elections of federal contractors, however, may vary, as stated in Article II.D.1.c. of the MOU. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system can be found online at <https://www.e-verify.gov>.
- iii. **Enrollment in E-Verify.** If the Contractor does not have an E-Verify MOU in effect, the Contractor must enroll in the E-Verify system prior to hiring any new employee after the effective date of this Purchase Order.
- iv. **E-Verify Recordkeeping.** The Contractor further agrees to maintain records of its participation and compliance with the provisions of the E-Verify program, including participation by its subcontractors as provided above, and to make such records available to the Commission or other authorized state entity consistent with the terms of the Contractor's enrollment in the program. This includes maintaining a copy of proof of the Contractor's and subcontractors' enrollment in the E-Verify Program (which can be accessed from the "Edit Company Profile" link on the left navigation menu of the E-Verify employer's homepage).
- v. **Employment Eligibility Verification.** Compliance with the terms of the Employment Eligibility Verification provision is made an express condition of this Purchase Order and the Commission may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the agreement.

O. RESPECT.

In accordance with Subsection 413.036(3), F.S., if a product or service required for the performance of the Purchase Order is on the procurement list established pursuant to Subsection 413.035(2), F.S., the following statement applies:

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM A NONPROFIT AGENCY FOR THE BLIND OR FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 413, FLORIDA STATUTES, IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 413.036(1) AND (2), FLORIDA STATUTES; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE STATE AGENCY INSOFAR AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH QUALIFIED NONPROFIT AGENCY ARE CONCERNED.

Additional information about the designated nonprofit agency and the products it offers is available at <http://www.respectofflorida.org>.

P. PRIDE.

In accordance with Subsection 946.515(6), F.S., if a product or service required for the performance of the Purchase Order is certified by or is available from Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) and has been approved in accordance with Subsection 946.515(2), F.S., the following statement applies:

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE CORPORATION IDENTIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 946, F.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 946.515(2) AND (4), F.S.; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THIS AGENCY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH CORPORATION ARE CONCERNED.

Additional information about PRIDE and the products it offers is available at <http://www.prideenterprises.org>.

Q. Recycled Products.

The Contractor agrees to procure any recycled products or materials which are the subject of or are required to carry out this Purchase Order in accordance with Section 403.7065, F.S.

R. Prompt Disclosure of Litigation, Investigations, Arbitration, or Administrative Proceedings.

Throughout the term of the Purchase Order, the Contractor has a continuing duty to promptly disclose to the Commission’s Contract Manager, in writing, upon occurrence, all civil or criminal litigation, investigations, arbitration, or administrative proceedings (Proceedings) relating to or affecting the Contractor’s ability to perform under this Purchase Order. If the existence of such Proceeding causes the Commission concern that the Contractor’s ability or willingness to perform under the Purchase Order is jeopardized, the Contractor may be required to provide the Commission with reasonable assurances to demonstrate that: a.) the Contractor will be able to perform under the Purchase Order in accordance with its terms and conditions; and, b.) the Contractor and/or its employees, agents or subcontractor(s) have not and will not engage in conduct in performing services for the Commission which is similar in nature to the conduct alleged in such Proceeding.

S. Eligibility and Licensure.

The Contractor shall be licensed as necessary to perform under this Purchase Order as may be required by law, rule, or regulation; and shall provide evidence of such compliance to the Commission upon request. By acceptance of this Purchase Order, the Contractor warrants that it has the capability in all respects to fully perform the Purchase Order requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good-faith performance as a responsible Bidder, and that the Contractor shall comport with Chapter 287, F.S., Chapter 60A, F.A.C., and all other applicable rules and laws. Unless otherwise provided herein, the Commission will not reimburse the Contractor for any non-expendable equipment or personal property for use by the Contractor to perform services under this Purchase Order.

Section 6. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAWS.

A. Federal Compliance, Generally.

As applicable, the Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to:

- a. **Clean Air Act and Water Pollution Control Act.** All applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671), and the Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387, as amended).
- b. **Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 3371-3378.** This Act prohibits trade in wildlife, fish and plants have been illegally taken, possessed, transported or sold.
- c. **Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1801-1884.** This Act governs marine fisheries in Federal waters.
- d. **Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712.** The Act prohibits anyone, unless permitted, to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to purchase, deliver for shipment, ship, cause to be shipped, deliver for transportation, transport, cause to be transported, carry or cause to be carried by any means whatsoever, receive for shipment, transport of carriage, or export, at any time, or in any manner, any migratory bird, or any part, nest, or egg of such bird.
- e. **Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1531, et seq.** The Act provides a program for the conservation of threatened and endangered plants and animals and the habitat in which they are found. The Act also prohibits any action that cause a “taking” of any listed species of endangered fish or wildlife. Also, generally prohibited are the import, export, interstate, and foreign commerce of listed species.

B. Debarment and Suspension Contractor Federal Certification.

If this Purchase Order relies on federal funds, in accordance with Federal Executive Order 12549 and 2 C.F.R. Part 1400 regarding, Debarment and Suspension, the Contractor certifies that neither it, nor its principals, is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency; and, that the Contractor shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier contract, or other covered transaction, with a person who is similarly debarred or suspended from participating in this covered transaction.

C. Drug Free Workplace.

If this Purchase Order relies on federal funds, pursuant to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Contractor attests and certifies that the Contractor will provide a drug-free workplace compliant with 41 U.S.C. § 81.

D. Prohibition against Lobbying.

If this Purchase Order relies on federal funds, the Contractor certifies that no Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding, renewal, amending or modifying of any Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement. The Contractor also certifies that it has not engaged any registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 who has made lobbying contacts on behalf of the Contractor with respect to this Purchase Order and its related federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; or, if the Contractor has engaged any registrant with respect to this Purchase Order and its related Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall, prior to or upon execution of this Purchase Order, immediately provide the Commission Contract Manager a signed declaration listing the name of any said registrant. During the term of this Purchase Order, and at the end of each Calendar quarter in which any event occurs that materially affects the accuracy of this certification or

declaration, the Contractor shall file an updated declaration with the Commission's Contract Manager. If any nonfederal funds are used for lobbying activities as described above in connection with this Purchase Order, the Contractor shall submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", and shall file quarterly updates of any material changes. The Contractor shall require the language of this certification to be included in all subcontracts, and all subcontractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Section 7. SUBCONTRACTS.

A. Subcontractors and Liability.

If the Contractor is authorized to subcontract, the Contractor shall ensure, and provide assurances to the Commission's Contract Manager upon request, that any subcontractor selected for work under this Purchase Order has the necessary qualifications and abilities to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Purchase Order. The Contractor must provide the Commission's Contract Manager with the names of any subcontractor considered for work under this Purchase Order; the Commission reserves the right to reject any subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred with the project. Any subcontract arrangements must be evidenced by a written document available to the Commission's Contract Manager upon request. The Contractor further agrees that the Commission shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and the Contractor shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the subcontract. The Contractor, at its expense, will defend the Commission against such claims. The following provisions apply, in addition to any terms and conditions included in the Scope of Work.

B. Subcontractors as Independent Contractors.

If subcontracting is permitted, the Contractor agrees to take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that each subcontractor will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venture, or partner of the State of Florida.

C. Contractor Payments to Subcontractor.

If subcontracting is permitted, the Contractor agrees to make payments to its subcontractor(s) within seven (7) working days after receipt of full or partial payments from the Commission in accordance with Section 287.0585, F.S., unless otherwise stated in the contract between the Contractor and subcontractor(s). The Contractor's failure to pay its subcontractor(s) within seven (7) working days will result in a penalty charged against the Contractor and paid to the subcontractor(s) in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed herein for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the outstanding balance due.

Section 8. TERMINATION AND OTHER REMEDIES.

A. Financial Consequences.

In accordance with Subsection 287.058(1)(h), F.S., the Scope of Work contains clearly defined deliverables. If the Contractor fails to produce each deliverable within the time frame specified by the Scope of Work, the budget amount allocated for that deliverable will be deducted from the Contractor's payment. The Commission shall apply any of these additional financial consequences:

- a. Temporarily withhold payments pending correction of the deficiency by the Contractor
- b. Reduction of payment if correction of deficiency is not made by the Contractor.
- c. Disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
- d. Request refund of previously disbursed payments.

- e. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate this agreement.
- f. Withhold future awards for the FWC projects.
- g. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

Further financial consequences may be identified in the Scope of Work.

B. Commission Unilateral Termination.

The Commission may unilaterally terminate this Purchase Order for convenience by providing the Contractor with fifteen (15) calendar days of written notice of its intent to terminate. The Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

C. Termination – Fraud or Willful Misconduct.

This Purchase Order shall terminate immediately in the event of fraud or willful misconduct on the part of the Contractor. In the event of such termination, the Commission shall provide the Contractor with written notice of termination.

D. Termination – Funds Unavailability.

In the event funds to finance this Purchase Order become unavailable or if federal or state funds upon which this Purchase Order is dependent are withdrawn or redirected, the Commission may terminate this Purchase Order upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice in writing to the Contractor. Said notice shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested or in person with proof of delivery. The Commission shall be the final authority as to the availability of funds and will not reallocate funds appropriated for this Purchase Order to another program thus causing "lack of funds." In the event of termination of this Purchase Order under this provision, the Contractor will be compensated for any work satisfactorily completed prior to notification of termination.

E. Prohibition of Unauthorized Aliens.

In accordance with Executive Order 96-236, signed August 1, 1996, by the Governor of Florida, the Commission shall consider the employment by the Contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Subsection 274A(e) of the federal Immigration and Nationalization Act. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral termination of this Purchase Order if the Contractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens.

F. Termination – Other.

The Commission may terminate this Purchase Order if the Contractor fails to:

1. comply with all terms and conditions of this Purchase Order;
2. produce each deliverable within the time specified by the Purchase Order or extension;
3. maintain adequate progress, thus endangering the performance of the Purchase Order; or,
4. abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement

Rule 60A-1.006(3), F.A.C., governs the procedure and consequences for default. The rights and remedies of the Commission in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Purchase Order. The Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

G. Contractor Discontinuation of Activities Upon Termination Notice.

Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Contractor shall, unless the notice directs otherwise, immediately discontinue all activities authorized hereunder. Upon termination of this Purchase

Order, the Contractor shall promptly render to the Commission all property belonging to the Commission. For the purposes of this section, property belonging to the Commission shall include, but shall not be limited to, all books and records kept on behalf of the Commission.

Section 9. RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

A. Contractor Responsibilities for Record-Keeping.

The Contractor shall maintain accurate books, records, documents and other evidence that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Purchase Order, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

B. State Access to Contractor Books, Documents, Papers, and Records.

The Contractor shall allow the Commission, the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida, the Auditor General of the State of Florida, the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability or authorized representatives of the state or federal government to have access to any of the Contractor's books, documents, papers, and records, including electronic storage media, as they may relate to this Purchase Order, for the purposes of conducting audits or examinations or making excerpts or transcriptions.

C. Contractor Records Retention.

Unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Work, these records shall be maintained for five (5) fiscal years following the completion of this Purchase Order, if the Purchase Order is for commodities or services; or for ten (10) years following the completion of this Purchase Order, if the Purchase Order is for construction; or for the period otherwise required for this particular type of project by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>). The Contractor shall cooperate with the Commission to facilitate the duplication and transfer of such records upon the Commission's request.

D. Contractor Responsibility to Include Records Requirements – Subcontractors.

In the event any work is subcontracted under this Purchase Order, the Contractor shall include the aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all subcontract agreements.

E. Compliance with Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency.

Any federal funds awarded under this Purchase Order must comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006. The intent of the FFATA is to empower every American with the ability to hold the government accountable for each spending decision. The result is to reduce wasteful spending in the government. The FFATA legislation requires that information on federal awards (federal financial assistance and expenditures) be made available to the public via a single, searchable website: www.USASpending.gov. Grant recipients awarded a new Federal grant greater than or equal to \$25,000.00 are subject to the FFATA. The Contractor agrees to provide the information necessary, over the life of this Purchase Order, for the Commission to comply with this requirement.

Section 10. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Governing Law, Severability and Venue.

This Purchase Order has been delivered in the State of Florida and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Florida. Wherever possible, each provision of this Purchase Order shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Purchase Order shall be prohibited or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such

provision or the remaining provisions of this Purchase Order. Any action in connection herewith, in law or equity, shall be brought in Leon County, Florida, to the exclusion of all other lawful venues.

B. Waiver.

As part of the consideration for this Purchase Order, the Parties hereby waive trial by jury in any action or proceeding brought by any party against any other party pertaining to any matter whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this Purchase Order, or with the products or services provided under this Purchase Order, including but not limited to any claim by the Contractor of *quantum meruit*. The delay or failure by the Commission to exercise or enforce any of its other rights under the Purchase Order shall not constitute waiver of such rights.

C. Modification.

The Purchase Order may only be modified by a Change Order agreed to by the Commission and the Contractor. If a Purchase Order Change Order is required for any portion of any job, the Contractor shall not commence to purchase materials for the amended work to be performed, nor proceed with the outlined duties described without prior written approval and receiving a revised copy of the approved Purchase Order in his/her possession. The Contractor shall request a Change Order in writing, outlining the reasons and the itemized costs required for the Change Order. The Parties agree to renegotiate this agreement if federal and/or state revisions of any applicable laws or regulations make changes in the Purchase Order necessary.

D. Time is of the Essence.

Time is of the essence with regard to each and every obligation of the Contractor. Each such obligation is deemed material, and a breach of any such obligation (including a breach resulting from untimely performance) is a material breach.

E. Entire Agreement.

This Purchase Order, with all incorporated attachments and exhibits, represents the entire agreement of the Parties. Any alterations, variations, changes, modifications or waivers of provisions of this Purchase Order shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing, and duly signed by each of the Parties hereto, unless otherwise provided herein. In the event of conflict, the following order of precedence shall prevail; this Purchase Order and its attachments, the terms of the solicitation, then the Contractor's response to the solicitation.

F. Force Majeure

Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any delay or failure to perform under this Purchase Order if such delay or failure is neither the fault nor the negligence of the Party or its employees or agents and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Party's control, or for any of the foregoing that affects subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available.

However, in the event of delay from the foregoing causes, the Party shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate any and all resulting delay or disruption in the Party's performance obligation under this Purchase Order. If the delay is excusable under this paragraph, the delay will not result in any additional charge or cost under the Purchase Order to either Party.

In the case of any delay, the Contractor believes is excusable under this paragraph, the Contractor shall notify the Commission's Contract Manager in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either: (a) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (b) within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe

that a delay could result, if the delay is not reasonably foreseeable. THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CONTRACTOR'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY. Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy.

The Commission, in its sole discretion, will determine if the delay is excusable under this paragraph and will notify the Contractor of its decision in writing. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against the Commission. The Contractor shall not be entitled to an increase in the Purchase Order price or payment of any kind from the Commission for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever.

If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist, the Contractor shall perform at no increased cost, unless the Commission determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Purchase Order to the Commission or the State, in which case, the Commission may do any or all of the following: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to the Commission with respect to products or services subjected to allocation; (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Purchase Order quantity; or (3) terminate the Purchase Order in whole or in part.

G. Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

No firearms, alcohol or illegal substances are allowed on any Commission project site. Neither the Contractor nor any of its employees may possess firearms or alcohol while on the job site. The Parties do not intend, nor shall this Purchase Order be construed, to grant any rights, privileges or interest to any person not a party to this agreement.

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ATTACHMENT B

IDENTICAL TIE BIDS / DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

In accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. Whenever two (2) or more bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received by the State or by any political subdivision for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program shall be given preference in the award process. Established procedures for processing tie bids will be followed if none of the tied vendors have a drug-free workplace program. In order to have a drug-free workplace program, a business shall:

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

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

VENDOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

ATTACHMENT C

CERTIFICATES OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

Project: _____

Contractor: _____

Contract # or PO #: _____

FEID or Social Security #: _____

Contract Date: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

CONTRACTOR'S AFFIDAVIT

I solemnly swear (or affirm): That the work under the above-named contract and all amendments thereto have been satisfactorily completed; that all amounts payable for materials, labor and other charges against project have been paid; that no liens have been attached against the project; that no suits are pending by reason of work on the project under the contract; that all Workers' Compensation claims are covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by law; and that all public liability claims are covered by insurance. I further certify that all just and lawful bills against the undersigned and his subcontractors for labor, material and equipment employed in the performance of this Contract have been paid in full accordance with their terms and conditions.

CONTRACTOR

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Notary

State of _____

County of _____

Personally appeared before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, _____, known (or made known) to me to be the

(OWNER) (PARTNER) (CORPORATE OFFICER – GIVE TITLE)

of _____, Contractor(s), who subscribe and swore to the above to the above instrument in my presence.

Personally known OR Produced

(Seal) _____

Notary Public

Type of Identification Produced:

Type Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____, 20__

COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION

I certify: That, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the work on the above-named project has been satisfactorily completed under terms and conditions of the contract.

Contract Manager: _____

Division/Office: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____