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INVITATION TO BID: FWC 14/15-74
 TITLE: DRY PRAIRIE RESTORATION ON THREE LAKES WMA

INVITATION TO BID/BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

Purpose: The intent of this bid is to obtain competitive pricing for oak tree and cabbage palm removal on Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area (WMA), per the specifications contained herein. Only responsive and responsible Contractors will be considered for award of this 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: _____ E-Mail: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEID): _____

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. We have examined the site in reference to the specifications contained within this ITB and have familiarized ourselves with the entire site and have examined carefully the extent of the work that is needed."

Authorized Signature (Manual): _____

Authorized Signature Name (Typed) and Title: _____

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INVITATION TO BID CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCHEDULE	DUE DATE	METHOD
Bid Advertised	December 17, 2014	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu
MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference	December 23, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m.	See Pre-Bid Conference Clause
Deadline for Questions	Must be received PRIOR to: January 5, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.	See Deadline for Questions Clause
SEALED BIDS DUE (REMEMBER: Bid Number should be clearly marked on envelope)	Must be received PRIOR to: January 15, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.	Submit BEFORE the due date and time to the following address:
Public Bid Opening	January 16, 2015 @ 2:30 p.m.	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Attn: Purchasing 620 S. Meridian St., Room 364 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
Anticipated Date of Intended Award	January 20, 2015	Posted on the Vendor Bid System: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu

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BIDDER SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

The following items are required to be submitted to qualify the Bidder as a “responsive” Contractor to be considered for an award. Failure to submit any of the following documentation may result in a Contractor being declared “non-responsive”.

- _____ Completed & signed Invitation to Bid/Bidder Acknowledgment form
- _____ Completed & signed Price Sheet
- _____ Completed & signed References form
- _____ Completed & signed Attachment B - Certifications and Assurances
- _____ Completed & signed Addendum Acknowledgment forms (if applicable)

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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 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 (see MYFLORIDAMARKETPLACE and ADDITIONAL LEGAL REQUIREMENT clause). 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" and "Purchase Order" are used interchangeably in the document.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PUR1001 and PUR1000 are hereby incorporated by reference. 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.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

The Commission has an estimated budget for this project of \$40,000.

TERM

The contract will be effective from date of award to June 30, 2015.

Project shall be completed by the Contractor by the Completion Date of March 15, 2015. 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.

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

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Hwy 60 Three Lake WMA hunter check station on the date and time specified in the Calendar of Events (Page 2). 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. **Bidders must attend this pre-bid conference in order to submit a bid. Failure to attend the entire conference, from the time it is called to order to the time it is adjourned, shall disqualify a potential bidder.** The FWC 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 FWC, and the FWC will only issue an official written response to verbal questions subsequently submitted in writing in accordance with the Deadline for Questions clause below.

Directions: Take Hwy 60 to the entrance of Three Lakes. There is a brown FWC sign designating Three Lake WMA at the intersection. The check station is the first building encountered on the gravel road and is approximately two (2) miles north of Hwy 60.

Contact person for Pre-Bid Conference:

Tina Hannon, Project Manager
1231 Prairie Lakes Road
Kenansville, Florida 34739
Office: 407-436-1009 Cell: 407-908-2270
Tina.Hannon@myfwc.com

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 e-mail, hard copy by mail, or facsimile. 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 internet site at the following address: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu

Questions shall be directed to:

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Tallahassee Purchasing Office
Attn: Gerri Faircloth, Procurement Manager
620 South Meridian Street, Room 364
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
850-617-9603
gerri.faircloth@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 agency 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, internet site 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 850-488-3427 or by FAXING a request to 850-921-2500. 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**, Room 364, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1600. **BIDS RECEIVED AFTER DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED 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) 488-3427 at least three 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, Room 364, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600. **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.**

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 below is designated as Contract Manager and 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, and 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.

FWC Contract Manager is:

Tina Hannon
1231 Prairie Lakes Road
Kenansville, Florida 34739
407-436-1009
Tina.Hannon@myfwc.com

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. An Addendum Acknowledgment Form will be included with each addendum and shall be signed by an authorized Contractor representative, dated, and returned to the COMMISSION prior to the opening date and time specified in the Calendar of Events. Each Bidder is responsible for monitoring the Vendor Bid System site 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. The Vendor Bid System can be reached at the following internet address: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu

IDENTICAL TIE BIDS

In accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, preference shall be given to businesses with drug-free workplace programs. If two 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

The Commission will award the bid to the responsive, responsible Bidder which submits the lowest bid price. 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 Invitation to Bid, 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.

NOTICE TO PROCEED

The awarded Bidder shall not initiate work under this contract until the required Insurance has been received by the Commission. The Contractor may begin work once it has received an official written Notice to Proceed from the Contract Manager.

DELIVERABLES

The following services or service tasks are identified as deliverables for the purposes of this 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.

Contractor Performance. The Contractor shall perform the activities described in the Scope of Work in a proper and satisfactory manner. Unless otherwise provided for in the Scope of Work, any and all equipment, products or materials necessary or appropriate to perform under this Contract shall be supplied by the Contractor. Contractor shall obtain all necessary local, state, and federal authorizations necessary to complete this project, and the Contractor shall be licensed as necessary to perform under this Contract as may be required by law, rule, or regulation; the Contractor shall provide evidence of such compliance to the Commission upon request. The Contractor shall procure all supplies and pay all charges, fees, taxes and incidentals that may be required for the completion of this Contract. By acceptance of this Contract, the Contractor warrants that it has the capability in all respects totally perform the requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good-faith performance as a responsible Contractor. Contractor shall immediately notify the Commission's Contract Manager in writing if its ability to perform under the Contract is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract. The Commission shall take appropriate action, including potential termination of this Contract in the event Contractor's ability to perform under this Contract becomes compromised.

Contractor – Quarterly Minority and Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Report. 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 Office of Supplier Diversity at (850) 487-0915 will assist in furnishing names of qualified minorities. The Commission's Minority Coordinator at (850) 488-3427 will assist with questions and answers.

Contractor Responsibilities. Contractor agrees that all Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Commission. The Commission may conduct, and Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by 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 Contractor of its obligation to

perform all work in compliance with the Contract. The Commission may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

Commission Rights to Assign or Transfer. Contractor agrees that the State of Florida shall at all times be entitled to assign or transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Contract to another governmental agency in the State of Florida, upon giving prior written notice to Contractor.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

In accordance with Section 287.058(1)(h), F.S., the Scope of Work contains clearly defined deliverables. If 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 Contractor's payment. The Commission shall apply any additional financial consequences identified in the Scope of Work.

Cumulative Remedies. The rights and remedies of the Commission in this paragraph are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Contract.

CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

The Contract Manager shall conduct a final inspection of the work to determine if completion has occurred. Upon satisfactory completion of the work, the Contractor shall send the Contract Manager a notarized Certificate of Contract Completion (Attachment A) and the contract shall be deemed completed upon the issuance date of such Certificate.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

If the Contractor fails to complete the work or the conditions of the Purchase Order Contract and/or Amendments by the completion date, the Commission shall have the right to deduct from any amount due and payable to the Contractor, as liquidated damages, in an amount of \$100.00 per calendar day. All liquidated damages assessed after the agreed to work completion date will include every day of the week (weekdays and weekends). Exceptions to this 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.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Reasonably Associated Insurance. During the term of the Contract, 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 Contract. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the Contractor, and failure to maintain such coverage may void the Contract. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting Contractor's liability and obligations under the Contract. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to write policies in Florida.

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 Contract, Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of its employees connected with the work of this project, with minimum employers' liability limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per person, and \$500,000 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 the Florida Workers' Compensation law (Chapter 440, F.S.). In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under this Contract 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.

General Liability Insurance. By execution of this Contract, unless 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, Contractor shall provide reasonable and adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage and hold such liability insurance at all times during the Contract. A self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State of Florida may provide such coverage.

Insurance Required for Performance. During the Contract term, Contractor shall maintain any other types and forms of insurance required for the performance of this Contract. Additional insurance requirement may also be found in the Scope of Work.

Written Verification of Insurance. Upon execution of this Contract, 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 effective date of the Task Assignment, 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, 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 can be faxed to (850) 921-2500.

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 Contractor providing such insurance.

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 Contract Manager. Please note: The State Archeologist has the power to halt work if he or she has reason to believe artifacts are being disturbed.

SUBCONTRACTS

Contractor shall ensure, and provide assurances to the Commission upon request, that any subcontractor selected for work under this Contract has the necessary qualifications and abilities to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. Contractor must provide the Commission with the names of any subcontractor considered for work under this Contract; the Commission reserves the right to reject any subcontractor. 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 upon request. Contractor further agrees that the Commission shall not be liable to any subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and Contractor shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the subcontract. 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.

Contractor Payments to Subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to make payments to the subcontractor 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 Contractor and subcontractor. Contractor's failure to pay its subcontractors within seven (7) working days will result in a penalty charged against Contractor and paid to the subcontractor in the amount of one-half of one (1)

percent 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 (15) percent of the outstanding balance due.

Commission Right to Reject Subcontractor Employees. The Commission shall retain the right to reject any of Contractor's or subcontractor's employees whose qualifications or performance, in the Commission's judgment, are insufficient.

Subcontractor as Independent Contractor. 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.

TERMINATION

Commission Unilateral Termination. The Commission may unilaterally terminate this Contract for convenience by providing the Contractor with thirty (30) calendar days of written notice of its intent to terminate. Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

Termination – Fraud or Willful Misconduct. This Contract 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 Contractor with written notice of termination.

Termination - Funds Unavailability. In the event funds to finance this Contract become unavailable or if federal or state funds upon which this Contract is dependent are withdrawn or redirected, the Commission may terminate this Contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice in writing to 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 Contract to another program thus causing "lack of funds." In the event of termination of this Contract under this provision, Contractor will be compensated for any work satisfactorily completed prior to notification of termination.

Termination – Other. The Commission may terminate this Contract if the Contractor fails to: 1.) comply with all terms and conditions of this Contract; 2.) produce each deliverable within the time specified by the Contract or extension; 3.) maintain adequate progress, thus endangering the performance of the Contract; 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 Contract. Contractor shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.

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 Contract, 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.

FAMILIARITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor is required to be familiar and comply with all Federal, 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 from responsibility. Violation of such laws shall be grounds for Contract termination.

ELIGIBILITY AND LICENSURE

The Bidder shall be licensed as necessary to perform under this contract 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 contract, the Contractor warrants that it has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract 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 60 A of Florida Administrative Code, 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 Contract.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

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.

Contractor Training Qualifications. Contractor agrees that all Contractor employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification.

Commission Security. All employees, subcontractors, or agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Commission. The Commission may conduct, and Contractor shall cooperate in, a security background check or otherwise assess any employee, subcontractor, or agent furnished by 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 Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract. The Commission may reject and bar from any facility for cause any of Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents.

Commission Rights to Assign or Transfer. Contractor agrees that the State of Florida shall at all times be entitled to assign or transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Contract to another governmental agency in the State of Florida, upon giving prior written notice to Contractor.

Commission Rights to Undertake or Award Supplemental Contracts. Contractor agrees that the Commission may undertake or award supplemental contracts for work related to the Contract. Contractor and its subcontractors shall cooperate with such other contractors and the Commission in all such cases.

PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS

In accordance with federal Executive Order 96-236, the Commission shall consider the employment by the Contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationalization Act. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Contract if the Contractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens.

EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

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

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 http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm

Enrollment in E-Verify. If 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 Contract.

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).

Employment Eligibility Verification. Compliance with the terms of the Employment Eligibility Verification provision is made an express condition of this Contract and the Commission may treat a failure to comply as a material breach of the Contract.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

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 Contract.

Discriminatory Vendor List. In accordance with Section 287.134, F.S., an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the 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. Contractor has a continuing duty to disclose to the Commission whether they appear on the discriminatory vendor list.

PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

Convicted Vendor List. Pursuant to Subsection 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the 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.

Notice of Conviction of Public Entity Crime. Any person must notify the Department of Management Services and the Commission within 30 days after conviction of a public entity crime applicable to that person or an affiliate of that person as defined in Section 287.133, F.S.

Certifications and Assurances. Upon execution of this Contract by the Contractor, the Contractor shall complete, sign and return to the Commission's Contract Manager a completed copy of the form entitled "Certifications and Assurances," attached hereto and incorporated as Attachment B. This includes the Certification Regarding Public Entity Crimes.

CONTRACT RELATED PROCUREMENT

PRIDE. In accordance with Section 946.515(6), F.S., if a product or service required for the performance of this Contract 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 [PRIDE] in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Subsections 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.

The above clause is not applicable to subcontractors unless otherwise required by law. Additional information about PRIDE and the products it offers is available at <http://www.pride-enterprises.org>.

Respect of Florida. In accordance with Subsection 413.036(3), F.S., if a product or service required for the performance of this Contract 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, F.S., in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Subsections 413.036(1) and (2), 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 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>.

Procurement of Recycled Products or Materials. Contractor agrees to procure any recycled products or materials which are the subject of or are required to carry out this Contract in accordance with Section 403.7065, F.S.

INDEMNIFICATION.

If 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 Contractor is not a state agency or subdivision as defined above, Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State and the Commission, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Contractor, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided, however, that Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the State or the Commission.

FEDERAL DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION FORM

Contractor Federal Certification. In accordance with federal Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, Contractor shall agree and certify 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.

Contractor Commission Certification. Upon execution of this Contract by the Contractor, the Contractor shall complete, sign and return to the Commission's Contract Manager a completed copy of Attachment B, "Certifications and Assurances." This includes the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters.

COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

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".

INVOICING

The Contractor shall be paid upon submission of properly certified invoice(s) to the Commission after delivery and acceptance of commodities or services as expressed in writing by the Contract Manager. Invoices shall contain detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof and shall contain the purchase order/contract number and the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number. FAILURE TO SUPPLY INVOICE WHICH PROPERLY CORRESPONDS TO THE PURCHASE ORDER/Written AGREEMENT, MAY DELAY THE CONTRACTOR PAYMENT PROCESS.

PAYMENT OF FUNDS

The Commission shall pay the Contractor for satisfactory goods or services upon submission of invoices, accompanied by required reports or deliverables, and after acceptance of services and deliverables in writing by the Commission's Contract Manager. Each invoice shall include the Commission Contract Number and the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification (FEID) Number. An original invoice and supporting documentation shall be submitted to the Commission. The Commission shall not provide advance payment. All bills for amounts due under this Contract shall be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof. Invoices shall be submitted to the Accounting Office.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

The State of Florida can deposit Contractor payments directly into your bank account. Contractors can register for EFT at http://www.myfloridacfo.com/aadir/direct_deposit_web/Vendors.htm. **Note:** Your business name registered for EFT, must match the name listed in MFMP VIP registration to receive direct deposit payments. There can only be one financial institution's account information on file for one

federal tax identification number (SSN or FEIN). Payments cannot be sent to two or more financial institutions.

Automated Clearing House (ACH)

To make transaction fee payments, Contractors can register for debit ACH at http://dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/myflorida_marketplace/mfmp_vendors/vendor_toolkit/forms_for_vendors 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 14 days.

PROMPT PAYMENT CLAUSE

Section 215.422, F.S. provides that agencies have 5 working days to inspect and approve goods and services, unless bid specifications or the P.O. specifies otherwise. With the exception of payments to health care providers for hospital, medical, or other health care services, if payment is not available within 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 set by the Comptroller pursuant to Section 55.03, F.S., will be due and payable in addition to the invoice amount. To obtain the applicable interest rate, please contact the Agency's Fiscal Section at 850/488-3323 or Purchasing Office at 850/488-3427. Payments to health care providers for hospitals, medical or other health care services, shall be made not more than 35 days from the date of eligibility for payment is determined, and the daily interest rate is .03333%. Invoices returned to a Contractor due to preparation errors will result in a payment delay. Invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the agency. A Vendor Ombudsman, whose duties include acting as an advocate for Contractors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payments from a State agency, may be contacted at (850) 410-9724 or by calling the State Comptroller's Hotline, 1-800-848-3792.

MYFLORIDAMARKETPLACE

In accordance with Rule 60A-1.030 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), each Contractor doing business with the State for the sale of commodities or contractual services as defined in Section 287.012, F.S., shall register in the MyFloridaMarketPlace system, unless exempted under Rule 60A-1.030(3), F.A.C. Information about the registration process is available, and registration may be completed, at the MyFloridaMarketPlace website (link under Business on the State portal at www.myflorida.com). Interested persons lacking Internet access may request assistance from the MyFloridaMarketPlace Customer Service at (866-352-3776) or from State Purchasing, 4050 Esplanade Way, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

Transaction Fee. Pursuant to Section 287.057(22), F.S., all payments, unless exempt under Rule 60A-1.030(3), F.A.C., shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), which the Contractor shall pay to the State. For payments within the State accounting system (Florida Accounting Information Resource, FLAIR, or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the Contractor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the Contractor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding payments, Contractor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

Transaction Fee Credits. The Contractor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the Contractor for the purchase of any items(s) if such items(s) are returned to the Contractor through no fault, act, or omission of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the Contractor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the Contract. Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute grounds for declaring the Contractor in default and recovering re-procurement costs from the Contractor in addition to all outstanding fees. **CONTRACTORS DELINQUENT IN PAYING TRANSACTION FEES MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM CONDUCTING FUTURE BUSINESS WITH THE STATE.**

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, Florida Statutes; 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, Florida Statutes. For further information on required filing and forms, please go to the following sites: <http://www.sunbiz.org/index.html> or <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>.

USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND ELIGIBLE USERS

As provided in Chapter 60A-1.047, F.A.C., and Section 287.042(16) F.S., other State of Florida agencies may purchase from the resulting contract of this Invitation to Bid, 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 Invitation to Bid contract, such agencies shall coordinate their use of this contract with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in order to reduce scheduling conflicts.

PUBLIC RECORDS OF NONGOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

All records in conjunction with this contract shall be public records and shall be treated in the same manner as other public records are under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

PUBLIC RECORDS

This Contract 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, Florida Statutes, and made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless exemption for such records is allowable under Florida law.

If the Contractor meets the definition of "Contractor" in Section 119.0701(1)(a) F.S., the Contractor shall comply with the following:

- i. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the Commission in order to perform the service.
- ii. Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the Commission would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S. or as otherwise provided by law.
- iii. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- iv. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the Commission all public records in possession of the Contractor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Commission.

RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Contractor Responsibilities. 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 Contract, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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 Contractor's books, documents, papers, and records, including electronic storage media, as they may relate to this Contract, for the purposes of conducting audits or examinations or making excerpts or transcriptions.

Contractor Records Retention. Unless otherwise specified in the Scope of Work, these records shall be maintained for five (5) years following the close of this Contract. Contractor shall cooperate with the Commission to facilitate the duplication and transfer of such records upon the Commission's request.

Contractor Responsibility to Include Records Requirements – Subcontractors. In the event any work is subcontracted under this Contract, Contractor shall include the aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all subcontract agreements.

Compliance with Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency. Any federal funds awarded under this Contract 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 awarded on or after October 1, 2010 are subject to the FFATA. Contractor agrees to provide the information necessary, over the life of this Contract, for the Commission to comply with this requirement.

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 of the Florida Statutes. 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 30 days after bid opening, whichever is earlier, the Commission receives a public records 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.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Contractor's Preexisting Intellectual Property (Proprietary) Rights. Unless specifically addressed otherwise in the Scope of Work, intellectual property rights to the Contractor's preexisting property will remain with the Contractor. If 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 Contractor. If Contractor is not a state agency or subdivision as defined above, 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 Contractor.

Proceeds Related to Intellectual Property Rights. Proceeds derived from the sale, licensing, marketing or other authorization related to any intellectual property right created or otherwise developed by the Contractor under this Contract for the Commission shall be handled in the manner specified by applicable state statute.

Commission Intellectual Property Rights. Where activities supported by this Contract produce original writing, data, 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 Contract 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.

PROHIBITION AGAINST LOBBYING

The Contractor certifies that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, on or after December 22, 1989, 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. If any non-Federal funds are used for lobbying activities as described above in connection with this Contract, 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.

Pursuant to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, the Contractor agrees to refrain from entering into any subcontracts under this Agreement with any organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, unless such organization warrants that it does not, and will not, engage in lobbying activities prohibited by the Act as a special condition of the subcontract.

SEVERABILITY AND CHOICE OF VENUE

This Contract 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 Contract shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Contract 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 Contract. Any action in connection herewith, in law or equity, shall be brought in Leon County, Florida.

JURY TRIAL WAIVER

As consideration of this Contract, 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 Contract.

FLORIDA EMERGENCY SUPPLIER NETWORK

Suppliers of products and services needed by government during hurricanes and other emergencies are invited to join a Florida Emergency Supplier Network. 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. Please go to the following website to obtain a FESN application and contract:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/florida_emergency_network/florida_emergency_supplier_network_fesn

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 the following site, 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), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes: http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu.

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 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever is earlier.

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REFERENCES
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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/Z1P: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE: _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/Z1P: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE: _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/Z1P: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

JOB DATE: _____

DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK): _____

CONTRACTOR NAME

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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Scope of Work

PURPOSE

The intent of this bid is to obtain competitive pricing for live oak tree and cabbage palm removal on the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area (WMA), as specified in Figure 1 attached.

The project will be bid in six (6) separate zones, Figures 2 through 7, on the Wildlife Management Area. Bidders need to submit a price for each zone. Failure to do so will result in the bid being rejected. The award will be made to the Contractor who bids the lowest dollar amount for each of the six (6) zones. Zones will be completed as the budget permits.

Contractors are allowed to return to the site during the period between the pre-bid meeting and the day the bids are due to Tallahassee if needed to estimate tree densities within the zones to accurately assess cost for each zone. Law enforcement will be made aware that contractors may be driving off road to access tree removal zones. Contractors are to stay on firebreaks while assessing the zones. Contractors are to have a copy of the bid on hand and are expected to follow all other WMA regulations.

Contractor shall have a minimum of five (5) years of recent experience in land clearing or other similar practices. The FWC may request this information from the low Bidder before making an award.

If the Contractor has worked on any FWC managed property in the last five (5) years, the Contractor shall provide the name of each area, date(s) worked on each area(s), and the name of each FWC project manager.

The Contractor shall not subcontract, assign, or transfer any services without the prior written consent of the FWC Project Manager. The Contractor shall be responsible for the fulfillment of all work elements.

1.0 SITE LOCATION

1.1 Three Lakes WMA is located in southern Osceola County, approximately 20 miles south of Saint Cloud, Florida, and 14.5 miles northwest of Yeehaw Junction.

2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Grinding/mulching live oak trees and cabbage palms on dry prairie habitat on the State Road 60 side of Three Lakes WMA. The Contractor shall use a Hydro-Axe, Timber King, or other equipment capable of mulching small to large diameter live oaks and cabbage palms to ground level or as close to the ground as possible. Tracked vehicles will be allowed. All parts remaining from trees being ground/mulched should be two (2) feet in length or less. Mulched material is to be left on the ground where it is. Trees less than 5' in height do not need to be mulched. The Contractor shall stay on the outside edge of any depression ponds or cypress strands unless the project manager specifies otherwise.

2.2 The Contractor shall prevent pollution of rivers and streams by fuel, oil, chemicals or other harmful materials. All creeks will be kept free of contractor generated debris.

2.3 The Contractor shall prevent the introduction of non-native vegetation by following the procedures for equipment inspection and cleaning as outlined in the publication: U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado, Technical Memorandum No. 86-68220-07-05.

Inspection and Cleaning Manual for Equipment and Vehicles to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species, May 2010 (see link below).

<http://www.usbr.gov/mussels/prevention/docs/EquipmentInspectionandCleaningManual210.pdf>

- 2.4 A bulk fuel tank may be stored in the field near the equipment or at the Prairie Lakes field office.
- 2.5 The Commission Project Manager shall periodically be on site inspecting all work related to the project. At any time during the work phase of this project, the Commission reserves the right to have any employee or designee inspect the work site. If it is determined that these bid specifications are not being followed, Commission staff shall stop all work until the problem can be resolved to the satisfaction of the Project Manager.
- 2.6 Any damages to state property (i.e. structures, roads, culverts, fences, or other natural resources) caused by the Contractor while working on this project shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for the conduct of hired personnel at all times while on the job site.
- 2.7 The Contractor nor any of its employees may possess alcohol while on the job site. The Contractor shall be responsible for the conduct of hired personnel at all times while within the project area.
- 2.8 The Contractor shall abide by all rules, laws, and regulations relating to the taking of wild animal life or freshwater aquatic life and the Contractor shall be responsible to the Commission under this rollerchopping contract for its agent and employees so abiding all such rules, laws, and regulations.
- 2.9 The Commission's Project Manager or/her designated representative has the right to stop work if the work is not being completed as specified. Work shall not renew until the deficiency or deficiencies are corrected. The Project Manager reserves the right to stop work if it is not meeting the ecological goal set by the Commission (ex: site becomes too wet and ground disturbance is becoming apparent).
- 2.10 Should any historical or cultural artifacts be uncovered during tree removal activities, the Contractor shall immediately halt work within that area and notify the Project Manager specific to that area. The state archeologist has the power to halt this project if he or she has reason to believe artifacts are being disturbed.
- 2.11 The project work shall be initiated on January 20, 2015 or as soon thereafter depending on the timing of the contract award, and be completed by March 15, 2015. Invoices and Certificate of Project Completion shall be submitted within two (2) weeks after the work is completed.
- 2.12 Payment will be made upon completion of all work, properly completed upon the satisfaction of the project manager and the submission of invoices. Payments may be made upon 100% completion of each zone.

FIGURES

Figure 1. Zones of tree removal on the Three Lakes WMA and location of mandatory pre-bid meeting.

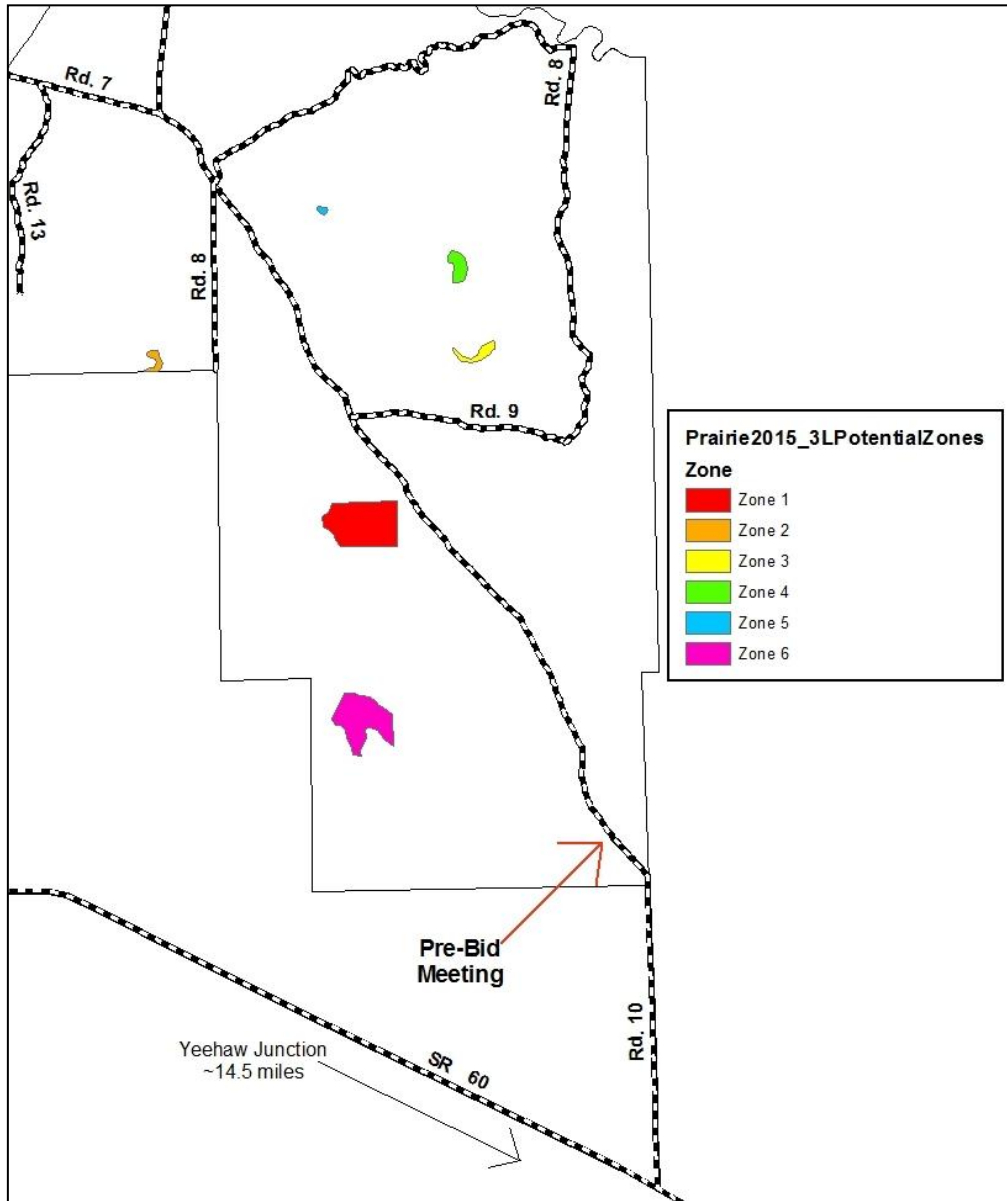


Figure 2. Zone 1



Figure 3. Zone 2



Figure 4. Zone 3



Figure 5. Zone 4



Figure 6. Zone 5



Figure 7. Zone 6



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PRICE SHEET**

CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT ALTER THE PRICE SHEET IN ANY WAY.

Price quoted shall be less 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.

ALL ITEMS SHALL BE BID, OR THE BID WILL BE REJECTED. THE BID WILL BE AWARDED TO THE RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER THAT SUBMITS THE LOWEST TOTAL PRICE.

BID PRICE ZONE 1 (65 ACRES): \$ _____

BID PRICE ZONE 2 (4 ACRES) : \$ _____

BID PRICE ZONE 3 (7 ACRES): \$ _____

BID PRICE ZONE 4 (9 ACRES): \$ _____

BID PRICE ZONE 5 (1 ACRE): \$ _____

BID PRICE ZONE 6 (47 ACRES): \$ _____

TOTAL BID PRICE (ZONES 1 THROUGH 6): \$ _____

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

Contractor _____ Title _____

Address _____ Fax _____

Signed _____ City/State/Zip _____

Print Name _____ Telephone _____

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ATTACHMENT A
FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CERTIFICATES OF CONTRACT COMPLETION

Project: _____
Contractor: _____
Cont # or DO #: _____
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 subscribed
and swore to the above instrument in my presence.

Personally known _____ Or Produced
Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced

Notary Public (Seal)
Type Name:
My Commission Expires:

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: _____

Attachment B
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

The Commission will not award this Contract unless Contractor completes the CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES contained in this Attachment. In performance of this Contract, Contractor provides the following certifications and assurances:

- A. Debarment and Suspension Certification (2 CFR Part 1400)
- B. Certification Regarding Lobbying (31 U.S.C. 1352)
- C. Certification Regarding Public Entity Crimes (section 287.133, F.S.)
- D. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (41 U.S.C. 701 et. seq.) (as applicable to recipients and subrecipients of federal financial assistance)
- E. Certification Regarding the Scrutinized Companies List (section 287.135, F.S.) (as applicable)

A. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS – PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTION.

The undersigned Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a Federal department or agency;
2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Contract been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
3. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A.2. of this certification; and/or
4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause of default.

If Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, CONTRACTOR shall attach an explanation to this Contract.

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING – Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements.

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

No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative

agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employees of Congress, or employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall also complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.

The undersigned shall require that language of this certification be included in the documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients and contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

C. CERTIFICATION REGARDING PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES, SECTION 287.133, F.S.

Contractor hereby certifies that neither it, nor any person or affiliate of Contractor, has been convicted of a Public Entity Crime as defined in section 287.133, F.S., nor placed on the convicted vendor list.

Contractor understands and agrees that it is required to inform the Commission immediately upon any change of circumstances regarding this status.

D. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS (If Contractor is a Recipient of Subrecipient of Federal Financial Assistance)

Pursuant to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the undersigned attests and certifies that the Contractor (if not an individual) will provide a drug-free workplace by the following actions:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees concerning:
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 - b. The policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs.
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the Contract be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph D.1. of this certification.
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph D.1. of this certification that, as a condition of employment under the Contract, the employee will:
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement.

- b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) calendar days after such conviction.
5. Notifying the Commission in writing ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4.b. from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Provide such notice of convicted employees, including position title, to every Contract Manager on whose Contract activity the convicted employee was working. The notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected Contract.
6. Taking one of the following actions, within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4.b. herein, with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State or local, health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this entire certification.

If the Contractor is an individual, the Contractor certifies that:

1. As a condition of the grant, Contractor will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and,
2. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, Contractor will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to the Commission. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

E. CERTIFICATION REGARDING the SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS, SECTION 287.135, F.S.

If this Contract is in the amount of \$1 million or more, in accordance with the requirements of section 287.135, F.S., Contractor hereby certifies that it is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List. Both lists are created pursuant to section 215.473, F.S. Contractor also hereby certifies that it is not engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Contractor understands that pursuant to section 287.135, F.S., the submission of a false certification may subject Contractor to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs.

If Contractor is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, Contractor shall attach an explanation to this Contract.

By signing below, Contractor certifies the representations outlined in parts A through E above are true and correct.

(Signature and Title of Authorized Representative)

Contractor Date

(Street)

(City, State, ZIP Code)