

INVITATION TO BID
23-T00453/TC
PLUMBING REPAIRS AS-NEEDED

County of Hernando
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604



RELEASE DATE: October 18, 2023

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: October 30, 2023

RESPONSE DEADLINE: November 20, 2023, 10:00 am

RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO:

<https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/hernandocounty>

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Summary

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA,
IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR:
ITB NO. SOLICITATION # 23-T00453/TC
FOR
Plumbing Repairs As-Needed

The Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, ("the County"), is soliciting Vendors/Contractors that are active in providing plumbing repairs as-needed.

Offers for furnishing the above will be received and accepted up to 10:00 am, local time, Monday, November 20, 2023, via the Hernando County Procurement Department [eProcurement Portal](#). Only electronic submittals shall be accepted by the County.

The Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received in accordance with the Bid Documents and the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance.

Interested firms may secure the Bid Documents, plans, drawings, and all other pertinent information by visiting the County's eProcurement Portal. For additional project information, please visit the Hernando County Procurement Department website at www.hernandocounty.us or submit a question via the Q&A Tab in the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

The Procurement Department will post addenda on the County's [eProcurement Portal](#) to all questions in accordance with the Solicitation Instructions. It is the responsibility of prospective Bidders to visit the [eProcurement Portal](#) to ensure that they are aware of all addenda issued relative to this Solicitation.

1.2. Background

Hernando County was established in 1843 and named in honor of Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto. Now known as [Florida's Adventure Coast](#), our freshwater rivers and springs, state forests and preserves and Gulf waters provide opportunities for many [land](#) and [water adventures](#) for residents and tourists.

Our county is the geographic center of the state and is located on the central-west coast of Florida. Businesses are drawn to this location because of our affordability, accessibility, and; abundant space to relocate or expand. It's a place where community and commerce thrive. These are just some of the reasons [why Hernando](#) is a great place to start or grow a business.

1.3. [Contact Information](#)

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Purchasing Agent II

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Department:

Hernando County Fire Emergency Services

Department Head:

Paul Hasenmeier

Fire Chief & Public Safety Director

1.4. [Timeline](#)

Release Project Date	October 18, 2023
Question Submission Deadline	October 30, 2023, 5:00pm

<p>Proposal Submission Deadline</p>	<p>November 20, 2023, 10:00am Join Zoom Meeting https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/j/92161001651?pwd=a2hqSHA1eG1SZHNhYWN0SUVndWQ0UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 921 6100 1651 Passcode: 234224 One tap mobile +13052241968,,92161001651#,,,,*234224# US +16469313860,,92161001651#,,,,*234224# US</p> <p>Dial by your location +1 305 224 1968 US +1 646 931 3860 US +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 309 205 3325 US +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 669 444 9171 US +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 689 278 1000 US +1 719 359 4580 US +1 253 205 0468 US +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 360 209 5623 US +1 386 347 5053 US +1 507 473 4847 US +1 564 217 2000 US Meeting ID: 921 6100 1651 Passcode: 234224 Find your local number: https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/u/aez7DQVcRq</p>
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2. SOLICITATION - OFFER - AWARD

ISSUED BY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

John Allocco, Chairman

Elizabeth Narverud, Vice Chairman

Steve Champion, Second Vice Chairman

Brian Hawkins

Jerry Campbell

SUBMIT BID OFFER TO:

HERNANDO COUNTY

PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS

via Hernando County's [eProcurement Portal](#)

Toni Brady

Chief Procurement Officer

3. SOLICITATION

SEALED OFFERS FOR FURNISHING THE SERVICES, SUPPLIES, OR EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED HEREIN WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT VIA THE COUNTY'S [eProcurement Portal](#) UNTIL 10:00 am, LOCAL TIME, ON Monday, November 20, 2023. NO BID OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STIPULATED DATE AND TIME. THIS IS AN ADVERTISED SOLICITATION AND THE RESPONDING BIDDERS WILL BE PUBLICLY READ IN THE PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM AT 10:00 am, LOCAL TIME, ON Monday, November 20, 2023. PURSUANT TO SECTION 119.071 (CURRENT EDITION), FLORIDA STATUTES, SEALED BIDS, PROPOSALS, OR REPLIES RECEIVED BY AN AGENCY PURSUANT TO A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION ARE EXEMPT FROM FINAL INSPECTION 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.

4. OFFER

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT THIS BID ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER, AGREES THAT IF THIS OFFER IS ACCEPTED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE BID OPENING DATE, TO FURNISH TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA ("THE COUNTY"), ANY AND ALL ITEMS FOR WHICH PRICES ARE OFFERED IN THIS SOLICITATION AT THE PRICE(S) SO OFFERED, DELIVERED AT DESIGNATED POINT(S), WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED, AND AT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SO STIPULATED IN THIS SOLICITATION.

5. AWARD

UPON AWARD, PLEASE SUBMIT INVOICES TO:

Hernando County

Facilities

1525 E. Jefferson St.

Brooksville, Florida 34601

OR

Requesting Department

6. SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Where the following terms, or their pronouns, occur herein, the intent and meaning shall be as follows:

- A. **BIDDER:** The term “Bidder” used herein refers to the dealer/manufacturer or business organization submitting a Bid to the County in response to this solicitation.
- B. **CONTRACT:** The Agreement executed by the Owner and Vendor/Contractor for the performance of work and the other documents (plans, specifications, notice to Bidders, proposal, surety bonds, addenda, and other documents) whether attached thereto or not.
- C. **COUNTY:** Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers.
- D. **MODIFICATION/AMENDMENT/CHANGE ORDER:** Shall mean the written order to the Vendor/Contractor signed by the Vendor/Contractor and County authorizing an addition, deletion, or revision in the goods, services and/or work to be provided under the Contract Documents or an adjustment in the Contract Price issued after Contract Award.
- E. **OWNER:** Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (County).
- F. **VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:** The Bidder awarded a contract by the County for the furnishing of goods or services.

6.2. AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Interested firms may secure bid documents, plans, drawings, site locations, and other pertinent information by visiting the County’s [eProcurement Portal](#). For additional information please contact the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing and Contracts Department via the County’s Q&A Tab via the eProcurement Portal.

6.3. PREPARATION OF BID

To ensure acceptance of your Bid, please follow these instructions:

- A. Interested firms are to submit responses via the County’s [eProcurement Portal](#). All bid sheets including this form must be executed and uploaded as indicated. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. Those which do not comply with these conditions may be declared non-responsive and subject to rejection.
 - 1. **To submit bids:** Via Hernando County’s [eProcurement Portal](#) BID NUMBER 23-T00453/TC
- B. The responsibility for delivering the Bid to the County on or before the stated time and date will be solely and strictly the responsibility of the Bidder. The County will be in no way responsible for delays caused by wi-fi connection or speed, power outage or any other occurrence.

- C. Bids must be submitted electronically, via the County's [eProcurement Portal](#). Any required forms supplied by the Owner and included with these Bid Documents shall be uploaded through said portal. Each bidder shall copy the Bid Form and complete the pricing schedule provided.
- D. Bids must be completed through the pricing table provided. No changes or corrections will be allowed after Bid opening.
- E. Bidders are expected to make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding all drawings, specifications, delivery requirements, performance requirements, site locations and all solicitation instructions to satisfy themselves of conditions affecting submission of their bid and the terms and cost of performing the Contract. No pleas of ignorance by the Bidder of conditions that exist or may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the part of the Bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the Contract Documents, will be accepted as a basis of varying the requirements of the County or the compensation of the Bidder. Bidder agrees that submittal of a bid for the work is prima facie evidence they have conducted such examinations.
- F. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County unless specifically stated.

6.4. BID OPENING:

Bids that are not received in a timely manner by this specific office will not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after this date and time and will remain binding upon the Bidder for a period of ninety (90) days thereafter. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 119.071 (Current Edition) sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from inspection 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.

6.5. QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS OR BIDDING PROCESS

To ensure fair consideration for all Bidders, the County prohibits communication to or with any department, division, or employee during the bid process, except as provided below:

- A. All questions relative to interpretation of the specifications or the bid process shall be addressed in writing as indicated below, in ample time prior to the period set for submittal and opening of the bids.
- B. Any interpretation or clarification made to prospective Bidders will be expressed in the form of an addendum to the specifications which, if issued will be posted on the County's eProcurement Portal. Oral answers will not be authoritative.
- C. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to visit the eProcurement Portal to ensure they are aware of all addenda issued for this solicitation.
- D. Questions must be submitted via the Q&A Tab in the County's eProcurement Portal. Questions will only be accepted through the period specified in the bid documents.

- E. All addenda must be acknowledged via the County's eProcurement Portal. Failure to acknowledge any addenda may render the Vendor/Contractor's bid as non-responsive and subject to rejection.

6.6. COMMUNICATION

There shall be no communication between the Vendor/Contractor, their employees or subcontractors and County employees and elected officials (hereafter referred to as "County Representative"), except through the Purchasing and Contracts Department. **Any attempt to communicate with any County representative outside the Purchasing and Contracts Department will be considered a violation of the Purchasing Policy and may result in the rejection of your bid.**

6.7. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

Bids may be withdrawn via the County's [eProcurement Portal](#) prior to the time fixed for opening. Negligence on the part of the Bidder in preparing the bid confers no right for the withdrawal of the bid after it has been opened. Faxed or electronically mailed withdrawals will not be recognized.

6.8. BID PROTESTS:

Any Bidder who protests the Bid Specifications or Award or Intent to Award, must file with the County a notice of protest and formal written protest in compliance with Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code (Current Edition), and applicable provisions in Section 120.57, F.S. (Current Edition). Failure to timely file such documents will constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S. (Current Edition). Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S. (Current Edition), or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S. (Current Edition).

7. GENERAL CONDITIONS

7.1. CONTRACT PERIOD:

- A. The Contract resulting from this solicitation shall be a term contract for the time period specified herein. During the specified time period, the County may order services/supplies as the requirements generate and the Vendor/Contractor will deliver the services/supplies ordered. It is understood that the County is not obligated to purchase any specific amount of services/supplies under this agreement.
- B. The period of the Contract shall extend for three (3) years from date of execution.
- C. **Renewal Option (Unilateral):** At the sole option of the County, through the Board of County Commissioners or Chief Procurement Officer or Designee, this Contract may be unilaterally renewed, for 2 (two) additional year periods at the same prices, terms, and conditions. The County alone will determine whether or not this renewal option will be exercised based on its convenience and its best interest. The County will notify the Vendor/Contractor, in writing, no later than thirty (30) days prior to expiration of its decision to exercise this Contract renewal option and/or options. Any request by the Vendor/Contractor for consideration of a price adjustment must be submitted in writing to the County at the time of County notice of its decision to exercise Contract renewal (this provision), and the Vendor/Contractor must provide written evidence based on increased costs to the Vendor/Contractor. Documentation of these increases must be furnished to the County upon request. Any price adjustment (increase or decrease) approved by the County shall impose upon the Vendor/Contractor the requirement to advise and extend to the County price reductions when costs similarly decrease.
- D. Either party may cancel this Contract, in whole or in part, by giving ninety (90) days prior notice in writing. However, the Vendor/Contractor shall not be authorized to exercise this cancellation option during the first one-hundred eighty (180) days of the Contract. The number of days within which, or the dates by which, the work is to be substantially completed and ready for final payment are set forth in the agreement.

7.2. BID PRICE/SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The prices Bid shall remain firm during the period of the Contract. The prices Bid shall be inclusive of all labor, equipment, and materials as specified within this solicitation. The price Bid constitutes the total compensation payable to the Vendor/Contractor for performing the work.
- B. Unless otherwise stated, the prices Bid shall include all costs of packing, transporting, delivery, and services to the designated point within Hernando County.
- C. The Bidder hereby certifies that this Bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, services, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

Further, the Bidder hereby agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of this bid and certifies that the person executing the Bid Form is authorized to sign this bid for the Bidder.

- D. The Bidder warrants that the prices of the items set forth herein do not exceed those charged by the Bidder under a contract with the State of Florida or any of its agencies.
- E. **Bidder must submit the solicitation document in its entirety, including the Solicitation-Offer-Award cover sheet, Bid Specifications, Bid Form, and all required forms/certifications. Failure to submit these forms may render its bid as non-responsive.**

7.3. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS:

- A. This bid shall be awarded to a responsive, responsible bidder, qualified by experience to provide the work specified. The Bidder will submit the following information with their bid:
 - 1. List and brief description of substantially similar work (size and scope) for at least three (3) references of firms, and/or governmental agencies/entities satisfactorily completed with location, dates of contract, names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of owners (see Questionnaire). These references must be for work performed within the past three (3) years.
 - 2. List of equipment and facilities available to do work.
 - 3. List of personnel, by name and title, contemplated to perform the work.
- B. The Vendor/Contractor and/or subcontractors shall be an appropriately licensed Plumber in the State of Florida at the time of the bid and work. Please attach a copy of license.
- C. **Failure to submit this information may be cause for rejection of your Bid.**

7.4. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD:

- A. Bid evaluation will be based on price, conformance with specifications, and the Bidder's ability to perform the Contract in accordance with the terms and conditions required. Bidders must submit all data necessary to evaluate and determine the quality of the item(s) and/or services they are bidding.
- B. The County reserves the right to make multiple awards to the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bidders based on group or the unit item price, whichever is the most advantageous to the County. However, the County reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance.
- C. It is the intent of this bid to award projects to the three (3) lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders utilizing their services on a rotational and as-needed basis.

- D. If two (2) or more fully responsive, responsible bids are received for the same total amount or unit price, quality and service being equal, the County reserves the right to award the contract to the Bidder whose place of business is located within the boundaries of Hernando County, Florida. Should tie bids, as described above, be received from either two (2) or more Hernando County Bidders or from non-local Bidders when no Hernando County Bidder has submitted a tie bid, then the Board of County Commissioners shall award the contract to one (1) Vendor/Contractor by drawing lots in a public meeting.
- E. The County shall be the sole judge as to the relative merits of the bids received.
- F. If a separate written contract is not required by the County; a written letter of award, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party.
- G. Discounts for payments within less than twenty (20) days will not be considered in evaluation of bids, however, offered discounts will be taken for less than twenty (20) days if payment is made within the discount period.

7.5. HOURS:

Work may be performed between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except County holidays. The County may, on certain occasions, approve work outside of these times. Such exception(s) must be approved in writing by the County at least one (1) day in advance. Services will not be permitted when operations would cause a traffic or safety hazard.

7.6. WARRANTIES:

The Bidder agrees that the supplies and services furnished under this award shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Bidder gives to any customer for comparable quantities of such supplies or services and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the County by any other provision of this award.

7.7. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE:

- A. The County will order services by issuance of a Hernando County numbered purchase order (PO). Each purchase order will specify the scope of work, location and date(s) for service required.
- B. Receipt of services/supplies shall not constitute acceptance. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after thorough inspection indicates that the services/supplies delivered meet bid specifications and conditions. Should the services/supplies differ in any respect from the specifications, payment will be withheld until such time as the Vendor/Contractor takes necessary corrective action. If the proposed corrective action is not

acceptable to the County, final acceptance of the services may be refused, in which case the services shall remain the property of the Vendor/Contractor and the County shall not be liable for payment for any portion thereof.

- C. Unless otherwise specified, services shall be performed as described in these contract documents.
- D. Vendor/Contractor(s) shall not commence work prior to the County's receipt and acceptance of the certification of insurance, and any other required documents/certificates as specified by these contract documents.

7.8. REJECTION OF BID:

The County reserves the sole right to reject any and all bid submissions. Bids which are incomplete, unbalanced, conditional, obscure or which contain additions not required or irregularities of any kind, or which do not comply with every aspect of this solicitation, may be rejected at the option of the County. A Vendor/Contractor shall not be qualified to bid when an investigation by the Chief Procurement Officer finds the Vendor/Contractor delinquent on a previously awarded contract or in litigation concerning a Hernando County previously awarded contract.

7.9. MINOR INFORMALITIES AND IRREGULARITIES:

Hernando County has the right to waive minor defects or variations of a bid from the exact requirements of the specifications that do not affect price, quality, quantity, delivery, or performance time of the services being procured. If insufficient information is submitted by a Bidder with the bid for Hernando County to properly evaluate the bid, Hernando County has the sole right to require such additional information as it may deem necessary after the time set for receipt of bids, provided that the information requested does not change the price, quality, quantity, delivery, or performance time of the services being procured. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the sole right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to award by any item, group(s) of items or in the aggregate, whichever is most advantageous to the County.

7.10. NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT:

Award of a contract resulting from this bid imposes no obligation on the County to utilize the Vendor/Contractor for all work of this type, which may develop during the contract period. This is not an exclusive contract. The County specifically reserves the right to contract with another company for similar work if it deems such action to be in the County's best interest.

7.11. NON-PERFORMANCE:

- A. Time is of the essence in this Contract and failure to deliver the services specified within the time period required shall be considered a default.
- B. In case of default, the County may procure the services from other sources and hold the Vendor/Contractor responsible for all costs occasioned thereby and may immediately cancel the contract. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the sole right to impose and debar Vendor/Contractors as a direct result of Vendor/Contractor default, and to impose termination

for a period of twelve (12) months to twenty-four (24) months depending upon the severity of the default resulting in contract termination. The Vendor/Contractor and its sureties, if any, shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Vendor/Contractor's default of the contract. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the County in completing contract performance.

7.12. ASSIGNMENT:

The successful Bidder is required to perform this contract and may not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any award or any or all of its rights, title or interest therein, or the resulting contractual agreement in whole or in part, without prior written authorization given at the sole discretion of Hernando County.

7.13. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:

Any person submitting a bid or proposal in response to this Invitation to Bid certifies that they are aware of, and in compliance with, all requirements under Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (Current Edition), on public entity crimes. Bidders must provide a response to the section titled VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE, Sworn Statement to Public Entity Crimes included in these bid documents.

7.14. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Prior to furnishing the requested product(s) or service(s), it shall be the responsibility of the awarded Vendor/Contractor to obtain, at no additional cost to Hernando County, any and all licenses and permits required to complete this contractual service. These licenses and permits shall be readily available for review by the Chief Procurement Officer or their designee.

7.15. LAWS, REGULATIONS, PERMITS AND TAXES:

Vendor/Contractor shall comply with County's jobsite procedures and regulations and with all applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules and regulations and shall obtain all permits required for any of the work performed hereunder. Vendor/Contractor shall procure and pay for all permits and inspections required for any of the work performed hereunder and shall furnish any bonds, security or deposits required to permit performance of the work. Vendor/Contractor shall, to the extent permissible under applicable law, comply with the jobsite provisions which validly and lawfully apply to work on the specific jobsite being performed under this contract. The County of Hernando is exempt from Federal excise taxes and all sales taxes.

7.16. MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS:

Without invalidating the contract, the County may, at any time or from time to time, through its Chief Procurement Officer or designee, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the work, the same being authorized by change order or contract modification/amendment. The cumulative total of change orders and/or modifications/amendments to this contract under \$35,000.00 (cap) will be approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or its designee. Once the \$35,000.00 cap is reached, all other additions or revisions to this contract that exceed the "cap" are subject to approval by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners through Board agenda item. Only upon receipt of a change order or modification/amendment executed by the Vendor/Contractor and County (subject to approval by the

Chief Procurement Officer and/or Board of County Commissioners – as applicable) shall the Vendor/Contractor be authorized to proceed with the work involved. All such work shall be executed under the applicable terms and conditions contained in the contract documents. In addition:

- A. The County will execute an appropriate modification/amendment to the contract if such modification/amendment to the contract is approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or Board of County Commissioners (as approvable) and,
- B. It is the Vendor/Contractor's responsibility to notify its surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the work/services or change of the contract price, and amount of the applicable bond(s) shall be adjusted accordingly.

7.17. TAXES:

- A. The Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, Florida, has the following Tax Exemption Certificates assigned:
 - 1. **Florida Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate No. 85-8012556945C-8, effective 1/31/2019 – expiring on 1/31/2024.**
- B. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by Vendor/Contractor(s) who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for improvements of County owned real property (Chapters 192 and 212, F.S. (Current Edition) and applicable rules of the Department of Revenue).

7.18. MANUFACTURERS' NAME AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS:

Manufacturers' names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog number listed in a specification are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition. Said listing is for the purpose of item identification and to establish standards for quality, style and features. Bids on equivalent items will be considered unless items are noted as no substitutes. The Bidder may offer any brand for which they are an authorized representative which meets or exceeds the specifications for any item(s). If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the Bid Form the manufacturers' name and catalog number. Bidder shall submit with their bid: cuts, sketches, and descriptive literature and/or specifications. The Bidder should also explain in detail the reasons(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto, and must submit proof thereof. Hernando County Board of County Commissioners reserves the sole right to be the sole judge of what is equal and acceptable. Bids which do not comply with these requirements may be found non-responsive and subject to rejection. If Bidder fails to name a substitute, it will be assumed that they are bidding on and will be required to furnish goods identical to the bid standard as specified.

7.19. LITIGATION/WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL:

This agreement shall be governed by and construed according to Florida law. Venue for any dispute or formal litigation concerning this agreement shall be in the appropriate court with territorial jurisdiction over Hernando County, Florida. In the event of a dispute or litigation, each party to such dispute or

litigation shall be solely responsible for its own attorneys' fees and costs. This agreement shall not be construed for or against any party hereto regardless of which party is wholly or partly responsible for its drafting. Each party acknowledges that it is aware of, and has had the opportunity to seek advice of counsel of, its choice with respect to its rights to trial by jury; and each party, for itself and its successors, creditors, and assigns, does hereby expressly and knowingly waive and release all such rights to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by any party hereto against the other (and/or against its officers, directors, employees, agents, or subsidiary or affiliated entities) on or with regard to any matters whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this contract and/or any other claim of injury or damage.

7.20. TERMINATION:

A. Termination for Default:

1. The County may, by written notice to the Vendor/Contractor, terminate this contract for default in whole or in part (delivery orders, if applicable) if the Vendor/Contractor fails to:
 - a. Provide products or services that comply with the specifications herein or fails to meet the County's performance standards.
 - b. Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension.
 - c. Make progress so as to endanger performance of this contract.
 - d. Perform any of the other provisions of this contract.
2. Prior to termination for default, the County will provide adequate written notice to the Vendor/Contractor through the Chief Procurement Officer, Purchasing and Contracts Department, affording them the opportunity to cure the deficiencies or to submit a specific plan to resolve the deficiencies within ten (10) days (or the period specified in the notice) after receipt of the notice. Failure to adequately cure the deficiency shall result in termination action and possible debarment. Such termination may also result in suspension or debarment of the Vendor/Contractor for a period of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months depending upon the severity of the Vendor/Contractor's action that caused the default. The Vendor/Contractor and its sureties, if any, shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Vendor/Contractor's default of the contract. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the County in completing contract performance.
3. In the event of termination by the County for any cause, the Vendor/Contractor will have no claim against the County for lost profits or compensation for lost opportunities. After a receipt of a Termination Notice and except as otherwise directed by the County the Vendor/Contractor shall:
 - a. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.

- b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
 - c. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work as directed by the County.
 - d. Continue and complete all parts of that work that have not been terminated.
4. If the Vendor/Contractor's failure to perform the contract arises from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Vendor/Contractor, the contract shall not be terminated for default. Examples of such causes include (1) acts of God or the public enemy, (2) acts of a government in its sovereign capacity, (3) fires, (4) floods, (5) epidemics, (6) strikes and (7) unusually severe weather.
- B. Termination for Convenience: The County, by written notice, may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, when it is in the County's interest. If this contract is terminated, the County shall be liable only for goods or services delivered and accepted. The County Notice of Termination may provide the Vendor/Contractor ninety (90) days prior notice before it becomes effective. A termination for convenience may apply to individual delivery orders, purchase orders or to the contract in its entirety.

7.21. FISCAL NON-FUNDING

In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period, the County must notify the Vendor/Contractor of such occurrence and the contract shall terminate on the last day of current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the County.

7.22. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:

By submission of this bid, the Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:

- A. The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, collusion, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Bidder or with any competitor.
- B. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the Bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly to any other Bidder or to any competitor.

7.23. INTERIM EXTENSION OF PERFORMANCE:

If it is determined that interim performance is required to allow for the solicitation and award of a new contract, the County may unilaterally extend the contract for a maximum period of up to six (6) months. Current pricing, delivery and all other terms and conditions of the contract shall apply during this interim period.

7.24. COMPETENCY OF BIDDERS:

The County reserves the right to make such investigations as they may deem necessary to establish the competency and financial ability of any Bidder to perform the work; and if after investigation, the evidence of their competency or financial ability is not satisfactory, the County reserves the right to reject their bid.

7.25. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

The Vendor/Contractor will keep adequate records and supporting documents applicable to this contract. Said records and documentation will be retained by the Vendor/Contractor for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of final payment on this contract. The County and its authorized agents shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy records and documentation as often as the County deems necessary during the period of this contract and a period of five (5) years after completion of contract performance; such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. During the period of time defined by the preceding sentence, the County shall also have the right to obtain a copy of and otherwise inspect any audit made at the direction of the Vendor/Contractor concerning the aforesaid records and documentation. Pursuant to Section 119.0701 (Current Edition), Florida Statutes, Vendor/Contractor shall comply with the Florida Public Records laws and shall:

- A. Keep and maintain records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the public agency in order to perform the service.
- B. Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S. (Current Edition), or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirement are not disclosed except as authorized by law; and,
- D. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Vendor/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 public agency.
- E. Failure to comply with this section shall be deemed a breach of the contract and enforceable as set forth in Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes (Current Edition).

IF THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (CURRENT EDITION), TO THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 352-754-4020, PURCHASING@HERNANDOCOUNTY.US, WITH AN OFFICE LOCATED AT 15470 FLIGHT PATH DRIVE, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604.

Per Florida Statute 20.055(5) (Current Edition), it is the duty of every state officer, employee, agency, special district, board, commission, contractor, and subcontractor to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to this section.

7.26. PAYMENT:

- A. Payment for services/products received will be accomplished by submission of an invoice, in duplicate, with purchase order number referenced thereon at the completion of each specified job. Said invoice(s) shall be submitted to: Hernando County Facilities Department, 1525 E. Jefferson St. Brooksville, Florida 34601 or requesting department.
- B. Each invoice shall give a detailed breakdown of the services provided.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor may invoice the County after each work order is complete. Invoice shall reference and be based upon the quantity report received after project completion.
- D. Payment will be made in no less than forty-five (45) days, per Florida Statute 218.74 (Current Edition). Terms not within Hernando County's payment period are not acceptable and may be cause for rejection.
- E. Payment to Vendor/Contractor by Electronic Payment Solution: ACH (Direct Deposit): If the Vendor/Contractor is enrolled in the County's ACH electronic payment solution, all payments will be made using the direct deposit which may or may not include a pre-note transaction. The Vendor/Contractor's bank account information will remain confidential to the extent provided by law and necessary to make direct deposit payments. Once the County has approved payment, an electronic remittance advice will be sent to the Vendor/Contractor via e-mail.

7.27. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- A. Conflict of Interest of Officers or Employees of the Contracting Entity/Local Jurisdiction, Members of the Local Governing Body, or Other Elected Officials: No member or employee of the contracting entity/local jurisdiction or its designees or agents; no member of the governing body; and no other public official of Hernando County who exercises any function or responsibility with respect to this contract, during their tenure or for two (2) year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed. Further, the Vendor/Contractor shall cause to be incorporated in all subcontracts the language set forth in this paragraph prohibiting conflict of interest.
- B. Employee Conflict of Interest: It shall be unethical for any Hernando County employee to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement contract when the Hernando County employee knows that:

1. The Hernando County employee or any member of the Hernando County employee's immediate family has a financial interest in the procurement contract; or
 2. Any other person, business, or organization with whom the Hernando County employee or any member of the Hernando County employee's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement contract; or
 3. A Hernando County employee or any member of a Hernando County employee's immediate family who holds a financial interest in a disclosed blind trust shall not be deemed to have a conflict of interest with regard to matters pertaining to that financial interest.
- C. Former Employee Conflict of Interest: It shall be a violation for any person, business or organization contracting with the County to employ in any capacity any former County employee or member of the County employee's immediate family within two (2) years of that employee's separation from employment with the County, unless the employer or the former County employee files with the County Clerk the County's Employment Disclosure Statement. The penalty for this violation may include disqualification of the bid submission.

7.28. GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:

- A. Gratuities: It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any Hernando County employee or former Hernando County employee, or for any Hernando County employee or former Hernando County employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, or to influence the content of any specification or procurement standard, or to act in a render advisory, investigative or auditing capacity. The County in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or sub-contract, or to any solicitation or proposal, therefore.
- B. Kickbacks: It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime Vendor/Contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

7.29. E-VERIFY:

- A. Vendor/Contractor is advised that the County has entered into an agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) wherein the County will, in part, seek to promote the principles of ethical business conduct, prevent the knowing hiring of unauthorized workers through self-governance, and encourage voluntary reporting of the discovery of unauthorized

workers to ICE (the IMAGE Agreement). Accordingly, by submitting your bid, Vendor/Contractor represents and warrants that: (a) the Vendor/Contractor is in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, including, but not limited to, the laws related to the requirement of an employer to verify an employee's eligibility to work in the United States; (b) all of the Vendor/Contractor employees are legally eligible to work in the United States; and (c) the Vendor/Contractor has actively and affirmatively verified such eligibility utilizing the Federal Government's Employment Verification Eligibility Form (I-9 Form).

- B. A mere allegation of Vendor/Contractor's intent to use and/or current use of unauthorized workers may not be a basis to delay the County's award of a contract to the Vendor/Contractor unless such an allegation has been determined to be factual by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) pursuant to an investigation conducted by ICE prior to the date the contract is scheduled to be awarded by the County.
- C. Legitimate claims of the Vendor/Contractor's use of unauthorized workers must be reported to both of the following agencies:
 - 1. The County's Purchasing and Contracts Department at (352) 754-4020: and
 - 2. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE
- D. In the event it is discovered that the Vendor/Contractor's employees are not legally eligible to work in the United States, the County may, in its sole discretion, may do any or all of the following: (a) demand that the Vendor/Contractor cure this deficiency within a specified time frame; (b) immediately terminate the contract without any cost or penalty to the County; (c) debar the Vendor/Contractor from bidding on all County contracts for a period up to twenty-four (24) months; (d) take any and all legal action deemed necessary and appropriate.
- E. Vendor/Contractor is required to incorporate the following IMAGE best practices into its business and, when practicable, incorporate verification requirements into its agreements with subcontractors:
 - 1. Use the Department of Homeland Security employment eligibility verification program (E-Verify) to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires.
 - 2. Use the Social Security Number verification service and make good faith effort to correct and verify the names and Social Security Numbers of the current workforce.
 - 3. Establish a written hiring and employment eligibility verification policy.
 - 4. Establish an internal compliance and training program related to the hiring and employment verification process including, but not limited to: (a) completion of Form I-9; (b) how to detect fraudulent use of documents in the verification process; and (c) how to use E-Verify and the Social Security Number Verification Service.

5. Require the Form I-9 and E-Verify process to be conducted only by individuals who received appropriate training and include secondary review as of each employee's verification to minimize the potential for a single individual to subvert the process.
6. Arrange for annual Form I-9 audits by an external auditing firm or a trained employee not otherwise involved in the Form I-9 process.
7. Establish a procedure to report to ICE credible information of suspected criminal misconduct in the employment eligibility verification process.
8. Establish a program to assess subcontractors' compliance with employment eligibility verification requirements. Encourage Vendor/Contractors to incorporate the IMAGE best practices contained in this article and, when practicable, incorporate the verification requirements in subcontractor agreements.
9. Establish a protocol for responding to letters received from Federal and State government agencies indicating that there is a discrepancy between the agency's information and the information provided by the employer or employee; for example, "no match" letters received from the Social Security Administration.
10. Establish a tip line mechanism (inbox, e-mail, etc.) for employees to report activity relating to the employment of unauthorized workers, and a protocol for responding to employee tips.
11. Establish and maintain appropriate policies, practices, and safeguards against use of the verification process for unlawful discrimination, and to ensure that U.S. citizens and authorized workers do not face discrimination with respect to hiring, firing, recruitment or referral for a fee because of citizenship status or national origin.
12. Maintain copies of any documents accepted as proof of identify and/or employment authorization for all new hires.

7.30. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 287.135 AND 215.473 (Current Edition):

Vendor/Contractor must certify that the company is not participating in a boycott of Israel. Vendor/Contractor must also certify that Vendor/Contractor is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, and not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Subject to limited exceptions provided in State law, the County will not contract for the provision of goods or services with any scrutinized company referred to above. Vendor/Contractor must submit the certification form included as an attachment to this solicitation. Submitting a false certification shall be deemed a material breach of contract. The County shall provide notice, in writing, to the Vendor/Contractor of the County's determination concerning the false

certification. The Vendor/Contractor shall have five (5) days from receipt of notice to refute the false certification allegation. If such false certification is discovered during the active contract term, the Vendor/Contractor shall have ninety (90) days following receipt of the notice to respond in writing and demonstrate that the determination of false certification was made in error. If the Vendor/Contractor does not demonstrate that the County's determination of false certification was made in error, then the County shall have the right to terminate the contract and seek civil remedies pursuant to Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (Current Edition), as amended from time to time.

7.31. INDEMNITY AND SAFETY PROVISIONS:

- A. Indemnity: To the fullest extent permitted by Florida law, the Vendor/Contractor covenants, and agrees that it will indemnify and hold harmless the County and all of the County's officers, agents, and employees from any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge, attorney's fees and costs, or any other expense arising out of any act, action, neglect, or omission by Vendor/Contractor during the performance of the contract, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which the County or said parties may be subject, except that neither the Vendor/Contractor nor any of its subcontractors or assignees will be liable under this section for damages arising out of injury or damage to persons or property directly caused or resulting from the sole negligence of the County or any of its officers, agents, or employees.
- B. Protection of Person and Property:
 - 1. The Vendor/Contractor will take all reasonable precautions for, and will be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising, all programs relating to the safety of all persons and property affected by, or involved in, the performance of his operations under this Contract.
 - 2. The Vendor/Contractor will take all reasonable precautions to prevent damage, injury or loss to: (a) all persons who may be affected by the performance of his operations, including employees; (b) all materials and equipment; and (c) all property at or surrounding the work site. In an emergency affecting the safety of persons or property, the Vendor/Contractor will act with reasonable care and discretion to prevent any threatened damage, injury or loss.

7.32. MINIMUM WAGE RATES:

- A. The Vendor/Contractor shall be required to pay their employees no less than the Federal minimum wage rate.
- B. If the contract should be renewed, the contract shall be adjusted for benefit of the Vendor/Contractor in proportion with Federal law governing wage rates during the period of the contract for labor-related costs only.
- C. The County reserves the right to inspect the payroll records of the Vendor/Contractor, as may be deemed by the County to be necessary, to determine that the Vendor/Contractor is complying with Federal wage and hour law.

7.33. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- A. The Vendor/Contractor shall be responsible for instructing their workers in appropriate safety measures with respect to all services provided under this contract and shall not permit them to place equipment in traffic lanes or other locations in such a manner as to create a safety hazard.
- B. All equipment shall be equipped with all necessary safety equipment to satisfy all applicable Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

7.34. RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE:

At the time of submitting a bid response, the County requires that the **Bidder be properly licensed and registered to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes (F.S.)**. Bid responses that fail to provide the required forms listed in these bid documents may be rejected as non-responsive. **Bidders whose responses, past performance, or current status do not reflect the capability, integrity or reliability to fully and in good faith perform the requirements of the bid may be rejected as non-responsible.** The County reserves the sole right to determine which responses meet the requirements of this solicitation, and which Bidders are responsive and responsible. The County reserves the sole right before awarding the bid, to require a Bidder to submit such evidence of their qualifications as it may deem necessary and may consider any evidence available to it of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a Bidder to perform the work in a satisfactory manner and within the time specified. The Bidder is assumed to be familiar with all Federal, State, or local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that in any manner affect the work, and to abide thereby if awarded the bid/contract. Ignorance of legal requirements on the part of the Bidder/Vendor/Contractor will in no way relieve their responsibility.

7.35. CONE OF SILENCE

This solicitation falls under the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance 93-16 (Current Edition). After a bid is opened or a short list is established for an Invitation to Bid (ITB), Request for Qualification (RFQ), or Request for Proposal (RFP), a Vendor/Contractor or representative as defined in the Ordinance, may not seek information or clarification or in any way contact any official or employee of the County concerning this solicitation with the exception of the Hernando County Chief Procurement Officer, County Attorney, or an individual specifically designated in this document for dissemination of information. A copy of any written communication concerning this solicitation shall be filed with the Purchasing and Contracts Department and shall be made available to the public upon request. A violation of the cone of silence renders any award voidable at the sole discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer with approval from the Board of County Commissioners and may subject the potential Vendor/Contractor or representative to debarment. Nothing in the Ordinance prevents a Vendor/Contractor or representative from taking part in a public meeting concerning the solicitation.

- A. All Vendors/Contractors or representatives are hereby placed on formal notice. A lobbying cone of silence period shall commence upon issuance of the solicitation until the Board selects the successful Bidder. For procurements that do not require Board approval, the cone of silence period commences upon solicitation issuance and concludes upon contract award.

- B. Neither the members of the Board of County Commissioners nor candidates for County Commission, nor any employees from the Hernando County Government, Hernando County staff members, nor any members of the evaluation team are to be lobbied, either individually or collectively, concerning this project. Vendors/Contractors or representatives who intend to submit bids, or have submitted bids, for this project are hereby placed on formal notice that they are not to contact County personnel for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, meals, or meetings relating to the selection process outside of those specifically scheduled by the County. Any such lobbying activities may cause immediate disqualification from this project.

7.36. CLAIMS

- A. Chief Procurement Officer's Decision Required: All claims, except those waived, shall be referred to the Chief Procurement Officer for decision.
- B. Notice: Written notice stating the general nature of each claim shall be delivered by the claimant to the Chief Procurement Officer and the other party to the contract promptly but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the start of the event giving rise thereto. The responsibility to substantiate a claim shall rest with the party making the claim. Notice of the amount or extent of the claim, with supporting data, shall be delivered to the Chief Procurement Officer and the other party to the contract within sixty (60) days after the start of such event (unless the Chief Procurement Officer allows additional time for claimant to submit additional or more accurate data in support of such claim). A claim for an adjustment in contract price shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section titled "PRICE ADJUSTMENT". Each claim shall be accompanied by claimant's written statement that the adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the claimant believes it is entitled as a result of said event. The opposing party shall submit any response to the Chief Procurement Officer and the claimant within thirty (30) days after receipt of the claimant's last submittal (unless the Chief Procurement Officer allows additional time).
- C. Chief Procurement Officer's Action: Chief Procurement Officer will review each claim and, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the last submittal of the claimant or the last submittal of the opposing party, if any, take one (1) of the following actions in writing:
 - 1. Deny the claim in whole or in part,
 - 2. Approve the claim, or
 - 3. Notify the parties that the Chief Procurement Officer is unable to resolve the claim if, in the Chief Procurement Officer's sole discretion, it would be inappropriate for the Chief Procurement Officer to do so. For purposes of further resolution of the claim, such notice shall be deemed a denial.
- D. In the event that Chief Procurement Officer does not take action on a claim within said thirty (30) days, the claim shall be deemed denied.

- E. Chief Procurement Officer's written action or denial will be final and binding upon Owner and Vendor/Contractor, unless Owner or Vendor/Contractor invoke the dispute resolution procedure set forth in Section titled "DISPUTE RESOLUTION" within thirty (30) days of such action or denial.

7.37. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- A. Owner and Vendor/Contractor may mutually request mediation of any claim submitted to the Owner for a decision before such decision becomes final and binding. The mediation will be governed by the Construction Industry Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect as of the effective date of the agreement. The request for mediation shall be submitted in writing to the American Arbitration Association. Timely submission of the request shall stay the effect.
- B. Owner and Vendor/Contractor shall participate in the mediation process in good faith. The process shall be concluded within sixty (60) days of filing of the request. The date of termination of the mediation shall be determined by application of the mediation rules referenced above.
- C. If the claim is not resolved by mediation, Chief Procurement Officer's action or denial pursuant to Section titled "CLAIMS" shall become final and binding thirty (30) days after termination of the mediation unless, within that time period, Owner or Vendor/Contractor:
 - 1. Agrees with the other party to submit the claim to another dispute resolution process, or
 - 2. Gives written notice to the other party of their intent to submit the claim to a court of competent jurisdiction.

7.38. CONFLICTING TERMS WITH SCOPE OF WORK:

In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto, excluding the Scope of Work, and any amendments thereof) and any of the terms of Scope of Work, the terms of the Contract (including any and all attachments thereto, excluding Scope of Work, and any amendments thereof) shall control.

7.39. Price Lists

The price of some or all items on this bid will be based upon either a discount from or mark up to a price list(s). Bidders must submit one (1) hard copy price list and the same price list on CD, if available as a Word or Excel for Windows file, with their bid. CD's shall be formatted in Times New Roman 12 font with preset tabs only. Any subsequent revisions shall be submitted in the same format. Upon award of the bid, Vendor/Contractor shall provide two (2) copies of the approved price list(s) for distribution to County divisions. All price list revisions and any changes to discounts/markups, if permitted by the contract, shall be submitted to the County for review and approval no less than thirty (30) days prior to the requested implementation date. Changes shall become effective only upon written approval of the County.

7.40. Price Adjustment:

Written request for price adjustments may be made every twelve (12) months, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the requested effective date. Any increased price adjustment(s) must be accompanied by written justification attesting that the request is a bonafide cost increase to the Vendor/Contractor. The base period for any requested adjustment shall be the beginning of the latest period during which an adjustment may have been made. All requests for price adjustment(s) shall be supported by Consumer Price Index and/or Producer Price Index documentation supporting the requested increase. All price adjustments must be accepted by the Chief Procurement Officer and shall be accomplished by written amendment to this contract.

8. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

8.1. MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Vendor/Contractor shall procure, pay for and maintain at least the following insurance coverage and limits. Said insurance shall be evidenced by delivery to the County of a certificate(s) of insurance executed by the insurers listing coverage and limits, expiration dates and terms of policies and all endorsements whether or not required by the County, and listing all carriers issuing said policies. The insurance requirements shall remain in effect throughout the term of this Contract.

8.2. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

As required by law:

- A. State.....Statutory
- B. APPLICABLE FEDERAL.....Statutory
- C. EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.....Minimum:
 - 1. \$100,000.00 each accident
 - 2. \$100,000.00 by employee
 - 3. \$500,000.00 policy limit
- D. Exemption per Florida Statute 440: If a Vendor/Contractor has less than three (3) employees and states that they are exempt per Florida Statute 440, they must provide an exemption certificate from the State of Florida. Otherwise, they will be required to purchase Workers' Compensation Insurance and provide a copy of Workers Compensation Insurance.
<https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/Employer/Exemptions/>

8.3. GENERAL LIABILITY

Comprehensive General Liability including, but not limited to, Independent Contractor, Contractual Premises/Operations, and Personal Injury covering the liability assumed under indemnification provisions of this Contract, with limits of liability for personal injury and/or bodily injury, including death.

- A. Coverage as follows:
 - 1. EACH OCCURRENCE.....\$1,000,000.00
 - 2. GENERAL AGGREGATE\$2,000,000.00
 - 3. PERSONAL/ADVERTISING INJURY.....\$1,000,000.00
 - 4. PRODUCTS-COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE.....\$2,000,000.00 Per Project Aggregate (if applicable)

B. ALSO, include in General Liability coverage for the following areas based on limits of policy, with:

1. FIRE DAMAGE (Any one (1) fire).....\$50,000.00
2. MEDICAL EXPENSE (Any one (1) person)..... \$5,000.00

8.4. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Comprehensive automobile and truck liability covering any auto, all owned autos, scheduled autos, hired autos, and non-owned autos. Coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis. Such insurance to include coverage for loading and unloading hazards. Coverage as follows:

- A. COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (CSL)..... \$1,000,000.00 or:
1. BODILY INJURY (Per Person)..... \$1,000,000.00
 2. BODILY INJURY (Per Accident)..... \$1,000,000.00
 3. PROPERTY DAMAGE.....\$1,000,000.00

8.5. ADDITIONAL INSURED

Vendor/Contractor agrees to endorse Hernando County as an additional insured on the Comprehensive General Liability. The Additional Insured shall read "Hernando County Board of County Commissioners." Proof of Endorsement is required.

8.6. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION

By entering into this Contract, Vendor/Contractor agrees to a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy herein. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit Vendor/Contractor to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then Vendor/Contractor agrees to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy which includes a condition specifically prohibiting such an endorsement or voids coverage should Vendor/Contractor enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

8.7. SUBCONTRACTORS (If applicable)

All subcontractors hired by said Vendor/Contractor are required to provide Hernando County Board of County Commissioners a Certificate of Insurance with the same limits required by the County as required by the Contract. All subcontractors are required to name Hernando County Board of County Commissioners as additional insured and provide a Waiver of Subrogation in regards to General Liability.

8.8. RIGHT TO REVISE OR REJECT

County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to revise any insurance requirement, not limited to limits, coverages and endorsements, or to reject any insurance policies which fail to meet the criteria stated herein. Additionally, County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage due to its poor financial condition or failure to operating legally.

8.9. EACH INSURANCE POLICY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS BY ENDORSEMENT TO THE POLICY

Vendor/Contractor agrees to provide County with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing that all coverages, limits and endorsements required herein are maintained and in full force and effect, and the Certificate of Insurance shall provide a minimum thirty (30) day endeavor to notify of cancellation, when available by Vendor/Contractor's insurer. If the Vendor/Contractor receives a non-renewal or cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage required herein, or receives notice that coverage no longer complies with the insurance requirements herein, Vendor/Contractor agrees to notify the County by email within five (5) business days with a copy of the non-renewal or cancellation notice, or written specifics as to which coverage is no longer in compliance. The Certificate Holder shall read:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA
ATTN: RISK DEPARTMENT
15470 FLIGHT PATH DR
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604-6823**

- A. Companies issuing the insurance policy or policies shall have no recourse against the County for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles which all are the sole responsibility and risk of Vendor/Contractor.
- B. The term "County" or "Hernando County" shall include all authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions, divisions, departments, and offices of the County and individual members, employees and agents thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Hernando County.
- C. The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County, to any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.
- D. The Vendor/Contractor shall be required to provide a current Certificate of Insurance to the County prior to commencement of services.
- E. Bidders may, at the County's request, be required to provide proof that their firm meets the preceding insurance requirements, by submission of a Certificate of Insurance coverage(s), prior to award of the Contract.
- F. Failure of the Owner to demand such certificates or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Owner to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Vendor/Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

9.1. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

- A. Prior to furnishing the requested product(s) or service(s), it shall be the responsibility of the awarded Vendor/Contractor to obtain, at no additional cost to the County, any and all licenses and permits required to complete this contractual service. These licenses and permits shall be readily available for review by the Chief Procurement Officer or their designee.
- B. Said licenses shall be in the Bidder's name as it appears on the official Bid Form. Bidder shall supply appropriate license numbers, with expiration dates, as part of their bid. Failure to hold and provide proof of a proper active license, certification and registration may be grounds for rejection of the bid.
- C. Upon notification, Bidder shall provide copies of all applicable active and current licenses.

9.2. PERFORMANCE

- A. Timely performance is of the essence in the award of this Invitation for Bids. Performance shall be no later than twenty-four (24) hours calendar days from receipt of the purchase order. Bids which fail to meet this requirement shall be rejected.
- B. Failure of the awarded Vendor/Contractor to meet this performance requirement may result in default, immediate cancellation of the Plumbing Repairs As-Needed order or contract, and all other applicable remedies available to the County under State law.
- C. It is hereby understood and mutually agreed to by and between parties hereto that the time of performance is an essential condition of this contract.
- D. If said Vendor/Contractor shall neglect, fail or refuse to provide the services within the time herein specified, then said Vendor/Contractor does hereby agree as part of the consideration for the awarding of this contract, to pay the County the sum extended by the County to contract for like services approved by the Purchasing and Contracts Department for the period from the required scheduled commencement date until performance of services covered in the Invitation to Bid is completed.
- E. The Vendor/Contractor shall, within five (5) calendar days from the beginning of such delay, notify the Chief Procurement Officer in writing of the cause(s) of the delay.

9.3. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Should the awarded Vendor/Contractor fail to complete the required services or make delivery of the commodities or equipment within the time(s) specified in the contract, or within such additional time(s) as may be granted by the County, the County will suffer damage, the amount of which is difficult, if not impossible to ascertain. Therefore, the Vendor/Contractor shall pay to the County, as liquidated

damages, the sum of \$100.00 for each calendar day of delay that actual completion extends beyond the time limit specified until such reasonable time as may be required for final completion of the work. Such sum is mutually agreed upon as a reasonable and proper amount of damages the County will sustain per diem by failure of the Vendor/Contractor to complete the services or make delivery within the specified time. The costs for liquidated damages shall not be construed as a penalty on the Vendor/Contractor.

9.4. AS SPECIFIED:

All items delivered must meet the specifications herein. Items delivered not as specified will be returned at no expense to the County. The County may return, for full credit, any unused items received which fail to meet the County's performance standards. Replacement items meeting specifications must be submitted within a reasonable time after rejection of the non-conforming items.

9.5. CODES AND REGULATIONS:

The awarded Vendor/Contractor must strictly comply with all Federal, State, and local building and safety codes.

9.6. EQUIPMENT/SERVICE:

- A. The scope of these specifications is to insure the delivery of a complete unit ready for operation. Omission of any essential detail from these specifications does not relieve the awarded Vendor/Contractor from furnishing a complete unit.
- B. All equipment must be new, or current manufacturer in production at the time of bid opening and carry standard warranties. The awarded Vendor/Contractor must service all equipment prior to delivery.
- C. Bids will be considered only on equipment which can, on short notice, be serviced and maintained by the successful Bidder. At the time of bid opening, the Bidder must be an authorized dealer, distributor, and/or representative of the manufacturer for the brand/model being bid. For the purposes of this bid solicitation, dealer, distributor, and/or representative means a firm or person that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which materials, supplies, parts, articles, or equipment of the general character described in the specifications are bought, kept in stock, and sold commercially or to the general public in the usual course of business. The Bidder must maintain a normal supply of repair parts and be equipped with personnel and facilities to provide such service as necessary to keep the equipment in operation with a minimum of delay. Failure to meet these requirements, in the County's sole opinion, may be cause for rejection.
- D. Bidder must indicate the nearest available location for replacement parts, how long parts will be available on the market and the number of days to receive parts after receipt of order. The space for this information is included on the Bid Form.

9.7. WARRANTY

The awarded Vendor/Contractor shall fully warrant all equipment furnished hereunder against defect in materials and/or workmanship for a period of twelve (12) months from date of delivery/acceptance by Hernando County. Should any defect in materials or workmanship, except ordinary wear and tear, appear during the above stated warranty period, the awarded Vendor/Contractor shall repair or replace same at no cost to the County, immediately upon written notice from the County's authorized representative. The Vendor/Contractor shall be responsible for either repairing the equipment on site or transporting the equipment to their repair facility at no cost to the County. All warranty provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code shall additionally apply.

9.8. MANUALS

The following manuals, in the quantities indicated, shall be delivered with each piece of equipment. The cost of these manuals shall be included in the unit price.

- A. Operation Manual.....two (2) copies
- B. Parts Manual.....two (2) copies
- C. Repair Manual.....two (2) copies
- D. In addition to the above, the equipment shall be delivered with the following documents as applicable:
 - 1. Statement of Origin
 - 2. Warranty certifications
 - 3. Copy of pre-delivery service report
 - 4. DHSMV-V-40, Application for Certification of Title/Registration
 - 5. Check for Title - payable to Hernando County Tax Collector
 - 6. Temporary tag
 - 7. Sales Tax Exemption Form (if required).

9.9. DEBRIS

Awarded Vendor/Contractor shall be responsible for the prompt removal of all debris which is a result of this contractual service.

9.10. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY/SECURITY:

- A. The Vendor/Contractor shall provide barricades if necessary and take all necessary precautions to protect buildings and personnel. All work shall be completed in every respect and accomplished in a professional manner and the Vendor/Contractor shall provide for removal of all debris from County property.

- B. The Vendor/Contractor shall at all times guard against damage or loss to property of Hernando County, or of other Vendor/Contractors, and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any such loss or damage. The County may withhold payment or make such deductions as deemed necessary to insure reimbursement or replacement for loss of damage to property through negligence of the Vendor/Contractor or their agent.

9.11. PRICING

The maximum dollar limit for each delivery order issued against this term contract shall be \$200,000. All invoices are subject to County audit and review. In the event such audit or review reveals any inaccuracies in the prices charged to the County or charges which are not within the scope of this contract, the Vendor/Contractor shall reimburse the County for any overages or out-of-scope charges immediately upon request.

9.12. MARKET CONDITIONS:

The County reserves the right to purchase on the open market should lower market prices prevail, at which time the Vendor/Contractor shall have the option of meeting the lower price or relieving the County of any obligation previously understood.

9.13. CHANGES - SERVICE CONTRACTS:

- A. The County may at any time by issuance of an executed change order make changes within the general scope of the contract in any of the following areas:
 - 1. Description of services to be performed.
 - 2. Time of performance (i.e., hours of the day, days of the week, etc.).
 - 3. Place of performance of the services.
- B. If additional work or other changes are required in the areas described above, a price proposal will be required from the Vendor/Contractor. Upon negotiation of the proposal, execution and receipt of the change order, the Vendor/Contractor shall commence performance of the work as specified.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor shall not commence the performance of additional work or other changes not covered by this contract without an executed change order issued by the Purchasing and Contracts Department. If the Vendor/Contractor performs additional work beyond the specific requirements of this contract without an executed change order, it shall be at their own risk. The County assumes no responsibility for any additional costs for work not specifically authorized by an executed change order.

9.14. METHOD OF ORDERING:

The County will issue purchase orders against the contract on an as-needed-basis for the supplies or services listed on the Bid Form.

9.15. CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY/HURRICANE OR DISASTER - TERM CONTRACTS:

See Section 10.

9.16. REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT:

This is a requirements contract and the County shall order from the Vendor/Contractor all of the supplies and/or services specified in the contract's price schedule that are required to be purchased by the County, except as otherwise provided herein. If the County urgently requires delivery of goods or services before the earliest date that delivery may be required under this contract, and if the Vendor/Contractor will not accept an order providing for accelerated delivery, the County may acquire the goods or services from another source. Except as this contract may otherwise provide, if the County's requirements do not result in orders in the quantities described as "estimated" in the contract's price schedule, that fact shall not constitute the basis for an equitable adjustment.

9.17. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The award of the bid shall be based on the fixed price submitted for the items on the Bid Form attached to these bid documents. Additional items not on the current Bid Form may be added from time to time. However, the County will obtain quotes from at least three Vendor/Contractors who have already submitted bids and these items will be added to the low responsive and responsible Bidder's contract.

9.18. SITE DAMAGE:

The Vendor/Contractor shall be held responsible for damage to any site feature including, but not limited to: irrigation equipment, trees, shrubs, signs, vehicles, etc. caused by the Vendor/Contractor. It shall be the Vendor/Contractor's responsibility to clean-up and/or rectify, to the County's satisfaction, any damage to County property caused by any individual(s) connected with the Vendor/Contractor. The Vendor/Contractor shall be notified of the specific nature of the damage and cost of repair. The County shall, at its option, invoice the Bidder for payment or reduce the next regular payment to the Vendor/Contractor, for the cost of repairs, materials, and labor.

9.19. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS:

In accordance with Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Chapter 252, Part II, Florida Statutes (Current Edition), it is the Vendor/Contractor's duty to advise Hernando County if a product is a listed toxic substance and to provide a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) at the time of delivery. Vendor/Contractors must comply with this procedure along with the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (42 U.S.C. Ch 116 (Current Edition)) and the Federal Hazard Communications Standards (29CFR sec.1910.1200) all other applicable laws.

10. SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL EMERGENCY/HURRICANE DISASTER CONDITIONS

10.1. CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCY/HURRICANE OR DISASTER

It is hereby made a part of this Invitation for Bid that before, during and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, flood, or other acts of God that Hernando County shall require a "first priority" basis for goods and services. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation which threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County.

Vendor/Contractor agrees to rent/sell/lease all goods and services to the County or other governmental entities as opposed to a private citizen, on a first priority basis. The County expects to pay contractual prices for all products or services required during an emergency situation. **Vendor/Contractor shall furnish a twenty-four (24) hour phone number and email address in the event of such an emergency.**

The current Federal clauses are located below and the forms are attached to this document in "Vendor Questionnaire". In the event of an emergency/hurricane or disaster, a copy of the most current clauses and forms will be provided for review and signature.

A. **REMEDIES** *Applies to contracts more than the simplified acquisition threshold (\$250,000)*

1. Opportunity to Cure:

- a. Hernando County in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor ten (10) days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions.
- b. If Contractor fails to remedy to Hernando County's satisfaction the breach or default of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by Contractor of written notice from Hernando County setting forth the nature of said breach or default, Hernando County shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude Hernando County from also pursuing all available remedies against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.
- c. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach: In the event that Hernando County elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by Hernando County shall not limit Hernando County's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

B. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** *41 CFR Part 60-1.4(b) Federally assisted construction contracts.*

Except as otherwise provided, each administering agency shall require the inclusion of the following language as a condition of any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause:

The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at [41 CFR Chapter 60](#), which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:

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

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
3. The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
4. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's

commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

5. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
7. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
8. The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: *Provided*, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the

Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT. *This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.*

1. Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.
3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. Hernando County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed

by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.

4. **Subcontracts.** The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.

D. CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT. *Contracts of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the contractor to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).*

1. **Clean Air Act**

- a. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b. The contractor agrees to report each violation to Hernando County and understands and agrees that Hernando County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

2. **Federal Water Pollution Control Act**

- a. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- b. The contractor agrees to report each violation to Hernando County and understands and agrees that Hernando County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

E. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION. *This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.*

1. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
2. The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
3. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by (insert name of subrecipient). If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to (name of state agency serving as recipient and name of subrecipient), the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
4. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

F. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended). *This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.*

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

G. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS *This requirement applies to all FEMA grant and cooperative agreement programs.*

1. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA- designated items unless the product cannot be acquired—
 - i. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - ii. Meeting contract performance requirements; or

- iii. At a reasonable price.
- 2. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program.

H. ADDITIONAL FEMA REQUIREMENTS; *The Uniform Rules authorize FEMA to require additional provisions for non-Federal entity contracts.*

1. Changes

- a. To be eligible for FEMA assistance under the non-Federal entity's FEMA grant or cooperative agreement, the cost of the change, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. FEMA recommends, therefore, that a non-Federal entity include a changes clause in its contract that describes how, if at all, changes can be made by either party to the clause may differ depending on the nature of the contract and the end-item procured.

2. Access To Records

- a. The contractor agrees to provide Hernando County, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- b. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- c. The contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

3. DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags

- a. The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA pre- approval.

4. Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders

- a. This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the contract only. The contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

5. No Obligation By Federal Government

- a. The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.
6. **Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts**
 - a. The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.
7. **Contracting with Small and Minority Businesses, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Area Surplus Firms**
 - a. Requirement. Hernando County must take all necessary, affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor area surplus firms are used when possible. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(a). These steps are in addition to full and open competition and must include, at a minimum, the following six affirmative steps:
 - i. Solicitation Lists. Hernando County must place small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(1).
 - ii. Solicitations. Hernando County must assure that it solicits small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises whenever they are potential sources. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(2).
 - iii. Dividing Requirements. Hernando County must divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(3).
 - iv. Delivery Schedules. Hernando County must establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(4).
 - v. Obtaining Assistance. Hernando County must use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(5).
 - vi. Prime Contractor Requirements. Hernando County must require the prime contractor, if subcontracts are anticipated or let, to take the five affirmative steps described above. 2 C.F.R. § 200.321(b)(6).
8. **Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment** (AUG 2020) FAR 52.205-25

Definitions as used in this clause-

- a. Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).
- b. Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.
- c. Covered telecommunications equipment or services means—
 - i. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
 - ii. For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);
 - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or
 - iv. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
- d. Critical technology means—
 - i. Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;
 - ii. Items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, and controlled-
 - I. Pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology; or
 - II. For reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening;
 - iii. Specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities);

- iv. Nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material);
 - v. Select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, part 121 of title 9 of such Code, or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or
 - vi. Emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to section 1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817).
- e. *Interconnection arrangements* means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another's network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connection of a customer of telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.
- f. *Reasonable inquiry* means an inquiry designed to uncover any information in the entity's possession about the identity of the producer or provider of covered telecommunications equipment or services used by the entity that excludes the need to include an internal or third-party audit.
- g. *Roaming* means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.
- h. *Substantial or essential component* means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

9. Prohibition.

- a. Section 889(a)(1)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2019, from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. The Contractor is prohibited from providing to the Government any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (14.3) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#).
- b. Section 889(a)(1)(B) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232) prohibits the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from entering into a contract, or extending or renewing a contract, with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or service that uses covered

telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, unless an exception at paragraph (14.3) of this clause applies or the covered telecommunication equipment or services are covered by a waiver described in FAR [4.2104](#). This prohibition applies to the use of covered telecommunications equipment or services, regardless of whether that use is in performance of work under a federal contract.

10. **Exceptions.** This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing.

- a. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
- b. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

11. **Reporting requirement.**

- a. In the event the Contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the Contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the Contractor shall report the information in paragraph (11.b) of this clause to the Contracting Officer, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information; in the case of the Department of Defense, the Contractor shall report to the website at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>. For indefinite delivery contracts, the Contractor shall report to the Contracting Officer for the indefinite delivery contract and the Contracting Officer(s) for any affected order or, in the case of the Department of Defense, identify both the indefinite delivery contract and any affected orders in the report provided at <https://dibnet.dod.mil>.
- b. The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (11.a) of this clause.
 - i. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: the contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
 - ii. Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (11.b.i) of this clause: any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the Contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to

prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.

- c. Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c) and excluding paragraph (9.b), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

12. **Domestic Preferences for Procurements** (Effective: October 23, 2023) 2 CFR 200.322 (2 CFR 200 Appendix II) *Link to an amendment published at [88 FR 57790](#), Aug. 23, 2023.*

- a. As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the non-Federal entity should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.
- b. For purposes of this section:
 - i. “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
 - ii. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

11. SCOPE OF WORK

SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS

11.1. SCOPE OF WORK:

The Vendor/Contractor will supply all materials, labor, and equipment in order to accomplish providing plumbing repairs as-needed for the Hernando County Facilities Department and other requesting departments, as described in the specifications in Hernando County, Florida.

11.2. LOCATION OF THE WORK/DELIVERY:

The work to be performed or delivered under this contract will be performed at or delivered to various locations, in Hernando County, Florida.

11.3. GENERAL:

- A. If Hernando County awards to multiple Vendor/Contractor(s), Hernando County will assign repair projects on a rotating basis. If the Vendor/Contractor is unable to perform the service as requested, the Vendor/Contractor will notify Hernando County and Hernando County will assign the repair project to the next Vendor/Contractor on the rotation.
- B. The successful Vendor/Contractor(s) will perform all work necessary to complete each repair project as assigned. Typical work may include but is not limited to the following:
 1. Facility Plumbing Repairs
 2. Remodeling and/or Renovations of Plumbing
 3. Plumbing Replacement or New Installations
 4. Etcetera - Other Work as Assigned to Complete Each Repair Service.
- C. The successful Vendor/Contractor (s) shall provide all necessary mobilization, labor, personnel, materials, supplies, equipment, insurance, and necessary services to provide plumbing repairs as needed for Hernando County on a Rotation Basis for the lifetime of the Contract. Failure of the successful Vendor/Contractor(s) to comply with any of the minimum requirements contained in this scope of services may result in the termination of the Contract.
- D. The successful Vendor/Contractor(s) shall perform all types of plumbing services, construction, and renovations.
- E. The successful Vendor/Contractor(s) shall ensure that all aspects of their work are completed in a timely and efficient manner in accordance with all local, state or federal guidelines.

11.4. PROJECT ASSIGNMENT:

- A. If Hernando County awards to multiple Vendor/Contractor(s), Hernando County will assign repair projects on a rotating basis. If the Vendor/Contractor is unable to perform the service as

requested, the Vendor/Contractor will notify the Hernando County Project Manager and Hernando County will assign the repair project to the next Vendor/Contractor on the rotation.

- B. Emergency repairs that require project work to commence within four (4) hours will be assigned according to the rotation. If the Vendor/Contractor is unable to perform the service as requested, the Vendor/Contractor will notify the Hernando County Project Manager and Hernando County will assign the repair project to the next Vendor/Contractor on the rotation.

11.5. BACKGROUND CHECKS

- A. The successful Vendor/Contractor(s) may be required to provide background checks on employees who enter and service the following facility locations.
 - 1. Old Courthouse
 - 2. Sheriffs Administration Complex
 - 3. Hernando County Jail Facilities
 - 4. Government Center
 - 5. Emergency Operation Center
- B. At Hernando County's expense, Hernando County may perform background checks on any of the Vendor/Contractor's employees at any time when it deems necessary.

11.6. COSTS:

- A. Repair Service costs shall include all costs incurred for mobilization, profit, labor, materials, equipment rental, etc.
- B. Vendor/Contractor must log the hours worked for all trades during the project phase. Hernando County reserves the right to review the Vendor/Contractor labor hour logs at any time. Trade labor hour costs may not exceed those recorded on the Bid Form.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor(s) shall disclose any Subcontractors to be utilized for the performance of any portion of the work. Subcontractor costs (labor and materials) shall be listed by Subcontractor name and trade, invoiced material cost, with the percent of markup for Subcontractors as reflected on the Bid Form. Markups are not to exceed fifteen (15) percent of the Subcontractors invoiced amount for labor and materials. Hernando County may at its discretion require the Vendor/Contractor(s) to submit Subcontractor invoices to verify material amounts and work hours performed by the Subcontractor.
- D. Materials purchased by Vendor/Contractor shall not be marked up to exceed fifteen (15) percent of the invoices from suppliers. This percentage is reflected as a percent markup on the Bid Form. Hernando County may at its discretion require supplier invoices to verify amounts and quantities for materials supplied under the project. NOTE: Materials are defined as non-consumables and incidental and miscellaneous, examples of non-consumables are; lumber,

shingles, masonry, stucco, drywall, paints, carpet and flooring, plumbing and lighting fixtures, electrical wiring and components, HVAC piping, wiring, and components, etc.

- E. Consumable, incidental, and miscellaneous materials, are defined as; those materials that are consumed in the performance of a trade or profession or are minor in cost, examples are; cutting/saw blades, tape, brushes, rags, marking devices, screws, nuts/bolts, nails, clips, forming boards, scaffolding, etc.
- F. Rental Costs shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent markup as quoted on the Bid Form. Hernando County may at its discretion require supplier invoices to verify amounts and quantities for rented equipment.
- G. Mobilization/Profit shall be determined as a Percentage of Total Project Costs. This percentage shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent markup and is entered on the Bid Form.
- H. Change Orders by Hernando County, may be issued by Hernando County as needed at any time. Vendor/Contractor(s) will be required to submit change order price proposals within twenty-four (24) hours of request.
- I. Change Orders by Vendor/Contractor need to be presented in the same format as required for change orders by Hernando County. CHANGE ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY HERNANDO COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE IN WRITING PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY CHANGE ORDER WORK.
- J. The successful Vendor/Contractor(s) shall perform all work in a skillful and workmanlike manner. Upon Hernando County's request in writing, Hernando County may require the successful Vendor/Contractor(s) to remove any employee from a job site that Hernando County deems incompetent or careless.
- K. Hernando County may perform inspections of the work performed by the Vendor/Contractor(s). Any inspection performed by Hernando County does not relieve the Vendor/Contractor(s) from any responsibility regarding defects or other failures to meet the requirements within the Contract.
- L. Warranty: The Vendor/Contractor(s) shall provide warranty for one (1) year for all materials, parts, and workmanship under normal usage conditions. Failure to support this warranty requirement as determined by Hernando County shall result in termination of the Contract.
- M. The Vendor/Contractor(s) shall subcontract as required and comply with statutory requirements regarding payment to Subcontractors.
- N. The Vendor/Contractor(s) shall control all work. At Hernando County's discretion, Hernando County may appoint a Representative or Project Manager to serve as the primary point of contact.

- O. The Vendor/Contractor(s) will subcontract as applicable and comply with statutory requirements regarding payment to Subcontractor(s) and suppliers.
- P. If, in Hernando County's opinion, the Vendor/Contractor(s) has been found to submit excessive pricing for any element of the project assigned which cannot be justified, Hernando County may select an alternate Vendor/Contractor(s) for the work. If the Vendor/Contractor(s) has been found, in the County's opinion, to submit excessive pricing for work elements that cannot adequately be justified on a repeated basis, Hernando County reserves the right to suspend the Vendor/Contractor(s) from the rotation.
- M.

11.7. RESPONSE/RESTORATION TIME:

- A. The Vendor/Contractor agrees to acknowledge all Hernando County initiated requests for estimates or inquiries relating to projects within twenty-four (24) hours of the placement of a message on any electronic device utilized by the Contractor/Vendor (cell phone, answering machines, fax, etc.).
- B. Work is to commence no later than five (5) days after receipt of acceptance by Hernando County of Vendor/Contractor estimated project.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor agrees to acknowledge all Hernando County-initiated requests for emergency repairs within two (2) hours of the placement of a message on any electronic device utilized by the Vendor/Contractor (cell phone, answering machines, fax, etc.).
- D. Emergency Repairs shall commence within four (4) hours of notification of the emergency. Emergency Repairs shall be invoiced by Vendor/Contractor at the amounts and percentages entered on the Bid Form.
- E. At all times, Vendor/Contractor must know the status of the project on request.

12. PRICING PROPOSAL

ITB NO.23-T00453/TC. - Plumbing Repairs As-Needed

The Vendor/Contractor shall provide all labor and other resources necessary to provide the supplies, equipment and/or services in strict accordance with the specifications defined in this solicitation for the amounts specified in this Bid Form, inclusive of overhead, profit, and any other costs.

There are no guarantees that the County will utilize the per year estimates and may exceed the estimates identified.

Note: Overtime (OT) is defined as work before 7 am and after 5 pm and weekends and holidays.

HOURLY RATES BY TRADE

Line Item	Description	Estimated Yearly Hours	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total	Custom
Hourly Rate						
1	Journeyman Lead Plumber	150	Hour			
2	Journeyman Plumber	40	Hour			
3	Plumber Helper/Laborer	20	Hour			
Overtime Hourly Rate						
4	Journeyman Lead Plumber	10	Hour			
5	Journeyman Plumber	10	Hour			
6	Plumber Helper/Laborer	10	Hour			
TOTAL						

MARKUP

Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Percentage
1	Profit and Mobilization Cost as a Percent of the Projects Total Cost	Each	

Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Percentage
2	Contractor's Percent of Markup for Materials (from Contractor Price)	Each	
3	Percent Markup for Sub-Contracted Labor and Materials (Materials from Cost)	Each	
4	Percent Markup for Rental Equipment Necessary for Service Project	Each	

13. **VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

13.1. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION*

Please Provide the following Information:

1. Respondent/Vendor Contractor Name
2. Vendor/Contractor FEIN
3. Vendor/Contractor's Authorized Representative Name and Title
4. Address
5. Phone Number
6. Email Address

*Response required

13.2. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES*

Section 287.135 (Current Edition), Florida Statutes, prohibits agencies from contracting with companies for goods or services of \$1,000,000.00 or more, that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector Lists which are created pursuant to s. 215.473 F.S. (Current Edition), or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to s. 215.4725 F.S. (Current Edition), or companies that are engaged in a boycott of Israel or companies engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

As the person authorized to submit bids on behalf of respondent, I hereby certify that the company identified above in the section entitled "Respondent Vendor Name" 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, or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. I further certify that the company is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. I understand that pursuant to section 287.135 (Current Edition), Florida Statutes, the submission of a false certification may subject company to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and/or costs and does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria.

Please confirm

*Response required

13.3. [VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY*](#)

Please provide information on where you received the knowledge of the bid/request for proposals (mark all that apply):

Select all that apply

- OpenGov Procurement
- Newspaper
- Purchasing and Contract Department Advertisement Board
- Other

*Response required

13.4. [VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY \(OTHER\)](#)

If you answered "Referred" or "Other" in the Survey, please specify:

13.5. [Please confirm bid validity for 90 days *](#)

Bids will be opened immediately after this date and time and will remain binding upon the Bidder for a period of ninety (90) days thereafter.

- Please confirm

*Response required

13.6. [Equipment and Facilities list *](#)

Please provide a List of equipment and facilities available to do work.

*Response required

13.7. [Personnel List *](#)

Please provide a List of personnel, by name and title, contemplated to perform the work.

*Response required

13.8. [BID CONFIRMATION*](#)

The undersigned Bidder has carefully read the Invitation to Bid and its provisions, terms and conditions covering the equipment, materials, supplies and services as called for, and fully understands the requirements and conditions. Bidder certifies that this bid for the same goods/services (unless otherwise specifically noted) and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Bidder agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid and certifies that the person(s) signing this bid is (are) authorized to bind the Bidder. Bidder agrees that if Bidder is awarded this Invitation to Bid, Bidder will provide the materials and services as stipulated in the specifications of this Invitation to Bid. Bidder further agrees to furnish and to deliver materials and services as indicated, with all transportation charges prepaid, and for the prices quoted.

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** When submitting your bid, do not attach any forms which may contain terms and conditions that conflict with those listed in the County's bid documents. Inclusion of additional terms and conditions such as those which may be on your company's standard forms shall result in your bid

being declared non-responsive as these changes will be considered a counteroffer to the County's bid solicitation.

Please confirm

*Response required

13.9. Drug Free Workplace Certification *

I have read and attest to, in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 (current version), hereby certify that,

Publishes a written statement notifying that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace named above, and specifying actions that will be taken against violations of such prohibition.

Informs employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the firm's policy of maintaining a drug free working environment, and available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug use violations.

Gives each employee engaged in providing commodities or contractual services that are under proposal a copy of the statement specified above.

Notifies the employees that as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under proposal, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, pleas of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893, or of any controlled substance law of the State of Florida or the United States, for a violation occurring in the workplace, no later than five (5) days after such conviction, and requires employees to sign copies of such written statement to acknowledge their receipt.

Imposes a sanction on, or requires 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.

Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through the implementation of the Drug Free Workplace Program.

"As a person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that the above named business, firm or corporation complies fully with the requirements set forth herein".

Please Confirm that you have read and attest to Download Drug Free Workplace Certificate

Please confirm

*Response required

13.10. Affidavit of Non Collusion and of Non-Interest of Hernando County Employees*

Affidavit of Non Collusion and of Non-Interest of Hernando County Employees

Certification that Vendor/Contractor affirms that the bid/proposal presented to the Owner is made freely, and without any secret agreement to commit a fraudulent, deceitful, unlawful or wrongful act of collusion.

I have read and attest that I am the Vendor/Contractor in the above bid/proposal, that the only person or persons interested in said proposal are named therein; that no officer, employee or agent of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) or of any other Vendor/Contractor is interested in said bid/proposal; and that affiant makes the above bid/proposal with no past or present collusion with any other person, firm or corporation.

Please confirm that you have read and attest to Affidavit of Non Collusion and of Non-Interest of Hernando County Employees

Please confirm

*Response required

13.11. Sworn Statement

13.11.1. Sworn Statement SECTION 287.133 (3) (a)*

I have read and attest that I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(g), Florida Statutes (current version), means a violation of any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any proposal or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

I have read and attest that I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(b), Florida Statutes (current version), means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any Federal or State trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, non-jury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

I have read and attest that I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133 (1)(a), Florida Statutes (current version), means:

- A. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
- B. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one (1) person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one (1) person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding thirty-six (36) months shall be considered an affiliate.

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

I have read and attest that based on information and belief, the statement which I have confirmed below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement:

_____ [attach a copy of the final order].

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH ONE (1) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31, OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT.

- Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.
- The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one (1) or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.
- The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one (1) or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list [attach a copy of the final order].

*Response required

13.11.2. If you choose option 3, please attach a copy of the final order

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

Please attach a copy of the final order

13.12. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators

Authorized Signatures/Negotiators

*13.12.1. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators **

Please provide the information to support the statement below:

The Vendor/Contractor represents that the following persons are authorized to sign and/or negotiate contracts and related documents to which the Vendor/Contractor will be duly bound:

Name(s)

Title(s)

Phone no (s)

*Response required

*13.12.2. Type of Organization **

Select your organization's type below

Sole Proprietorship

Joint Venture

Corporation

Partnership

*Response required

*13.12.3. Company ID**

Please Provide Your:

State of Incorporation and

Federal I.D. NO.

*Response required

*13.12.4. W-9 Form **

Please attach your completed W-9 Form

*Response required

*13.12.5. ACH electronic payment **

An ACH electronic payment method is offered as an alternative to a payment by physical check.

Please check Option 1 if you accept the ACH electronic payment method.

(Recommended and Preferred)

Yes, ACH electronic payment method is acceptable.

No, ACH electronic payment method is acceptable.

*Response required

13.13. LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

If you are a local vendor, please answer the following three questions.

13.13.1. Local Vendor Affidavit - 12 Month Minimum

Vendor/Individual has been in business in Hernando County for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to date of bid or quote?

Please confirm

13.13.2. Proof of Real Property Tax

Please upload your proof of Real Property Tax

13.13.3. Copy of Florida Division of Corporations Annual Report

Please upload a copy of your Florida Division of Corporations Annual Report

*13.13.4. E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION**

Vendor/Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the following:

Vendor/Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

All persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and

All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the Contract with the department.

Please confirm

*Response required

13.14. QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

*13.14.1. REFERENCES**

Bidder must provide a minimum of **three (3)** references in format shown below. References must be individuals that can be readily contacted and have first-hand knowledge of the Bidder's performance on the specific project performed by the Bidder. Each reference project must meet the following criteria:

Project within the last three (3) years.

Similar in size, dollar value and scope as this project.

Please provide information for 3 required References:

Business/Owner Name

Reference Contact Person

Reference Address

Reference Phone No.

Reference Email Address

Project Name

Project Location

Contract Project Manager

Site Superintendent

Contract Amount

Date Project Commenced

Date of Substantial Completion

Date of Final Completion

Description of Work Performed

By submitting this information, I certify that the qualifications questionnaire information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Response required

13.14.2. EQUIPMENT LISTING *

Bidders shall indicate below a complete listing of all equipment said Bidders will use in the performance of this contract, including rolling stock, loaders, tractors, mowers, and any other specialized equipment. INDICATE WHETHER SUCH EQUIPMENT IS OWNED BY THE COMPANY. Failure to complete and return this section may render Bidder's proposal non-responsive. The County reserves the right to perform a site visit at the Vendor/Contractor's location for purpose of verification of equipment listed and visual observation of equipment condition.

Please provide a listing of the equipment and whether or not it's company-owned.

Example:

Description of Equipment -- Company Owned

2019 Ford F350 Utility Truck -- Owned by Company/Bidder

*Response required

*13.14.3. Authorized Warranties**

Provide a list of manufacturers for which your firm is authorized to perform warranty repairs.

*Response required

13.15. HERNANDO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

*13.15.1. Is any officer, partner, director, proprietor, associate or member of the business entity a former employee of Hernando County within the last two (2) years? **

Yes

No

*Response required

*13.15.2. Is any officer, partner, director, proprietor, associate or member of the business entity a relative or member of the household of a current Hernando County employee that had or will have any involvement with this procurement or contract authorization?**

Yes

No

*Response required

13.15.3. Relatives and Former Hernando County Employees - Roles and Signatures

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [HC Employment Disclosure Ce...](#)

13.15.4. Solicitation-Offer-Award

Please download the below document, complete Offer section, and upload.

- [Solicitation Offer Award.pdf](#)

13.15.5. REQUIRED FEMA FORMS

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAF...](#)

- [Suspension Debarment Certif...](#)
- [Disclosure of Lobbying Acti...](#)
- [Certification for Disclosur...](#)
- [DBE-SUB Statement Form.pdf](#)

13.15.6. Vendor/Contractor's License**

The Bidder must be registered to do business in the State of Florida. **All Bidder's and/or subcontractors performing work requiring a specialty license must be licensed in the State of Florida.** This includes Plumbing License. Provide license information (as required in Section 7.3 C) below for Bidder and all subcontractors identified herein.

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Issue Date:

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