



County of Hernando
Purchasing and Contracts
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PROPOSAL DOCUMENT REPORT

ITB No. 22-T00124/JG

Purchase of Meter Boxes as Needed

RESPONSE DEADLINE: August 31, 2022 at 3:00 pm

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Fortiline Inc. Proposal

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company:

Fortiline Inc.

Email:

jordan.mccall@fortiline.com

Contact:

Jordan McCall

Address:

7025 Northwinds Drive, NW
Concord, NC 28027

Phone:

N/A

Website:

www.fortiline.com

Submission Date:

Aug 31, 2022 10:07 AM

ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

Addendum #1

Confirmed Aug 30, 2022 12:48 PM by Jordan McCall

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION*

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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
1. Fortiline Waterworks 2. 57-0819190 3. Kris Solano - Municipal Sales Rep 4. 1031 S 86th Street Tampa, FL 33619 5. 813-465-8787 6. kris.solano@fortiline.com

2. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION REGARDING SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES*

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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.

Confirmed

3. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY*

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

OpenGov Procurement

4. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY (OTHER)

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

No response submitted

5. Please confirm bid validity for 90 days *

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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.

Confirmed

6. Please Provide 3 References

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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. These references must be for work performed within the past three (3) years.

1. Project-2020-2021/ 2022-2025 water and sewer materials Customer- Hillsborough county Location- Hillsborough county Dates of contract Jan . 2020 through current Names -Cody Park Address 601 E Kennedy Blvd Tampa 8631 Telephone numbers and email addresses of owners parkc@hillsboroughcounty.org 813-554-5012 2. Project -On going as needed pipe fittings and accessories Customer-Pasco county Location- Pasco county Dates of contract Sept. 2019-2022 Names Doug Steiger Address- 7536 state street New Port Richey Telephone numbers and email addresses of owners dsteiger@pascocountyfl.net 727-847-8194 ext 8426 3. Project- Utility stock parts & materials Customer- Citrus county Location- Citrus county Dates of contract- May 2021-2022 Names Victor Labron Address- 3600 w Sovereign Path Lacanto 34461 Telephone numbers and email addresses of owners - victor.lebron@citrusbocc.com 352-527-7623 ext 5813

7. BID CONFIRMATION*

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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.

Confirmed

8. Drug Free Workplace Certification *

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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

Confirmed

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

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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

Confirmed

10. Sworn Statement

SWORN STATEMENT SECTION 287.133 (3) (A)*

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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.

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

No response submitted

11. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES/NEGOTIATORS *

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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)

Greg Velz

VP of Strategic Sourcing

704-788-9824

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION *

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Select your organization's type below

Corporation

COMPANY ID*

Pass

Please Provide Your:

State of Incorporation and

Federal I.D. NO.

South Carolina / 57-0819190

W-9 FORM *

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Please attach your completed W-9 Form

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ACH ELECTRONIC PAYMENT *

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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.

12. LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

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

LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT - 12 MONTH MINIMUM

Pass

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

Not confirmed

PROOF OF REAL PROPERTY TAX

Please upload your proof of Real Property Tax

No response submitted

COPY OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

Pass

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

EXECUTED_-_Annual_Report.pdf

E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION*

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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.

Confirmed

13. QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCES*

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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 at Substantial Completion or completed within the last seven (7) 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

Note: Experience shall be related to successfully completed projects within the last seven (7) years (i.e. the project must have been Substantially Complete within seven (7) years of the due date of this ITB. Only projects that are complete or substantially complete as of the bid due date will be considered).

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

1.

Project-2020-2021/ 2022-2025 water and sewer materials

Customer- Hillsborough county

Location- Hillsborough county

Dates of contract Jan . 2020 through current

Names -Cody Park

Address 601 E Kennedy Blvd Tampa 8631

Telephone numbers and email addresses of owners parkc@hillsboroughcounty.org 813-554-5012

2.

Project -On going as needed pipe fittings and accessories

Customer-Pasco county

Location- Pasco county

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Dates of contract Sept. 2019-2022

Names Doug Steiger

Address- 7536 state street New Port Richey

Telephone numbers and email addresses of owners dsteiger@pascocountyfl.net 727-847-8194 ext 8426

3.

Project- Utility stock parts & materials

Customer- Citrus county

Location- Citrus county

Dates of contract- May 2021-2022

Names Victor Labron

Address- 3600 w Sovereign Path Lacanto 34461

Telephone numbers and email addresses of owners - victor.lebron@citrusbocc.com 352-527-7623 ext 5813

14. HERNANDO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

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? *

Pass

No

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?*

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No

RELATIVES AND FORMER HERNANDO COUNTY EMPLOYEES - ROLES AND SIGNATURES

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Relatives and Former Hernan...](#)

No response submitted

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE BELOW DOCUMENTS, COMPLETE, AND UPLOAD.*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [SOLICITATION-OFFER-AWARD RE...](#)

EXECUTED_-_Solicitation_Offer_Award.pdf

PRICE TABLES

METER BOX AND LID DESCRIPTIONS - ESTIMATED ANNUAL QUANTITIES

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

Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	12 Month Total	24 Month Total (12 Month Total x 2)
1	DFW37F-12-1EP-BODY Single Meter Box (5/8", 3/4", 1" meters) (Exhibit "A") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	700	EA	\$69.32	\$48,524.00	

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Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	12 Month Total	24 Month Total (12 Month Total x 2)
2	DFW39F-12EA-BODY Double Meter Box (5/8", 3/4", 1" meters) (Exhibit "B") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	1,600	EA	\$79.86	\$127,776.00	
3	DFW1730F-18-BODY Single Vault Box (1.5" & 2" meters) (Exhibit "C") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	100	EA	\$189.98	\$18,998.00	
4	DFW37C-1EP-LID HERN Single Box Lid (Exhibit "A") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	700	EA	\$41.83	\$29,281.00	
5	DFW39F-1EA-LID HERN Dual Box Lid (Exhibit "B") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	1,600	EA	\$44.11	\$70,576.00	
6	DFW1730F-1EA HERN Single Vault LID (Exhibit "C") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	100	EA	\$89.36	\$8,936.00	
TOTAL					\$304,091.00	

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.
Fortiline, Inc.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

C Corporation

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.
15850 Dallas Parkway

6 City, state, and ZIP code
Dallas, TX 75248

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
or									
Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶ *Amanda J. Malley*

Date ▶ 01/01/2022

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting*, later, for further information.

Note: If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States.

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Pub. 515, *Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities*).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items.

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 24% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the instructions for Part II for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code*, later, and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

What is FATCA Reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code*, later, and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account (other than an account maintained by a foreign financial institution (FFI)), list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9. If you are providing Form W-9 to an FFI to document a joint account, each holder of the account that is a U.S. person must provide a Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note: ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C corporation, or S corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box on line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box on line 3.

IF the entity/person on line 1 is a(n) . . .	THEN check the box for . . .
• Corporation	Corporation
• Individual • Sole proprietorship, or • Single-member limited liability company (LLC) owned by an individual and disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
• LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, • LLC that has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, or • LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner but the owner is another LLC that is not disregarded for U.S. federal tax purposes.	Limited liability company and enter the appropriate tax classification. (P= Partnership; C= C corporation; or S= S corporation)
• Partnership	Partnership
• Trust/estate	Trust/estate

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space on line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

- 1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)
- 2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities
- 3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities
- 4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities
- 5—A corporation
- 6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession
- 7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- 8—A real estate investment trust
- 9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940
- 10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)
- 11—A financial institution
- 12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian
- 13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note: You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns. If this address differs from the one the requester already has on file, write NEW at the top. If a new address is provided, there is still a chance the old address will be used until the payor changes your address in their records.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note: See *What Name and Number To Give the Requester*, later, for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.SSA.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/Businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. Go to www.irs.gov/Forms to view, download, or print Form W-7 and/or Form SS-4. Or, you can go to www.irs.gov/OrderForms to place an order and have Form W-7 and/or SS-4 mailed to you within 10 business days.

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note: Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, 4, or 5 below indicates otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code*, earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983.

You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983.

You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), ABLE accounts (under section 529A), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account) other than an account maintained by an FFI	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Two or more U.S. persons (joint account maintained by an FFI)	Each holder of the account
4. Custodial account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
5. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee)	The grantor-trustee ¹
b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The actual owner ¹
6. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
7. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor ⁴
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
8. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
9. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
10. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
11. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
12. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
13. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee

For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
14. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
15. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships*, earlier.

***Note:** The grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note: If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records From Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Pub. 5027, Identity Theft Information for Taxpayers.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a systemic problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or report them at www.ftc.gov/complaint. You can contact the FTC at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 877-IDTHEFT (877-438-4338). If you have been the victim of identity theft, see www.IdentityTheft.gov and Pub. 5027.

Visit www.irs.gov/IdentityTheft to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

2022 FOREIGN PROFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

DOCUMENT# F1000004477

Entity Name: FORTILINE, INC.

Current Principal Place of Business:

15850 DALLAS PARKWAY
DALLAS, TX 75248

Current Mailing Address:

15850 DALLAS PARKWAY
DALLAS, TX 75248 US

FEI Number: 57-0819190

Certificate of Status Desired: No

Name and Address of Current Registered Agent:

CAPITOL CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.
515 EAST PARK AVENUE
2ND FLOOR
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301 US

The above named entity submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

SIGNATURE:

Electronic Signature of Registered Agent

Date

Officer/Director Detail :

Title PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR
Name PACIFICO, ANDREW
Address 15850 DALLAS PARKWAY
City-State-Zip: DALLAS TX 75248

Title VICE PRESIDENT
Name NAGEL, MARTY
Address 7025 NORTHWINDS DR NW
City-State-Zip: CONCORD NC 28027

Title DIRECTOR, CFO, TREASURER
Name BECKEN, SHERRY
Address 15850 DALLAS PARKWAY
City-State-Zip: DALLAS TX 75248

Title VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY
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Title VICE PRESIDENT
Name HIBBS, GARY
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Title ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Name VELZ, GREG
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City-State-Zip: CONCORD NC 28027

Title VICE PRESIDENT, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY
Name GELFO, MALIA
Address 15850 DALLAS PARKWAY
City-State-Zip: DALLAS TX 75248

I hereby certify that the information indicated on this report or supplemental report is true and accurate and that my electronic signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an officer or director of the corporation or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 607, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears above, or on an attachment with all other like empowered.

SIGNATURE: AMANDA MALBURG

SECRETARY

04/27/2022

Electronic Signature of Signing Officer/Director Detail

Date

SOLICITATION - OFFER - AWARD

SOLICITATION NO.: 22-T00124/JG	SOLICITATION TITLE: PURCHASE OF METER BOXES AS NEEDED	DATE ISSUED: JULY 27, 2022	CONTRACT NO.: 22-T00124/JG
ISSUED BY: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA Steve Champion, Chairman John Allocco, Vice Chairman Beth Narverud, Second Vice Chairman Wayne Dukes Jeff Holcomb		SUBMIT BID OFFER TO: HERNANDO COUNTY PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT 15470 FLIGHT PATH DRIVE BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604 Toni Brady Chief Procurement Officer	

SOLICITATION

SEALED OFFERS FOR FURNISHING THE SERVICES, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED HEREIN WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT, VIA HERNANDO COUNTY'S EPROCUREMENT PORTAL AT: <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/hermandocounty>, **UNTIL 3:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME ON AUGUST 31, 2022.** 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 PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, 15470 FLIGHT PATH DRIVE, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604 AT **3:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 31, 2022.** PURSUANT TO FS 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.

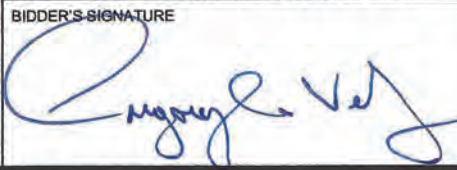
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE/SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	FOR PROVIDING DFW PLASTICS, INC. METER BOXES FOR THE HERNANDO COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT. SUBMIT PRICING ON BID FORM IN SECTION VI (SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS)	XXXX	XXXX	XXXXXXXX	\$ _____

OFFER

(TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE INCLUDED AS PARTS HEREOF)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS BID FOR THE BIDDER, AGREES THAT IF THIS OFFER IS ACCEPTED WITHIN **NINETY (90) DAYS** FROM THE BID OPENING DATE, TO FURNISH TO HERNANDO COUNTY ANY AND ALL ITEMS FOR WHICH PRICES ARE OFFERED IN THIS BID 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 THE SOLICITATION FOR BIDS.

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT: % 10 CALENDAR DAYS % 20 CALENDAR DAYS % CALENDAR DAYS

BIDDER'S INFORMATION	NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN BID OFFER:		
Company Name Fortiline, Inc. d/b/a Fortiline Waterworks		OFFER DATE	
Address 15850 Dallas Parkway Dallas, Texas 75248		8/22/2022	
City 813-465-8787		State 813-626-7773	Zip Code kris.solano@fortiline.com
Phone Number		Fax Number	Email Address

AWARD

(TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY)

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: 7/7/2022	LR NO.: 22-352	BY: <i>Victoria Anderson</i>
ACCEPTED AS TO ITEM(S) NO:	AMOUNT:	ACCOUNTING CODE:
SUBMIT INVOICES TO: HERNANDO COUNTY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT 15365 CORTEZ BOULEVARD BROOKSVILLE, FL 34613	NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD FOR THE COUNTY:	
	SIGNATURE:	AWARD DATE:

INVITATION TO BID
22-T00124/JG
PURCHASE OF METER BOXES AS NEEDED

County of Hernando
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604



RELEASE DATE: July 27, 2022

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: August 12, 2022

RESPONSE DEADLINE: August 31, 2022, 3:00 pm

RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO:

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

County of Hernando
INVITATION TO BID
Purchase of Meter Boxes as Needed

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Attachments:

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Summary

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners are soliciting Vendors/Contractors active in supplying various meter boxes (single, double and vault) for the Utilities Department.

1.2. Contact Information

Jane Gonzalez

Purchasing Agent I

15470 Flight Path Dr

Brooksville, FL 34604

Email: jlgonzalez@co.hernando.fl.us

Phone: [\(352\) 754-4020](tel:(352)754-4020)

Department:

Purchasing and Contracts

Department Head:

Toni Brady

Chief Procurement Officer

1.3. Timeline

Release Project Date	July 27, 2022
Question Submission Deadline	August 12, 2022, 5:00pm

<p>Proposal Submission Deadline</p>	<p>August 31, 2022, 3:00pm Join Zoom Meeting https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/j/94664806689?pwd=MWJjNHJSclUrYWwh1b1pRTzMvaWk5UT09 Meeting ID: 946 6480 6689 Passcode: 356998 One tap mobile +17209289299,,94664806689#,,,,*356998# US (Denver) +12133388477,,94664806689#,,,,*356998# US (Los Angeles) Dial by your location +1 720 928 9299 US (Denver) +1 213 338 8477 US (Los Angeles) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 669 219 2599 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 946 6480 6689 Passcode: 356998 Find your local number: https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/j/94664806689?pwd=MWJjNHJSclUrYWwh1b1pRTzMvaWk5UT09</p>
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2. SOLICITATION-OFFER-AWARD

ISSUED BY:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SUBMIT BID OFFER TO:

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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 OFFICE OF PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS, VIA THE COUNTY'S [eProcurement Portal](#) UNTIL 3:00 pm, LOCAL TIME ON Wednesday, August 31, 2022. 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 PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS CONFERENCE ROOM AT 3:00 pm ON Wednesday, August 31, 2022. PURSUANT TO FS 119.071 (current version) 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 HERNANDO COUNTY ANY AND ALL ITEMS FOR WHICH PRICES ARE OFFERED IN THIS BID 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 THE SOLICITATION FOR BIDS.

5. AWARD

Upon Award please SUBMIT INVOICES TO:

Hernando County Utilities Department

15365 Cortez Boulevard

Brooksville, FL 34613

6. INVITATION TO BID

6.1. ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissions of Hernando County, Florida, is accepting Bids for:

TERM CONTRACT ITB NO. SOLICITATION # 22-T00124/JG

FOR

Purchase of Meter Boxes as Needed

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting Vendors/Contractors that are active in supplying various meter boxes (single, double and vault) for the Utilities Department.

Offers for furnishing the above will be received and accepted up to 3:00 p.m. (local time), Wednesday, August 31, 2022, via Hernando County Purchasing and Contract's [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 and plans and drawings and all other pertinent information by visiting the County's eProcurement Portal. For additional project information, please visit the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners Purchasing and Contracts Department at www.hernandocounty.us, or by submitting a question via the Q&A Tab in the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

The Purchasing and Contracts 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.**

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.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

To ensure that your bid is responsive, you are urged to request clarification or guidance on any issues involving this solicitation before submission of your response. Your point-of-contact for this solicitation is Jane Gonzalez, Purchasing Agent I, Purchasing and Contracts Department, via the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

7. SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. COUNTY:** The Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, or its duly authorized representative.
- 4. 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.
- 5. OWNER:** Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (County).
- 6. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:** The Bidder awarded a contract by the County for the furnishing of goods or services.

7.2. AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

1. 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.

7.3. PREPARATION OF BID

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

1. 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.

To submit bids:

Via Hernando County’s [eProcurement Portal](#)

BID NUMBER 22-T00124/JG

2. 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.

3. 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.
4. Bids must be completed through the pricing table provided. No changes or corrections will be allowed after bid opening.
5. 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.
6. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County unless specifically stated.

7.4. [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.

7.5. [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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

7.6. 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.**

7.7. 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.

7.8. 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).

8. GENERAL CONDITIONS

8.1. CONTRACT PERIOD:

1. 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.

2. The period of the Contract shall extend for twenty-four (24) months effective from the date of Board of County Commissioner approval.

3. **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 one (1) additional twelve (12) month period 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.

4. 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.

8.2. BID PRICE/SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. 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.

2. Unless otherwise stated, the prices bid shall include all costs of packing, transporting, delivery, and services to the designated point within Hernando County.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

8.3. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS:

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 by completing the reference sheets attached in Section VII. 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.
4. **Failure to submit this information may be cause for rejection of your bid.**

8.4. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD:

1. Bid evaluation will be based on price, conformance with specifications and the Bidder's ability and resources 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. A Vendor/Contractor shall not be qualified to bid when investigation by the Chief Procurement Officer of that Vendor/Contractor is either delinquent on a previously awarded contract or in litigation with Hernando County on a previously awarded contract.

8.5. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD (continued)

2. Award shall be made on an "All-or-None Total Offer" basis to the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bidder. However, the County reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance. Failure to provide a price for all areas upon the Bid Form may deem the Bidder's response/submission as non-responsive.

8.6. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD (continued)

3. 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.
4. The County shall be the sole judge as to the relative merits of the bids received.

5. 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.

6. 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.

8.7. LOCAL PREFERENCE:

1. Purpose and Findings: These provisions apply to purchases using Formal Bids, Request for Proposals or Quotes. The County annually spends significant dollars on purchasing personal property, materials, and services, and in constructing improvements to real property or existing structures. The dollars used in making those purchases are derived, in large part, from taxes, fees and utility revenues paid by businesses located within Hernando County, and the County Commission has determined that funds generated in the community should, to the extent possible, be placed back into the local economy. Therefore, the County Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to give a preference to local businesses in making such purchases whenever the application of such a preference is reasonable in light of the dollar-value of bids and quotes received in relation to such expenditures.

2. Application:

- A. In bidding for or letting contracts for procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services, as described in the purchasing policies of the County, the Board of County Commissioners may give a preference to local businesses in making purchases or awarding contracts in an amount not to exceed:
 - 1. Five percent (5%) of the local business' total bid price if the cost differential does not exceed \$10,000.00 for procurement activities in amounts over \$35,000.00, or
 - 2. Three percent (3%) if the cost differential does not exceed \$1,000.00 for procurement activities in amounts more than \$10,000.00, but less than \$35,000.00.
- B. The total bid price shall include not only the base bid price, but also all alterations to the base bid price resulting from alternates which were both part of the bid and actually purchased or awarded by the Board of County Commissioners.
- C. In the case of requests for proposals or qualification, letters of interest, or other solicitations and competitive negotiations and selections in which objective factors are used to evaluate the responses, local businesses shall be assigned five percent (5%) of the total points of the total evaluation points.

3. Definitions:

- A. Local vendor means a person or business entity which has maintained a permanent place of business with full-time employees within Hernando County for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to the date bids or quotes were received for the purchase or contract at issue, and

which generally provides from such permanent place of business the kinds of goods or services solicited, and which at the time of the solicitation fully complies with the local vendor eligibility identified below.

- B. Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility shall accompany the quotation or bid submittal in order to be considered valid and shall include, but not be limited to, the following current information:
1. A physical business and location address.
 2. Proof of payment of real property tax due to Hernando County.
 3. A copy of the firm's most recent annual corporation report to the Florida Division of Corporations.
 4. Any additional information necessary to verify local vendor status.

4. Competitive Bids/Quotes: The County reserves the exclusive right to compare, contrast and otherwise evaluate the qualifications, character, responsibility and financial qualifications of all persons, firms, partnerships, companies, or corporations submitting formal bids or formal quotes in any procurement for goods and services when making an award in the best interests of the County.

5. Exemptions:

- A. Purchases resulting from exigent emergency conditions where any delay in completion or performance would jeopardize public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the County, or where in the judgment of the County the operational effectiveness or a significant County function would be seriously threatened if a purchase was not made expeditiously.
- B. Purchases with any sole source supplier for supplies, materials, or other equipment.
- C. Purchases made through cooperative purchasing arrangements utilized by the Purchasing and Contracts Department as identified in the Purchasing Policy.
- D. Purchases that are funded in whole or in part by assistance from any Federal, State, or local agency where the program guidelines do not permit local preference.
- E. Purchases with an estimated cost of less than \$10,000.00 or less.

6. Appeal: If an application for a "local vendor/contractor" designation is denied, the applicant may appeal such decision to the County Administrator for review and further consideration.

8.8. HOURS:

Work may be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 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.

8.9. 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.

8.10. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE:

- 1.** 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.
- 2.** 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.
- 3.** Unless otherwise specified, services shall be performed as described in these contract documents.
- 4.** 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.

8.11. 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 with a Hernando County previously awarded contract.

8.12. 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; to award by any item, group(s) of items or in the aggregate whichever is most advantageous to the County.

8.13. 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.

8.14. NON-PERFORMANCE:

1. 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.

- A. 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 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.

8.15. 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.

8.16. 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 complete and return with its bid the Sworn Statement to Public Entity Crimes Form attached in these bid documents.

8.17. 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.

8.18. 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.**

8.19. 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.

8.20. TAXES:

1. The Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, Florida, has the following Tax Exemption Certificates assigned:

Florida Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate No. 85-8012556945C-8, effective 1/31/2019 – expiring on 1/31/2024.

2. 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).

8.21. 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 and submit proof that the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. 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.

8.22. 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, without regard to 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.

8.23. TERMINATION:

1. Termination for Default:

- A. 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:
 1. Provide products or services that comply with the specifications herein or fails to meet the County's performance standards.
 2. Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension.
 3. Make progress so as to endanger performance of this contract.
 4. Perform any of the other provisions of this contract.
- B. 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 in accordance with the County's Procurement Ordinance. 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.

- C. In the event of termination by the County for any cause, the Vendor/Contractor will have, in no event, any 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:
1. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
 2. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
 3. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work as directed by the County.
 4. Continue and complete all parts of that work that have not been terminated.
- D. 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.

2. 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.

8.24. 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.

8.25. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

1. At the option of the Vendor/Contractor, the use of the contract resulting from this solicitation may be extended to other governmental agencies, including the State of Florida, its agencies, political subdivisions, counties, and cities.
2. Each governmental agency allowed by the Vendor/Contractor to use this contract shall do so independent of any other governmental entity. Each agency shall be responsible for its own purchases

and shall be liable only for goods or services ordered, received, and accepted. No agency receives any liability by virtue of this bid and subsequent contract award.

8.26. 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.

8.27. 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.

8.28. 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.

8.29. 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; provided however, such activity shall be conducted only during normal business hours. The County during the period of time defined by the preceding sentence, shall also have the right to obtain a copy of and otherwise inspect any audit made at the direction of the Vendor/Contractor as concerns 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.

8.30. PAYMENT:

1. Payment for services 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 Utilities Department 15365 Cortez Boulevard Brooksville, FL 34613

2. Each invoice shall give a detailed breakdown of the services provided.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

8.31. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

1. 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 one (1) 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.

2. Employee Conflict of Interest: It shall be unethical for any Hernando County employee to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement contract when Hernando County employee knows that:

- A. Hernando County employee or any member of Hernando County employee's immediate family has a financial interest in the procurement contract; or
- B. Any other person, business, or organization with whom Hernando County employee or any member of a Hernando County employee's immediate family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment is involved in the procurement contract; or
- C. 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.

3. Former Employee Conflict of Interest: It shall be a violation for any person, business or organization contracting with County to employ in any capacity, any former County employee or member of County employee's immediate family within one (1) year 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.

8.32. GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:

1. 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 an 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.

2. 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.

8.33. E-VERIFY:

- 1.** 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 (a) that 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) that all of the Vendor/Contractor employees are legally eligible to work in the United States, and (c) that the Vendor/Contractor has actively and affirmatively verified such eligibility utilizing the Federal Government's Employment Verification Eligibility Form (I-9 Form).
- 2.** 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.
- 3.** Legitimate claims of the Vendor/Contractor's use of unauthorized workers must be reported to both of the following agencies:
 - A. The County's Purchasing and Contracts Department at (352) 754-4020: and
 - B. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE
- 4.** 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, demand that the Vendor/Contractor cure this deficiency within a specified time frame, and/or immediately terminate the contract without any cost or penalty to the County, and/or debar the Vendor/Contractor from bidding on all County contracts for a period up to twenty-four (24) months, and/or take any and all legal action deemed necessary and appropriate.
- 5.** 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:
 - A. Use the Department of Homeland Security employment eligibility verification program (E-Verify) to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires.
 - B. 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.
 - C. Establish a written hiring and employment eligibility verification policy.
 - D. Establish an internal compliance and training program related to the hiring and employment verification process, to include, but not limited to, completion of Form I-9, how to detect fraudulent use of documents in the verification process, and how to use E-Verify and the Social Security Number Verification Service.

- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. Establish a procedure to report to ICE credible information of suspected criminal misconduct in the employment eligibility verification process.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. 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.
- K. 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.
- L. Maintain copies of any documents accepted as proof of identify and/or employment authorization for all new hires.

8.34. 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.

8.35. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. INDEMNITY, SAFETY AND INSURANCE 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.

2. MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: 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.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: As required by law:

STATE.....Statutory

APPLICABLE FEDERAL.....Statutory

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.....Minimum: \$100,000.00 each accident

\$100,000.00 by employee

\$500,000.00 policy limit

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/>

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.

COVERAGE AS FOLLOWS:

EACH OCCURRENCE.....\$1,000,000.00
GENERAL AGGREGATE\$2,000,000.00
PERSONAL/ADVERTISING INJURY.....\$1,000,000.00
PRODUCTS-COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE.....\$2,000,000.00

Per Project Aggregate (if applicable)

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

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

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.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION: Vendor/Contractor agrees by entering into this Contract 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.

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:

COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (CSL)..... \$1,000,000.00
BODILY INJURY (Per Person)..... \$1,000,000.00
BODILY INJURY (Per Accident)..... \$1,000,000.00
PROPERTY DAMAGE.....\$1,000,000.00

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY (if applicable it will be noted below separately):

BUILDERS RISK INSURANCE (if applicable it will be noted below separately):

CRIME PREVENTION – BOND (if applicable it will be noted below separately):

EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY (if applicable it will be noted below separately):

POLLUTION LIABILITY (if applicable it will be noted below separately):

SUBCONTRACTORS (if applicable): All subcontractors hired by said 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.

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 of its poor financial condition or failure to operating legally.

3. Each insurance policy shall include the following conditions by endorsement to the policy:

- A. 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, 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 noticed 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:

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners
Attention: Human Resources/Risk Department
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, Florida 34604

- B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

4. The Vendor/Contractor shall be required to provide a current Certificate of Insurance to the County prior to commencement of services.

5. 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.

6. 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.

8.36. MINIMUM WAGE RATES:

1. The Vendor/Contractor shall be required to pay their employees no less than the Federal minimum wage rate.

2. 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.

3. The County reserves the right to inspect the payroll records of the Vendor/Contractor, as may be deemed necessary, to determine that the Vendor/Contractor is complying with Federal wage and hour law.

8.37. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

1. The Vendor/Contractor shall be responsible for instructing their workmen 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.

2. 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.

8.38. 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/Contactor will in no way relieve their responsibility.

8.39. 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.

8.40. CLAIMS

1. Chief Procurement Officer's Decision Required: All claims, except those waived, shall be referred to the Chief Procurement Officer for decision.
2. 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).
3. 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:
 - A. Deny the claim in whole or in part,
 - B. Approve the claim, or
 - C. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

8.41. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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:

- A. Agrees with the other party to submit the claim to another dispute resolution process, or
- B. Gives written notice to the other party of their intent to submit the claim to a court of competent jurisdiction.

9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Special Conditions Apply if Grant Funded (FEMA or other)

9.1. F.O.B. POINT:

The free-on-board (F.O.B.) point shall be installed at the location(s) specified herein. At the sole discretion of the County, bids showing other than F.O.B. Destination will not be accepted and are subject to rejection. The Bidders bid shall include all costs of packaging, transporting, delivery and unloading (THIS INCLUDES INSIDE DELIVERY IF REQUESTED) to designated point within the County

9.2. DELIVERY

Delivery is requested within two (2) to four (4) weeks after receipt of the purchase order. The delivery date stated on the Bid Form shall be the maximum acceptable delivery date. Failure to deliver within the time stated shall be cause for cancellation of the contract with all applicable remedies available to the County under State law. Bids submitted which fail to meet this requirement shall be cause for rejection.

9.3. PERFORMANCE

1. Timely performance is of the essence in the award of this Invitation for Bids. Performance shall be no later than two (2) to four (4) weeks from receipt of the purchase order. Bids which fail to meet this requirement shall be rejected.
2. Failure of the awarded Vendor/Contractor to meet this performance requirement may result in default, immediate cancellation of the purchase order or contract, and all other applicable remedies available to the County under State law.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

9.4. 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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. PRICING

The County requires a firm fixed price for the entire contract period. Invoices will be reviewed to confirm compliance with bid pricing. Failure to hold prices firm shall be grounds for immediate termination of the contract.

9.9. 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.

9.10. 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.

9.11. 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.

9.12. 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.

9.13. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:

Hernando County reserves the right to increase or decrease estimated quantities as required. Estimated quantities are shown on the Bid Form attached to these bid documents. It is understood by all Bidder's that these are only estimated quantities and the County is not obligated to purchase any minimum or maximum amount during the life of this contract. The contract resulting from this solicitation shall be non-exclusive and the County may procure the goods or services covered by the contract from other sources at its discretion.

9.14. 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.

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

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 and forms related to an emergency/hurricane or disaster will be provided for review and signature as needed. Current versions may be viewed at www.fema.gov under Contract Provisions Templates.

10. SCOPE OF WORK

SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS

10.1. CONFLICTING TERMS WITH SECTION V:

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

10.2. SCOPE OF WORK:

The Vendor/Contractor will supply all materials, labor, and equipment in order to supply meter boxes, as described in the specifications in Hernando County, Florida.

10.3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

A. GENERAL:

1. Meter box shall be black and constructed of modified polyethylene material for maximum durability and corrosion resistance. The black material is for maximum Ultraviolet (UV) protection.
2. The black material shall be uniform throughout the meter box for maximum longevity and not have a foaming agent that creates air pockets within the plastic wall.
3. Vertical and Lateral Load Rating:
4. Compliant with American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Design Load of H-10; ASTM C 857-95, Design Load of A-8, 8,000 lbs., transferred through a 10' x 10' steel plate centered in the cover and body.
5. Compliant with AASHTO, Design Load of H-20, International Standards Organization ASTM 857-95, Design Load of A-16, 16,000 lbs., transferred through a 10' x 20' steel plate centered on the cover and body.
6. Product shall be designed to withstand H-10 and H-20 loading in non-deliberate or incidental traffic areas.

B. POLYMER LID:

1. The polymer lid shall have a molded picket hole pocket (3" x 9/16" x 1.25" deep with 3/16" 304 stainless steel (SS) rod).
2. The polymer lid shall have "Hernando County Utilities Dept" molded into the lid. Font shall be Std Fadal Computer Numerical Control (CNC) font with 0.5" characters x 0.125" deep.

3. The polymer lid shall seat securely and evenly inside the meter box and shall not overlap the top edge of the meter box.
4. The polymer lid shall seat securely and evenly inside the concrete meter box and shall not overlap the top edge of the concrete meter box of similar dimensions.
5. The polymer lid shall have three (3) pieces of ½” rebar located in the lid as illustrated in the supplied exhibits for locatability and resistance to floating.
6. The polymer lid shall have a molded tread-pattern for skid resistance – tread dimensions shall be 0.188” x 0.938” x 0.150” deep.
7. The polymer lid shall have “Water Meter” molded into the lid. Font shall be Std Fadal Computer Numerical Control (CNC) font with 1” characters x 0.150” deep.
8. The polymer lid shall retrofit existing concrete meter boxes with similar dimensions and be able to adjust in the field.
9. The polymer lid shall be black and have a molded recycled emblem with a minimum of 50% Post-Consumer Recycled and 50% Post Industrial/Pre-Consumer Recycled Content – verified with Leed Product Documentation.
10. The polymer lid shall be DFW Plastics, Inc. or equal.

C. POLYMER BODY:

1. The polymer body shall be flared and have a minimum of 3/8” wall thickness.
2. The polymer body shall have a minimum inside working room of 22-9/16” x 16-1/16”.
3. The polymer body shall have a 1-7/8” base footing (Section A-A) around the bottom opening to help prevent settling.
4. The polymer body shall have a crush resistant ribbing (10 locations of vertical ribbing) along the outside of the box.
5. The polymer body shall have a flange around the lid opening to help prevent settling and aide in the adjustment to grade.
6. The polymer body shall have one pipe slot molded on each end of the body that measures 2-¼” x 3-¼”.
7. The polymer body shall be black and have a molded recycled emblem with a minimum of 35% Post Industrial/Pre-Consumer Recycled Content – verified with Leed Product Documentation.
8. The polymer body shall be DFW Plastics, Inc or equal.

10.4. EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A – DFW Plastics, Inc. 21x14x12 Black Polymer Flared Box w/ Black Polymer Solid Lid Specifications, or Equivalent.

EXHIBIT B – DFW Plastics, Inc. 19x18x12 Black Polymer Flared Box w/ Black Polymer Solid Lid Specifications, or Equivalent.

EXHIBIT C – DFW Plastics, Inc. 17x30x18 Black Polymer Flared Box w/ Black Polymer Solid Lid Specifications, or Equivalent.

11. PRICING PROPOSAL

ITB NO.22-T00124/JG. - Purchase of Meter Boxes 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.

METER BOX AND LID DESCRIPTIONS - ESTIMATED ANNUAL QUANTITIES

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

Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	12 Month Total	24 Month Total (12 Month Total x 2)
1	DFW37F-12-1EP-BODY Single Meter Box (5/8", 3/4", 1" meters) (Exhibit "A") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	700	EA			
2	DFW39F-12EA-BODY Double Meter Box (5/8", 3/4", 1" meters) (Exhibit "B") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	1,600	EA			
3	DFW1730F-18-BODY Single Vault Box (1.5" & 2" meters) (Exhibit "C") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	100	EA			
4	DFW37C-1EP-LID HERN Single Box Lid (Exhibit "A") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	700	EA			

Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	12 Month Total	24 Month Total (12 Month Total x 2)
5	DFW39F-1EA-LID HERN Dual Box Lid (Exhibit "B") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	1,600	EA			
6	DFW1730F-1EA HERN Single Vault LID (Exhibit "C") DFW Plastics Inc. or equivalent	100	EA			
TOTAL						

12. VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE

12.1. 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

12.2. 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

12.3. 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

12.4. VENDOR/CONTRACTOR SURVEY (OTHER)

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

12.5. 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

12.6. Please Provide 3 References

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. These references must be for work performed within the past three (3) years.

12.7. 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

12.8. 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

12.9. 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

12.10.Sworn Statement

*12.10.1. 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

12.10.2. 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

12.11. Authorized Signatures/Negotiators

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*12.11.1. 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

*12.11.2. Type of Organization **

Select your organization's type below

Sole Proprietorship

Joint Venture

Corporation

Partnership

*Response required

*12.11.3. Company ID**

Please Provide Your:

State of Incorporation and

Federal I.D. NO.

*Response required

*12.11.4. W-9 Form **

Please attach your completed W-9 Form

*Response required

*12.11.5. 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

12.12. LOCAL VENDOR AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

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

12.12.1. 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

12.12.2. Proof of Real Property Tax

Please upload your proof of Real Property Tax

12.12.3. Copy of Florida Division of Corporations Annual Report

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

*12.12.4. 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

12.13. QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

*12.13.1. 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 at Substantial Completion or completed within the last seven (7) 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

Note: Experience shall be related to successfully completed projects within the last seven (7) years (i.e. the project must have been Substantially Complete within seven (7) years of the due date of this ITB. Only projects that are complete or substantially complete as of the bid due date will be considered).

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

*Response required

12.14. HERNANDO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

*12.14.1. 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

*12.14.2. 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

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

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Relatives and Former Hernan...](#)

*12.14.4. Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.**

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Solicitation-Offer-Award.pdf](#)

*Response required