

SOLICITATION - OFFER - AWARD

SOLICITATION NO: 24-TF00884/JC	SOLICITATION TITLE: Yard Waste Mulching Services	DATE ISSUED: December 4, 2024	CONTRACT NO: 24-TF00884/JC
ISSUED BY: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA Brian Hawkins, Chairman Jerry Campbell, Vice Chairman John Allocco, Second Vice Chairman Steve Champion Ryan Amsler		SUBMIT BID OFFER TO: HERNANDO COUNTY PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT 15470 FLIGHT PATH DRIVE BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604 Carla Rossiter-Smith Chief Procurement Officer	

SOLICITATION

SEALED OFFERS, FOR FURNISHING THE SERVICES, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED HEREIN WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, VIA HERNANDO COUNTY'S EPROCUREMENT PORTAL AT: <http://secure.procurenow.com/portal/hernandocounty>, ON **JANUARY 6, 2025**. NO BID OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STIPULATED DATE AND TIME. THIS IS AN ADVERTISED SOLICITATION AND THE RESPONDING BIDDERS WILL BE PUBLICLY READ IN THE PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM AT **10:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 6, 2025**. PURSUANT TO FS 119.071, 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.

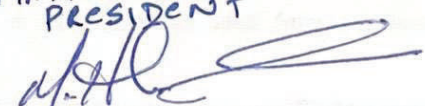
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE/SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	QTY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	The Vendor/Contractor will supply all materials, labor, and equipment in order to accomplish the YARD WASTE MULCHING SERVICES , as described in the specifications and construction plans showing the proposed improvements in Hernando County, Florida. (SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS)	x	XXXXX FEET YARDS	XXXXXXXXXX \$2.19.	\$ _____

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: <u>Consolidated Forest</u> Address: <u>13838 HAYS RD</u> <u>SPRING HILL, FL. 34610</u> City: <u>973.865.5715</u> State: <u>813.864.069</u> Zip Code: <u>813.864.069</u> Email Address: <u>Mat@americanmulch.com</u> Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____		BIDDER'S SIGNATURE: <u>MATTHEW SEMERARO</u> <u>PRESIDENT</u>  OFFER DATE: <u>1/6/25</u>	
Name, Title		Name, Title	

AWARD

(TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY)

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: October 17, 2024	LR NO.: 2024-435-1	BY: Michael Cowan
ACCEPTED AS TO ITEM(S) NO:	AMOUNT:	ACCOUNTING CODE:
SUBMIT INVOICES TO: Hernando County Solid Waste and Recycling Department 14450 Landfill Road Brooksville, FL 34614		NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD FOR THE COUNTY:
SIGNATURE:		AWARD DATE:

YARD WASTE MULCHING SERVICES

24-TF00884/JC

County of Hernando
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604



County of Hernando
Yard Waste Mulching Services

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1. SOLICITATION

ISSUED BY:

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PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

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

Carla Rossiter-Smith

Chief Procurement Officer

SEALED OFFERS, FOR FURNISHING THE SERVICES, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED HEREIN WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT, VIA THE COUNTY'S [eProcurement Portal](#) UNTIL 10:00 a.m., LOCAL TIME ON Monday, January 6, 2025. NO BID OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STIPULATED DATE AND TIME. THIS IS AN ADVERTISED SOLICITATION AND THE RESPONDING BIDDERS WILL BE PUBLICLY READ IN THE PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE ROOM AT 10:00 a.m. ON Monday, January 6, 2025. PURSUANT TO FS 119.071 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.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1. ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

INVITATION TO BID

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

TERM CONTRACT ITB NO. SOLICITATION # 24-TF00884/JC

FOR

Yard Waste Mulching Services

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting Vendors/Contractors that are active in the grinding or mulching, and processing of yard waste, land clearing debris and wood waste delivered to the Hernando County Solid Waste facilities, in Hernando County, Florida.

Offers for furnishing the above will be received and accepted up to 10:00 a.m. (local time), Monday, January 6, 2025, via Hernando County Procurement's [eProcurement Portal](#). Only electronic submittals through the eProcurement portal 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 Procurement Department at www.hernandocounty.us, or by submitting a question via the Q&A Tab in the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

Ex parte Communication: Please note that to ensure the proper and fair evaluation of a submittal, the County prohibits ex parte communication (i.e., unsolicited) initiated by the Respondent to the County official or employee evaluating or considering the submittals prior to the time a decision has been made. Communication between Respondent and the County will be initiated by the appropriate County official or employee in order to obtain information or clarification needed to develop a proper and accurate

evaluation of the submittal. Ex parte communication may be grounds for disqualifying the offending Respondent from consideration or award of the solicitation or any future solicitation.

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

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 119.071 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 method of contact for this solicitation is the Q&A Tab in the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

2.2. CONTACT INFORMATION

Julie Crull

Purchasing Agent II

15470 Flight Path Drive

Brooksville, FL 34604

Email: jcrull@co.hernando.fl.us

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

Department:

Solid Waste

Department Head:

Gordon Onderdonk

Utilities Director

3. AWARD

UPON AWARD, PLEASE SUBMIT INVOICES TO:

Hernando County

Solid Waste and Recycling Department

14450 Landfill Rd.

Brooksville, FL 34614

4. DEFINITIONS AND SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

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

- A. **BIDDER:** The dealer/manufacturer, Vendor/Contractor or business organization submitting a bid to the County in response to this solicitation. Sometimes referred to as “proposer” or “respondent”.
- B. **CHANGE ORDER:** The written order issued by the County, County Designated Representative or Engineer, to the Vendor/Contractor and 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 or an adjustment in the contract price or contract time, after the effective date of the signed contract.
- C. **CONTRACT:** The written agreement executed by the County and Vendor/Contractor for the performance of work and the other documents (including but not limited to the Solicitation-Offer-Award in its entirety, and the plans, specifications, notice to bidders, proposal, surety bonds, addenda, bid documents and other documents) whether attached thereto or not.
- D. **COUNTY:** The Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, or its duly authorized representative.
- E. **F.S.:** Florida Statutes; current version unless otherwise indicated.
- F. **PUBLIC OPENING:** The opening of the bids or proposals received in response to this solicitation, and the announcing of the bidders/proposers that submitted the bids/proposals received in response to this solicitation, in the presence of the public.
- G. **SOLICITATION:** This Invitation to Bid (“ITB”), Request for Proposals (“RFP”) or Request for Quotes (“RFQ”), whichever applies.
- H. **VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:** The bidder awarded a contract by the County for the furnishing of goods or services.

4.2. AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

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

4.3. PREPARATION OF BID

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

- A. Interested firms are required to register via the County's [eProcurement Portal](#) . Once registered, to submit a response please click on the "DRAFT RESPONSE" button and provide an answer to all of the prompts/questions. You must respond to all required questions, and, if any, acknowledge addenda so that your response will be considered complete by the County. Bidders submitting more than one (1) bid with different pricing shall cause the Bidder to be rejected. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. Those, which do not comply with these conditions, may be subject to rejection.
- B. Submit Bids via the Hernando County's [eProcurement Portal](#). 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.
1. Bids will be rejected unless submitted electronically via the County's eProcurement Portal along with all required bid line items. All bid forms enclosed are required to be completed and submitted using the instructions listed herein.
 2. The County will not honor any explanation or change in the bid documents unless a written addendum has been issued.
 3. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities related thereto.
 4. All bids must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days after the time set for opening bids. Upon award, prices quoted will be in effect for the term of the contract.
 5. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County unless specifically stated.
 6. Blank spaces in the bid must be properly filled in and the phraseology of the bid must not be changed. Additions must not be made to items mentioned therein and any unauthorized conditions, limiting any provision, attached to a bid shall render irregular and may cause its rejection.
 7. 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.

8. Communications: All technical, scope, and/or project related questions shall be submitted through the project [Q&A Tab](#) before the deadline and according to these specifications herein. Any and all other bidding communications shall only be to the County's Procurement representative using the contact information herein. Companies bidding on this project shall not communicate with any other County Staff members or they risk being disqualified.

4.4. [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 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.

4.5. [QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS OR BIDDING PROCESS](#)

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

- A. All questions relative to interpretation of the specifications or the bid process shall be addressed in writing via Hernando County's [County's eProcurement Portal Q&A Tab](#), prior to the date set for submittal and opening of the bids.
- B. Any interpretation or clarification made to prospective Bidders will be expressed in the form of an addendum which, if issued, will be posted on the County's [eProcurement Portal Q&A tab](#):. Oral answers will not be authoritative.
- C. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to visit <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/hernandocounty> to insure they are aware of all addenda issued for this solicitation.
- D. Questions will only be accepted through the period specified Monday, December 16, 2024
- E. All addenda must be acknowledged via the County's eProcurement Portal. Failure of any Bidder to acknowledge any addenda may be found non-responsive and subject to rejection.

4.6. [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 Procurement Department. Any attempt to communicate with any County Representative outside the Procurement Department will be considered a violation of the Procurement Policy and may result in the rejection of your bid.

4.7. 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.

4.8. 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 the Hernando County Procurement Manual, Section 22, which can be found at <http://www.hernandocounty.us/home/showpublisheddocument/9013>. Failure to timely file such documents will constitute a waiver of proceedings. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed by, or failure to post the bond or other security in strict accordance with, the Hernando County Procurement Manual, Section 22, shall constitute a waiver of protest proceedings.

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

5.1. CONTRACT PERIOD:

- A. The Contract resulting from this solicitation shall be a term contract for the time period specified herein. During the specified time period, the County may order services/supplies as the requirements generate and the Vendor/Contractor will deliver the services/supplies ordered. It is understood that the County is not obligated to purchase any specific amount of services/supplies under this agreement.
- B. The period of the Contract shall extend for three (3) years from contract effective date.
- C. **Renewal Option (Unilateral):** At the sole option of the County, through the Board of County Commissioners or Chief Procurement Officer or Designee, this Contract may be unilaterally renewed, for two (2) additional one (1) year periods at the same prices, terms, and conditions. The County alone will determine whether or not this renewal option will be exercised based on its convenience and its best interest. The County will notify the Vendor/Contractor, in writing, no later than thirty (30) days prior to expiration of its decision to exercise this Contract renewal option and/or options. Any request by the Vendor/Contractor for consideration of a price adjustment must be submitted in writing to the County at the time of County notice of its decision to exercise Contract renewal (this provision), and the Vendor/Contractor must provide written evidence based on increased costs to the Vendor/Contractor. Documentation of these increases must be furnished to the County upon request. Any price adjustment (increase or decrease) approved by the County shall impose upon the Vendor/Contractor the requirement to advise and extend to the County price reductions when costs similarly decrease.
- D. Either party may cancel this Contract, in whole or in part, by giving ninety (90) days prior notice in writing. However, the Vendor/Contractor shall not be authorized to exercise this cancellation option during the first one-hundred eighty (180) days of the Contract. The number of days within which, or the dates by which, the work is to be substantially completed and ready for final payment are set forth in the agreement.

5.2. BID PRICE/SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

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

5.3. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS:

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

5.4. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD:

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.

5.5. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD (continued) "All-or-None"

- A. 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.

5.6. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD (continued)

- A. 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.

- B. The County shall be the sole judge as to the relative merits of the bids received.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.

5.7. HOURS:

Work may be performed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding County holidays (See attached 2024 and 2025 Holiday Schedule). 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.

5.8. 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.

5.9. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE:

- A. The County will order services by issuance of a Hernando County numbered purchase order (PO). Each purchase order will specify the scope of work, location and date(s) for service required.
- B. Receipt of services/supplies shall not constitute acceptance. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after thorough inspection indicates that the services/supplies delivered meet bid specifications and conditions. Should the services/supplies differ in any respect from the specifications, payment will be withheld until such time as the Vendor/Contractor takes necessary corrective action. If the proposed corrective action is not acceptable to the County, final acceptance of the services may be refused, in which case the services shall remain the property of the Vendor/Contractor and the County shall not be liable for payment for any portion thereof.
- C. Unless otherwise specified, services shall be performed as described in these contract documents.

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

5.10. 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.

5.11. 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.

5.12. 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.

5.13. NON-PERFORMANCE:

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.

5.14. 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.

5.15. 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, on public entity crimes. Bidders must provide a response to the section titled VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE, Sworn Statement to Public Entity Crimes included in these bid documents.

5.16. 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.

5.17. 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.

5.18. 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 \$50,000.00 (cap) will be approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or its designee. Once the \$50,000.00 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.

5.19. TAXES:

- A. The Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, Florida, has the following Tax Exemption Certificates assigned:
 - 1. **Florida Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certificate No. 85-8012556945C-8, effective 1/31/2024 – expiring on 1/31/2029.**
- B. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property made by Vendor/Contractor(s) who use the tangible personal property in the performance of contracts for improvements of County owned real property (Chapters 192 and 212, F.S. and applicable rules of the Department of Revenue).

5.20. 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.

5.21. LITIGATION/WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL:

This agreement shall be governed by and construed according to Florida law. Venue for any dispute or formal litigation concerning this agreement shall be in the appropriate court with territorial jurisdiction over Hernando County, Florida. In the event of a dispute or litigation, each party to such dispute or litigation shall be solely responsible for its own attorneys' fees and costs. This agreement shall not be construed for or against any party hereto, regardless of which party is wholly or partly responsible for its drafting. Each party acknowledges that it is aware of and has had the opportunity to seek advice of counsel of its choice with respect to its rights to trial by jury, and each party, for itself and its successors, creditors, and assigns, does hereby expressly and knowingly waive and release all such rights to trial by

jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by any party hereto against the other (and/or against its officers, directors, employees, agents, or subsidiary or affiliated entities) on or with regard to any matters whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with this contract and/or any other claim of injury or damage.

5.22. TERMINATION:

A. Termination for Default:

1. The County may, by written notice to the Vendor/Contractor, terminate this contract for default in whole or in part (delivery orders, if applicable) if the Vendor/Contractor fails to:
 - a. Provide products or services that comply with the specifications herein or fails to meet the County's performance standards.
 - b. Deliver the supplies or to perform the services within the time specified in this contract or any extension.
 - c. Make progress so as to endanger performance of this contract.
 - d. Perform any of the other provisions of this contract.
2. Prior to termination for default, the County will provide adequate written notice to the Vendor/Contractor through the Chief Procurement Officer, Procurement 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.
3. 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:
 - a. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
 - b. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
 - c. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work as directed by the County.

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

5.23. 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.

5.24. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

5.25. 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.

5.26. 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.

5.27. 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.

5.28. 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, 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., 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.

IF THE VENDOR/CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, 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), 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.

5.29. PAYMENT:

- A. 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 Solid Waste Department, 14450 Landfill Rd., Brooksville, FL 34614
- B. Each invoice shall give a detailed breakdown of the services provided.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor may invoice the County after each work order is complete. Invoice shall reference and be based upon the quantity report received after project completion.
- D. Payment will be made in no less than forty-five (45) days, per Florida Statute 218.74. Terms not within Hernando County's payment period are not acceptable and may be cause for rejection.
- E. Payment to Vendor/Contractor by Electronic Payment Solution: ACH (Direct Deposit): If the Vendor/Contractor is enrolled in the County's ACH electronic payment solution, all payments will be made using the direct deposit which may or may not include a pre-note transaction. The Vendor/Contractor's bank account information will remain confidential to the extent provided by law and necessary to make direct deposit payments. Once the County has approved payment, an electronic remittance advice will be sent to the Vendor/Contractor via e-mail.

5.30. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- A. Conflict of Interest of Officers or Employees of the Contracting Entity/Local Jurisdiction, Members of the Local Governing Body, or Other Elected Officials: No member or employee of the contracting entity/local jurisdiction or its designees or agents; no member of the governing body; and no other public official of Hernando County who exercises any function or responsibility with respect to this Contract, during his/her 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 Sub-contracts, the language set forth in this paragraph prohibiting conflict of interest.

- B. Employee Conflict of Interest: It shall be unethical for any Hernando County employee to participate directly or indirectly in a procurement contract when Hernando County employee knows that:
1. Hernando County employee or any member of Hernando County employee's immediate family has a financial interest in the procurement contract; or
 2. 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
 3. A Hernando County employee or any member of a Hernando County employee's immediate family who holds a financial interest in a disclosed blind trust shall not be deemed to have a conflict of interest with regard to matters pertaining to that financial interest.
- C. Former Employee Conflict of Interest: It shall be a violation for any person, business or organization contracting with 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 this solicitation, the County's Employment Disclosure Statement. The penalty for this violation may include disqualification of the bid submission.

5.31. GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:

- A. Gratuities: It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any Hernando County employee or former Hernando County employee, or for any Hernando County employee or former Hernando County employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, or preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, or to influence the content of any specification or procurement standard, or to act in 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.
- B. Kickbacks: It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime Vendor/Contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

5.32. E-VERIFY:

- A. Vendor/Contractor is advised that the County has entered into an agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) wherein the County will, in part, seek to promote

the principles of ethical business conduct, prevent the knowing hiring of unauthorized workers through self-governance, and encourage voluntary reporting of the discovery of unauthorized workers to ICE (the IMAGE Agreement). Accordingly, by submitting your bid, Vendor/Contractor represents and warrants (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).

- B. A mere allegation of Vendor/Contractor's intent to use and/or current use of unauthorized workers may not be a basis to delay the County's award of a contract to the Vendor/Contractor unless such an allegation has been determined to be factual by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) pursuant to an investigation conducted by ICE prior to the date the contract is scheduled to be awarded by the County.
- C. Legitimate claims of the Vendor/Contractor's use of unauthorized workers must be reported to both of the following agencies:
 - 1. The County's Procurement Department at (352) 754-4020: and
 - 2. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE
- D. In the event it is discovered that the Vendor/Contractor's employees are not legally eligible to work in the United States, the County may, in its sole discretion, 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.
- E. Vendor/Contractor is required to incorporate the following IMAGE best practices into its business and, when practicable, incorporate verification requirements into its agreements with subcontractors:
 - 1. Use the Department of Homeland Security employment eligibility verification program (E-Verify) to verify the employment eligibility of all new hires.
 - 2. Use the Social Security Number verification service and make good faith effort to correct and verify the names and Social Security Numbers of the current workforce.
 - 3. Establish a written hiring and employment eligibility verification policy.
 - 4. Establish an internal compliance and training program related to the hiring and employment verification process, 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.
5. Require the Form I-9 and E-Verify process to be conducted only by individuals who received appropriate training and include secondary review as of each employee's verification to minimize the potential for a single individual to subvert the process.
 6. Arrange for annual Form I-9 audits by an external auditing firm or a trained employee not otherwise involved in the Form I-9 process.
 7. Establish a procedure to report to ICE credible information of suspected criminal misconduct in the employment eligibility verification process.
 8. Establish a program to assess subcontractors' compliance with employment eligibility verification requirements. Encourage Vendor/Contractors to incorporate the IMAGE best practices contained in this article and, when practicable, incorporate the verification requirements in subcontractor agreements.
 9. Establish a protocol for responding to letters received from Federal and State government agencies indicating that there is a discrepancy between the agency's information and the information provided by the employer or employee; for example, "no match" letters received from the Social Security Administration.
 10. Establish a tip line mechanism (inbox, e-mail, etc.) for employees to report activity relating to the employment of unauthorized workers, and a protocol for responding to employee tips.
 11. Establish and maintain appropriate policies, practices, and safeguards against use of the verification process for unlawful discrimination, and to ensure that U.S. citizens and authorized workers do not face discrimination with respect to hiring, firing, recruitment or referral for a fee because of citizenship status or national origin.
 12. Maintain copies of any documents accepted as proof of identify and/or employment authorization for all new hires.

5.33. [SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 287.135 AND 215.473:](#)

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, as amended from time to time.

5.34. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

A. INDEMNITY, SAFETY AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS:

1. 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.
2. Protection of Person and Property:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.

- #### B. 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.

1. Workers' Compensation: As required by law:
 - a. State.....Statutory
 - b. APPLICABLE FEDERAL.....Statutory
 - c. EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.....Minimum:
 - i. \$1,000,000.00 each accident
 - ii. \$1,000,000.00 by employee
 - iii. \$1,000,000.00 policy limit
 - d. Exemption per Florida Statute 440: If a Vendor/Contractor has less than three (3) employees and states that they are exempt per Florida Statute 440, they must provide an exemption certificate from the State of Florida. Otherwise, they will be required to purchase Workers' Compensation Insurance and provide a copy of Workers Compensation Insurance.
<https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/WC/Employer/Exemptions/>
2. General Liability: Comprehensive General Liability including, but not limited to, Independent Contractor, Contractual Premises/Operations, and Personal Injury covering the liability assumed under indemnification provisions of this Contract, with limits of liability for personal injury and/or bodily injury, including death.
 - a. Coverage as follows:
 - i. EACH OCCURRENCE.....\$1,000,000.00
 - ii. GENERAL AGGREGATE\$2,000,000.00
 - iii. PERSONAL/ADVERTISING INJURY.....\$1,000,000.00
 - iv. PRODUCTS-COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE.....\$2,000,000.00 Per Project Aggregate (if applicable)
 - b. ALSO, include in General Liability coverage for the following areas based on limits of policy, with:
 - i. FIRE DAMAGE (Any one (1) fire.....\$50,000.00
 - ii. MEDICAL EXPENSE (Any one (1) person)..... \$5,000.00
3. 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.
4. 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.

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

- a. COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (CSL)..... \$1,000,000.00 or:
 - i. BODILY INJURY (Per Person)..... \$1,000,000.00
 - ii. BODILY INJURY (Per Accident)..... \$1,000,000.00
 - iii. PROPERTY DAMAGE.....\$1,000,000.00

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

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

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

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

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

1. 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 notice that coverage no longer complies with the insurance requirements herein, Vendor/Contractor agrees to notify the County by email within five (5) business days with a copy of the non-renewal or cancellation notice, or written specifics as to which coverage is no longer in compliance. The Certificate Holder shall read: **Hernando County Board of County Commissioners Attention: Human Resources/Risk Department 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604**

2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by County, to any such future coverage, or to County's Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.
- D. The Vendor/Contractor shall be required to provide a current Certificate of Insurance to the County prior to commencement of services.
- E. Bidders may, at the County's request, be required to provide proof that their firm meets the preceding insurance requirements, by submission of a Certificate Of Insurance coverage(s), prior to award of the Contract.
- F. Failure of the Owner to demand such certificates or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Owner to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Vendor/Contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

5.35. MINIMUM WAGE RATES:

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

5.36. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- A. 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.
- B. All equipment shall be equipped with all necessary safety equipment to satisfy all applicable Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

5.37. RESPONSIVE/RESPONSIBLE:

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

5.38. CONE OF SILENCE

- A. This Solicitation falls under the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance 93-16. All Vendors and Bidders, and representatives of same, are hereby placed on formal notice that a lobbying cone of silence period shall commence upon issuance of this Solicitation until the Board selects the successful Bidder. If Board is not involved in selecting the successful Bidder, the cone of silence period commences upon issuance of Solicitation and concludes upon award of Contract. During the cone of silence period, no Vendor/Bidder, or representative of the Vendor/Bidder, to this Solicitation may seek information or clarification or in any way contact any official or employee of the County concerning this Solicitation with the exception of the 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 Procurement Department and shall be made available to the public upon request. A violation of the cone of silence renders any award voidable at the discretion of the Chief Procurement Officer with approval from the Board and may subject the Vendor/Bidder who violated it to debarment. Nothing in the Ordinance prevents a Vendor/Bidder or representative from taking part in a public meeting concerning the Solicitation. B. Neither the members of the Board 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, before or during the cone of silence concerning this project. Vendors/Bidders, or representatives of same, 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 of this project.

5.39. CLAIMS

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

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

5.40. DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

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

6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

6.1. INSPECTION OF FACILITIES/AREAS:

It is the Bidder's responsibility to become fully informed as to the nature and extent of the work required, local site conditions, and any other factors that may impact performance of the contract. The responsibility to inspect the worksite is the sole responsibility of the Bidder. Arrangement for Bidder's inspection of facilities and/or activity schedule may be secured by calling 352-754-4020. Failure to visually inspect the facilities may be cause for disqualification of your bid. After contract award, no additional compensation will be made as a result of the differences between actual labor and materials required to complete the project and the contract amount.

6.2. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

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

6.3. PRE-WORK MEETING

Within fourteen (14) days after the effective date of the contract, Vendor/Contractor shall meet with the County's representative(s) to discuss job procedures and scheduling.

6.4. PERFORMANCE

- A. Timely performance is of the essence in the award of this Invitation for Bids. Performance shall be no later than ninety (90) calendar days from receipt of the purchase order. Bids which fail to meet this requirement shall be rejected.
- B. Failure of the awarded Vendor/Contractor to meet this performance requirement may result in default, immediate cancellation of the order or contract, and all other applicable remedies available to the County under State law.
- C. It is hereby understood and mutually agreed to by and between parties hereto that the time of performance is an essential condition of this contract.
- D. If said Vendor/Contractor shall neglect, fail or refuse to provide the services within the time herein specified, then said Vendor/Contractor does hereby agree as part of the consideration for the awarding of this contract, to pay the County the sum extended by the County to contract

for like services approved by the Procurement Department for the period from the required scheduled commencement date until performance of services covered in the Invitation to Bid is completed.

- E. The Vendor/Contractor shall, within five (5) calendar days from the beginning of such delay, notify the Chief Procurement Officer in writing of the cause(s) of the delay.

6.5. 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.

6.6. CODES AND REGULATIONS:

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

6.7. DEBRIS

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

6.8. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY/SECURITY:

- A. The Vendor/Contractor shall provide barricades if necessary and take all necessary precautions to protect buildings and personnel. All work shall be completed in every respect and accomplished in a professional manner and the Vendor/Contractor shall provide for removal of all debris from County property.
- B. The Vendor/Contractor shall at all times, guard against damage or loss to property of Hernando County, or of other Vendor/Contractors, and shall be held responsible for replacing or repairing any such loss or damage. The County may withhold payment or make such deductions as deemed necessary to insure reimbursement or replacement for loss of damage to property through negligence of the Vendor/Contractor or their agent.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor will not hold Hernando County responsible and releases Hernando County from any liability costs and expenses in connection with, resulting from or arising out of damage, loss, or theft of any machinery, equipment, tools, supplies and/or materials owned by the Vendor/Contractor and stored on County property.

6.9. PRICING-FFP

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.

6.10. PRICE ADJUSTMENT:

Written request for price adjustments may be made every twelve (12) months at time of renewal and 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.

6.11. 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.

6.12. CHANGES - SERVICE CONTRACTS:

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

6.13. 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.

6.14. 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.

6.15. 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.

6.16. 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.

6.17. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

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

6.18. SITE DAMAGE:

The Vendor/Contractor shall be held responsible for damage to any site feature including, but not limited to: irrigation equipment, trees, shrubs, signs, vehicles, etc. caused by the Vendor/Contractor. It shall be the Vendor/Contractor’s responsibility to clean-up and/or rectify, to the County’s satisfaction,

any damage to County property caused by any individual(s) connected with the Vendor/Contractor. The Vendor/Contractor shall be notified of the specific nature of the damage and cost of repair. The County shall, at its option, invoice the Bidder for payment or reduce the next regular payment to the Vendor/Contractor, for the cost of repairs, materials, and labor.

6.19. EQUIPMENT LIST:

Bidders shall submit with the bid a listing of all equipment which Bidders will use in the performance of this contract, including (as applicable) rolling stock, loaders, tractors, mowers, and any other specified equipment. The Vendor/Contractor is also required to indicate which equipment is company-owned. Failure to submit said equipment list may render Bidder's response non-responsive.

6.20. FINAL SITE INSPECTON:

Final inspection of each site by County staff will be performed within ten (10) days after receipt of notification from the Vendor/Contractor that services at such site are complete. The site must meet all requirements as stated in the scope of work issued prior to payment processing.

6.21. MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS:

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

7. SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS

7.1. Project Background Information

Hernando County accumulates yard trash, land clearing debris and clean wood waste at the Hernando County Northwest Solid Waste Facility (Main Landfill), and possibly the East and West Convenience Centers, that needs to be processed into mulch.

The work will be performed at the Hernando County Northwest Solid Waste Facility (Main Landfill), 14450 Landfill Rd., Brooksville, FL 34614.

7.2. Performance Requirements

- A. The Vendor/Contractor shall have a minimum of three (3) years experience with comparable quantities of grinding 70,000 cubic yards of material annually.
- B. The Vendor/Contractor shall respond within thirty (30) days of Hernando County Solid Waste Manager or designee's request to process any available yard trash, land clearing debris and clean wood waste accumulated at the Hernando Processing site and possibly the two convenience centers.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor shall complete the grinding in the most expeditious and efficient manner, typically within six (6) to eight (8) weeks from issuance of purchase order.
- D. The Vendor/Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, material, transportation, and supervision necessary to process all available yard trash from the Hernando County processing site(s).
- E. The anticipated frequency of grinding at the Northwest Solid Waste Facility (Main Landfill) is two (2) grinds per year. The rainy season does offer challenges to the conditions at the landfill, but the County does not feel that grinding cannot be accomplished due to rain.
- F. There is no separate entrance for the Vendor/Contractor, and they may enter the facility upon arrival without having to wait in the public line at the Mail Landfill.

7.3. Technical Requirements

- A. The Vendor/Contractor will operate in such a manner as to not interfere with Hernando County's daily operation of receiving and managing incoming yard trash.
- B. The Vendor/Contractor's process shall produce a product wherein ninety-five percent (95%) of the product is no more than six (6) inches in length and one (1) inch in diameter.
- C. The Vendor/Contractor will need to stockpile the materials as they grind. Pile size is what the loader operator can manage in consistent piles or rows.
- D. The Vendor/Contractor will invoice for cubic yards of material processed. Piles or rows of processed material will be measured by the Vendor/Contractor and the County, and an

agreement as to the processed material amount will be the amount invoiced by the Vendor/Contractor. If the piles or rows cannot be measured, then the Vendor/Contractor will need to make consistent, uniform piles or rows that can be measured. Hauling materials across the scales is not efficient, nor cost effective.

- E. If there are materials that are deemed non-grindable, the County will dispose of these materials. Even large stumps are ground, so there is very little non-grindable material.
- F. The County does not provide any equipment for this service and does not dictate required equipment.
- G. The Vendor/Contractor can store fuel pods at the site during the grinding process.
- H. The Vendor/Contractor is to notify Hernando County of all hazardous materials that will be used on the work site, along with providing Safety Data Sheets (SDS). A site safety and operational plan should be submitted with bid response.
- I. The Vendor/Contractor shall maintain operation procedures to control odor, dust, litter, fire, spills and site appearance.
- J. During operational hours the Vendor/Contractor shall be required to be available by cell telephone to ensure that messages and/or contact is maintained between Hernando County and the Vendor/Contractor. It will be the Vendor/Contractor's responsibility to provide their own cell telephone, to supply the applicable phone numbers to Hernando County and then promptly notify same of any changes. Emergency contact phone numbers must be provided.
- K. The Vendor/Contractor shall furnish Hernando County with a list of all subcontractors performing work on this project.

8. FEDERAL - Federal Emergency Management Agency Required Terms

The below Affirmations will need to be completed by awardee if a Task Order/Contract is funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

8.1. DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags

The County must obtain written permission from DHS prior to using the DHS seals, logos, crests, or reproductions of flags, or likenesses of DHS agency officials. This includes use of DHS component (e.g., FEMA, CISA, etc.) seals, logos, crests, or reproductions of flags, or likenesses of component officials.

8.2. Compliance with Federal Law Regulations and Executive Orders

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

8.3. No Obligation by Federal Government

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the recipient or subrecipient, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

8.4. Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

8.5. Access to Records

The following access to records requirements shall apply to this transaction:

- A. The Contractor agrees to provide Hernando County, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- B. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- C. The Contractor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his/her authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.
- D. In compliance with section 1225 the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018, Hernando County and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this document is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

8.6. Safeguarding Of Sensitive Information (Mar 2015)

This clause applies to the Contractor, its subcontractors, and Contractor employees (hereafter referred to collectively as “Contractor”). The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause in all subcontracts.

A. Definitions. As used in this clause:

1. Personally Identifiable Information (PII)” means information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as name, social security number, or biometric records, either alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, or mother’s maiden name. The definition of PII is not anchored to any single category of information or technology. Rather, it requires a case-by-case assessment of the specific risk that an individual can be identified. In performing this assessment, it is important for an agency to recognize that non-personally identifiable information can become personally identifiable information whenever additional information is made publicly available—in any medium and from any source—that, combined with other available information, could be used to identify an individual. PII is a subset of sensitive information. Examples of PII include, but are not limited to: name, date of birth, mailing address, telephone number, Social Security number (SSN), email address, zip code, account numbers, certificate/license numbers, vehicle identifiers including license plates, uniform resource locators (URLs), static Internet protocol addresses, biometric identifiers such as fingerprint, voiceprint, iris scan, photographic facial images, or any other unique identifying number or characteristic, and any information where it is reasonably foreseeable that the information will be linked with other information to identify the individual.
2. Sensitive Information” is defined in HSAR clause 3052.204-71, Contractor Employee Access, as any information, which if lost, misused, disclosed, or, without authorization is accessed, or modified, could adversely affect the national or homeland security interest, the conduct of Federal programs, or the privacy to which individuals are entitled under section 552a of Title 5, United States Code (the Privacy Act), but which has not been specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive Order or an Act of Congress to be kept secret in the interest of national defense, homeland security or foreign policy. This definition includes the following categories of information:
 - a. Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) as set out in the Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002 (Title II, Subtitle B, of the Homeland Security Act, Public Law 107- 296, 196 Stat. 2135), as amended, the implementing regulations thereto (Title 6, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29) as amended, the applicable PCII Procedures Manual, as amended, and any supplementary guidance officially communicated by an authorized official of the Department of Homeland Security (including the PCII Program Manager or his/her designee);

context, such as a list of employees and their performance ratings or an unlisted home address or phone number. In contrast, a business card or public telephone directory of agency employees contains PII but is not sensitive. (c) Authorities. The Contractor shall follow all current versions of Government policies and guidance accessible at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-security-and-training-requirements-contractors>, or available upon request from the Contracting Officer, including but not limited to:

- i. DHS Management Directive 11042.1 Safeguarding Sensitive But Unclassified (for Official Use Only) Information
- ii. DHS Sensitive Systems Policy Directive 4300A
- iii. DHS 4300A Sensitive Systems Handbook and Attachments
- iv. DHS Security Authorization Process Guide
- v. DHS Handbook for Safeguarding Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information
- vi. DHS Instruction Handbook 121-01-007 Department of Homeland Security Personnel Suitability and Security Program
- vii. DHS Information Security Performance Plan (current fiscal year)
- viii. DHS Privacy Incident Handling Guidance
- ix. Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules accessible at <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/standards.html>
- x. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53 Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations accessible at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsSPs.html>
- xi. NIST Special Publication 800-88 Guidelines for Media Sanitization accessible at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsSPs.html>

D. Handling of Sensitive Information. Contractor compliance with this clause, as well as the policies and procedures described below, is required.

1. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policies and procedures on Contractor personnel security requirements are set forth in various Management Directives (MDs), Directives, and Instructions. MD 11042.1, Safeguarding Sensitive But Unclassified (For Official Use Only) Information describes how Contractors must handle sensitive but unclassified information. DHS uses the term "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" to identify sensitive but unclassified information that is not otherwise categorized by statute or regulation. Examples of sensitive information that are categorized by statute or regulation are PCII, SSI, etc. The DHS Sensitive Systems Policy Directive 4300A and the DHS 4300A Sensitive Systems Handbook provide the

- policies and procedures on security for Information Technology (IT) resources. The DHS Handbook for Safeguarding Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information provides guidelines to help safeguard SPII in both paper and electronic form. DHS Instruction Handbook 121-01-007 Department of Homeland Security Personnel Suitability and Security Program establishes procedures, program responsibilities, minimum standards, and reporting protocols for the DHS Personnel Suitability and Security Program.
2. The Contractor shall not use or redistribute any sensitive information processed, stored, and/or transmitted by the Contractor except as specified in the contract.
 3. All Contractor employees with access to sensitive information shall execute DHS Form 11000-6, Department of Homeland Security Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), as a condition of access to such information. The Contractor shall maintain signed copies of the NDA for all employees as a record of compliance. The Contractor shall provide copies of the signed NDA to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) no later than two (2) days after execution of the form.
 4. The Contractor's invoicing, billing, and other recordkeeping systems maintained to support financial or other administrative functions shall not maintain SPII. It is acceptable to maintain in these systems the names, titles and contact information for the COR or other Government personnel associated with the administration of the contract, as needed.
- E. Authority to Operate. The Contractor shall not input, store, process, output, and/or transmit sensitive information within a Contractor IT system without an Authority to Operate (ATO) signed by the Headquarters or Component CIO, or designee, in consultation with the Headquarters or Component Privacy Officer. Unless otherwise specified in the ATO letter, the ATO is valid for three (3) years. The Contractor shall adhere to current Government policies, procedures, and guidance for the Security Authorization (SA) process as defined below.
1. Complete the Security Authorization process. The SA process shall proceed according to the DHS Sensitive Systems Policy Directive 4300A (Version 11.0, April 30, 2014), or any successor publication, DHS 4300A Sensitive Systems Handbook (Version 9.1, July 24, 2012), or any successor publication, and the Security Authorization Process Guide including templates.
 - a. Security Authorization Process Documentation. SA documentation shall be developed using the Government provided Requirements Traceability Matrix and Government security documentation templates. SA documentation consists of the following: Security Plan, Contingency Plan, Contingency Plan Test Results, Configuration Management Plan, Security Assessment Plan, Security Assessment Report, and Authorization to Operate Letter. Additional documents that may be required include a Plan(s) of Action and Milestones and Interconnection Security Agreement(s). During the development of SA documentation, the Contractor shall submit a signed SA package, validated by an independent third party, to the COR for acceptance by the Headquarters or Component

CIO, or designee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of operation of the IT system. The Government is the final authority on the compliance of the SA package and may limit the number of resubmissions of a modified SA package. Once the ATO has been accepted by the Headquarters or Component CIO, or designee, the Contracting Officer shall incorporate the ATO into the contract as a compliance document. The Government's acceptance of the ATO does not alleviate the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the IT system controls are implemented and operating effectively. (ii) Independent Assessment. Contractors shall have an independent third party validate the security and privacy controls in place for the system(s). The independent third party shall review and analyze the SA package, and report on technical, operational, and management level deficiencies as outlined in NIST Special Publication 800-53 Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations. The Contractor shall address all deficiencies before submitting the SA package to the Government for acceptance. (iii) Support the completion of the Privacy Threshold Analysis (PTA) as needed. As part of the SA process, the Contractor may be required to support the Government in the completion of the PTA. The requirement to complete a PTA is triggered by the creation, use, modification, upgrade, or disposition of a Contractor IT system that will store, maintain and use PII, and must be renewed at least every three (3) years. Upon review of the PTA, the DHS Privacy Office determines whether a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and/or Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN), or modifications thereto, are required. The Contractor shall provide all support necessary to assist the Department in completing the PIA in a timely manner and shall ensure that project management plans and schedules include time for the completion of the PTA, PIA, and SORN (to the extent required) as milestones. Support in this context includes responding timely to requests for information from the Government about the use, access, storage, and maintenance of PII on the Contractor's system, and providing timely review of relevant compliance documents for factual accuracy. Information on the DHS privacy compliance process, including PTAs, PIAs, and SORNs, is accessible at <http://www.dhs.gov/privacy-compliance>.

2. Renewal of ATO. Unless otherwise specified in the ATO letter, the ATO shall be renewed every three (3) years. The Contractor is required to update its SA package as part of the ATO renewal process. The Contractor shall update its SA package by one of the following methods:
 - a. Updating the SA documentation in the DHS automated information assurance tool for acceptance by the Headquarters or Component CIO, or designee, at least 90 days before the ATO expiration date for review and verification of security controls; or
 - b. Submitting an updated SA package directly to the COR for approval by the Headquarters or Component CIO, or designee, at least 90 days before the ATO expiration date for review and verification of security controls. The 90 day review process is independent of

the system production date and therefore it is important that the Contractor build the review into project schedules. The reviews may include onsite visits that involve physical or logical inspection of the Contractor environment to ensure controls are in place.

- c. **Security Review.** The Government may elect to conduct random periodic reviews to ensure that the security requirements contained in this contract are being implemented and enforced. The Contractor shall afford DHS, the Office of the Inspector General, and other Government organizations access to the Contractor's facilities, installations, operations, documentation, databases and personnel used in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall, through the Contracting Officer and COR, contact the Headquarters or Component CIO, or designee, to coordinate and participate in review and inspection activity by Government organizations external to the DHS. Access shall be provided, to the extent necessary as determined by the Government, for the Government to carry out a program of inspection, investigation, and audit to safeguard against threats and hazards to the integrity, availability and confidentiality of Government data or the function of computer systems used in performance of this contract and to preserve evidence of computer crime.
- d. **Continuous Monitoring.** All Contractor-operated systems that input, store, process, output, and/or transmit sensitive information shall meet or exceed the continuous monitoring requirements identified in the Fiscal Year 2014 DHS Information Security Performance Plan, or successor publication. The plan is updated on an annual basis. The Contractor shall also store monthly continuous monitoring data at its location for a period not less than one year from the date the data is created. The data shall be encrypted in accordance with FIPS 140-2 Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules and shall not be stored on systems that are shared with other commercial or Government entities. The Government may elect to perform continuous monitoring and IT security scanning of Contractor systems from Government tools and infrastructure.
- e. **Revocation of ATO.** In the event of a sensitive information incident, the Government may suspend or revoke an existing ATO (either in part or in whole). If an ATO is suspended or revoked in accordance with this provision, the Contracting Officer may direct the Contractor to take additional security measures to secure sensitive information. These measures may include restricting access to sensitive information on the Contractor IT system under this contract. Restricting access may include disconnecting the system processing, storing, or transmitting the sensitive information from the Internet or other networks or applying additional security controls.
- f. **Federal Reporting Requirements.** Contractors operating information systems on behalf of the Government or operating systems containing sensitive information shall comply with Federal reporting requirements. Annual and quarterly data collection will be coordinated by the Government. Contractors shall provide the COR with requested

information within three (3) business days of receipt of the request. Reporting requirements are determined by the Government and are defined in the Fiscal Year 2014 DHS Information Security Performance Plan, or successor publication. The Contractor shall provide the Government with all information to fully satisfy Federal reporting requirements for Contractor systems.

F. Sensitive Information Incident Reporting Requirements.

1. All known or suspected sensitive information incidents shall be reported to the Headquarters or Component Security Operations Center (SOC) within one hour of discovery in accordance with 4300A Sensitive Systems Handbook Incident Response and Reporting requirements. When notifying the Headquarters or Component SOC, the Contractor shall also notify the Contracting Officer, COR, Headquarters or Component Privacy Officer, and US-CERT using the contact information identified in the contract. If the incident is reported by phone or the Contracting Officer's email address is not immediately available, the Contractor shall contact the Contracting Officer immediately after reporting the incident to the Headquarters or Component SOC. The Contractor shall not include any sensitive information in the subject or body of any e-mail. To transmit sensitive information, the Contractor shall use FIPS 140-2 Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules compliant encryption methods to protect sensitive information in attachments to email. Passwords shall not be communicated in the same email as the attachment. A sensitive information incident shall not, by itself, be interpreted as evidence that the Contractor has failed to provide adequate information security safeguards for sensitive information, or has otherwise failed to meet the requirements of the contract.
2. If a sensitive information incident involves PII or SPII, in addition to the reporting requirements in 4300A Sensitive Systems Handbook Incident Response and Reporting, Contractors shall also provide as many of the following data elements that are available at the time the incident is reported, with any remaining data elements provided within 24 hours of submission of the initial incident report:
 - a. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS);
 - b. Contract numbers affected unless all contracts by the company are affected;
 - c. Facility CAGE code if the location of the event is different than the prime contractor location;
 - d. Point of contact (POC) if different than the POC recorded in the System for Award Management (address, position, telephone, email);
 - e. Contracting Officer POC (address, telephone, email);
 - f. Contract clearance level;

- g. Name of subcontractor and CAGE code if this was an incident on a subcontractor network;
 - h. Government programs, platforms or systems involved;
 - i. Location(s) of incident;
 - j. Date and time the incident was discovered;
 - k. Server names where sensitive information resided at the time of the incident, both at the Contractor and subcontractor level;
 - l. Description of the Government PII and/or SPII contained within the system;
 - m. Number of people potentially affected and the estimate or actual number of records exposed and/or contained within the system; and
 - n. Any additional information relevant to the incident.
- G. Sensitive Information Incident Response Requirements.
- 1. All determinations related to sensitive information incidents, including response activities, notifications to affected individuals and/or Federal agencies, and related services (e.g., credit monitoring) will be made in writing by the Contracting Officer in consultation with the Headquarters or Component CIO and Headquarters or Component Privacy Officer.
 - 2. The Contractor shall provide full access and cooperation for all activities determined by the Government to be required to ensure an effective incident response, including providing all requested images, log files, and event information to facilitate rapid resolution of sensitive information incidents.
 - 3. Incident response activities determined to be required by the Government may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Inspections,
 - b. Investigations,
 - c. Forensic reviews, and
 - d. Data analyses and processing.
 - 4. The Government, at its sole discretion, may obtain the assistance from other Federal agencies and/or third-party firms to aid in incident response activities.
- H. Additional PII and/or SPII Notification Requirements.
- 1. The Contractor shall have in place procedures and the capability to notify any individual whose PII resided in the Contractor IT system at the time of the sensitive information incident not later than 5 business days after being directed to notify individuals, unless

- otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer. The method and content of any notification by the Contractor shall be coordinated with, and subject to prior written approval by the Contracting Officer, in consultation with the Headquarters or Component Privacy Officer, utilizing the DHS Privacy Incident Handling Guidance. The Contractor shall not proceed with notification unless the Contracting Officer, in consultation with the Headquarters or Component Privacy Officer, has determined in writing that notification is appropriate.
2. Subject to Government analysis of the incident and the terms of its instructions to the Contractor regarding any resulting notification, the notification method may consist of letters to affected individuals sent by first class mail, electronic means, or general public notice, as approved by the Government. Notification may require the Contractor's use of address verification and/or address location services. At a minimum, the notification shall include:
- a. A brief description of the incident;
 - b. A description of the types of PII and SPII involved;
 - c. A statement as to whether the PII or SPII was encrypted or protected by other means;
 - d. Steps individuals may take to protect themselves;
 - e. What the Contractor and/or the Government are doing to investigate the incident, to mitigate the incident, and to protect against any future incidents; and
 - f. Information identifying who individuals may contact for additional information.
 - g. Credit Monitoring Requirements. In the event that a sensitive information incident involves PII or SPII, the Contractor may be required to, as directed by the Contracting Officer:
 - i. Provide notification to affected individuals as described above; and/or
 - ii. Provide credit monitoring services to individuals whose data was under the control of the Contractor or resided in the Contractor IT system at the time of the sensitive information incident for a period beginning the date of the incident and extending not less than 18 months from the date the individual is notified. Credit monitoring services shall be provided from a company with which the Contractor has no affiliation. At a minimum, credit monitoring services shall include:
 - I. Triple credit bureau monitoring;
 - II. Daily customer service;
 - III. Alerts provided to the individual for changes and fraud; and
 - IV. Assistance to the individual with enrollment in the services and the use of fraud alerts; and/or

- iii. Establish a dedicated call center. Call center services shall include:
 - I. A dedicated telephone number to contact customer service within a fixed period;
 - II. Information necessary for registrants/enrollees to access credit reports and credit scores;
 - III. Weekly reports on call center volume, issue escalation (i.e., those calls that cannot be handled by call center staff and must be resolved by call center management or DHS, as appropriate), and other key metrics;
 - IV. Escalation of calls that cannot be handled by call center staff to call center management or DHS, as appropriate;
 - V. Customized FAQs, approved in writing by the Contracting Officer in coordination with the Headquarters or Component Chief Privacy Officer; and
 - VI. Information for registrants to contact customer service representatives and fraud resolution representatives for credit monitoring assistance.
 - VII. Certification of Sanitization of Government and Government-Activity-Related Files and Information. As part of contract closeout, the Contractor shall submit the certification to the COR and the Contracting Officer following the template provided in NIST Special Publication 800-88 Guidelines for Media Sanitization.

8.7. Information Technology Security And Privacy Training (Mar 2015)

This clause applies to the Contractor, its subcontractors, and Contractor employees (hereafter referred to collectively as "Contractor"). The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause in all subcontracts.

A. Security Training Requirements.

1. All users of Federal information systems are required by Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 930.301, Subpart C, as amended, to be exposed to security awareness materials annually or whenever system security changes occur, or when the user's responsibilities change. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires that Contractor employees take an annual Information Technology Security Awareness Training course before accessing sensitive information under the contract. Unless otherwise specified, the training shall be completed within thirty (30) days of contract award and be completed on an annual basis thereafter not later than October 31st of each year. Any new Contractor employees assigned to the contract shall complete the training before accessing sensitive information under the contract. The training is accessible at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-security-and-training-requirements-contractors>. The Contractor shall maintain copies of training certificates for all Contractor and subcontractor employees as a record of compliance.

Unless otherwise specified, initial training certificates for each Contractor and subcontractor employee shall be provided to the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) not later than thirty (30) days after contract award. Subsequent training certificates to satisfy the annual training requirement shall be submitted to the COR via e-mail notification not later than October 31st of each year. The e-mail notification shall state the required training has been completed for all Contractor and subcontractor employees.

- B. The DHS Rules of Behavior apply to every DHS employee, Contractor and subcontractor that will have access to DHS systems and sensitive information. The DHS Rules of Behavior shall be signed before accessing DHS systems and sensitive information. The DHS Rules of Behavior is a document that informs users of their responsibilities when accessing DHS systems and holds users accountable for actions taken while accessing DHS systems and using DHS Information Technology resources capable of inputting, storing, processing, outputting, and/or transmitting sensitive information. The DHS Rules of Behavior is accessible at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-security-and-training-requirements-contractors>. Unless otherwise specified, the DHS Rules of Behavior shall be signed within thirty (30) days of contract award. Any new Contractor employees assigned to the contract shall also sign the DHS Rules of Behavior before accessing DHS systems and sensitive information. The Contractor shall maintain signed copies of the DHS Rules of Behavior for all Contractor and subcontractor employees as a record of compliance. Unless otherwise specified, the Contractor shall e-mail copies of the signed DHS Rules of Behavior to the COR not later than thirty (30) days after contract award for each employee. The DHS Rules of Behavior will be reviewed annually and the COR will provide notification when a review is required.
- C. Privacy Training Requirements:
1. All Contractor and subcontractor employees that will have access to Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and/or Sensitive PII (SPII) are required to take Privacy at DHS: Protecting Personal Information before accessing PII and/or SPII. The training is accessible at <http://www.dhs.gov/dhs-security-and-training-requirements-contractors>. Training shall be completed within thirty (30) days of contract award and be completed on an annual basis thereafter not later than October 31st of each year. Any new Contractor employees assigned to the contract shall also complete the training before accessing PII and/or SPII. The Contractor shall maintain copies of training certificates for all Contractor and subcontractor employees as a record of compliance. Initial training certificates for each Contractor and subcontractor employee shall be provided to the COR not later than thirty (30) days after contract award. Subsequent training certificates to satisfy the annual training requirement shall be submitted to the COR via e-mail notification not later than October 31st of each year. The email notification shall state the required training has been completed for all Contractor and subcontractor employees.

9. FEDERAL - Required Terms and Conditions for All Federally Funded Contracts - General

The below will need to be completed by awardee if a Task Order/Contract is funded through Federal Funding.

9.1. FEDERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS [SOLICITATION/CONTRACT]

This Solicitation/Contract is or may become fully or partially Federally Grant funded. To the extent applicable, Proposer/Consultant/Contractor shall comply with the clauses as enumerated below. Proposer/Consultant/Contractor shall adhere to all grant conditions as set forth in the requirements of the associated grants, which have been made available to Proposer/Contractor/Consultant, as well as all applicable Federal laws, rules, and regulations. Including, but not limited to, those set forth below, as well as those listed herein, which are incorporated herein by reference:

- 2 CFR. 25.110
- 2 CFR Parts 170 (including Appendix A), 180, 200 (including Appendixes), and 3000
- Executive Orders 12549 and 12689
- 41 CFR s. 60-1(a) and (d)
- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260 related to salary limitations

If Proposer/Contractor/Consultant cannot adhere to or objects to any of the applicable federal requirements, Proposer/Contractor/Consultant's proposal may be deemed unresponsive. The provisions in this Exhibit are supplemental and in addition to all other provisions within the Contract/Procurement. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of this Exhibit and the terms and conditions of the remainder of the Contract/Procurement, the terms and conditions of this Exhibit shall prevail. However, in the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of this Exhibit and the terms and conditions of any federal grant award used to fund the goods and/or services to be provided under this Contract/Procurement, the terms and conditions of the federal grant funding award shall control.

9.2. Drug Free Workplace Requirements (Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.), 2 CFR § 182)

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant must comply with Federal Drug Free workplace requirements as Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

9.3. Conflict of Interest (2 CFR § 200.112)

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the County or pass-through entity in accordance with applicable Federal policy. Further, the County is required to maintain conflict of interest policies as it relates to procured contracts, which may be found in the

Hernando County Procurement Department Policies and Procedures Manual. The Hernando County Procurement Department Policies and Procedures Manual is available at <https://www.hernandocounty.us/home/showpublisheddocument/7250/637656730645670000> . All Proposers/Contractors/Consultants shall familiarize themselves with such policies.

9.4. Mandatory Disclosures (31 U.S.C. §§ 3799 – 3733)

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chapter 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Proposer/Contractor/Consultant's actions pertaining to this contract/solicitation. The contractor must disclose in writing all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award.

9.5. Socioeconomic Contracting (2 CFR § 200.321)

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible when obtaining suppliers and subcontracting work to be performed under this contract/solicitation, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.321. Affirmative steps must include:

- Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- Requiring prime contractors, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs above.

Prior to contract award, Proposer/Contractor/Consultant shall document efforts to utilize M/WBE firms including what firms were solicited as suppliers and/or subcontractors as applicable and submit this information with their bid submittal. Information regarding certified M/WBE firms can be obtained from:

- Florida Department of Management Services (Office of Supplier Diversity)
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Minority Business Development Center in most large cities and

- Local Government M/DBE programs in many large counties and cities

9.6. [Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act \(40 U.S.C. 3701–3708 as supplemented by 29 CFR Part 5\)](#)

- A. Overtime requirements: No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
- B. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages: In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages and interest from the date of the underpayment. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchpersons and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, in the sum of \$32 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (b)(1).
- C. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damage:
1. Withholding Process: The (insert name of recipient or subrecipient) may, upon its own action, or must, upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor, withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to satisfy the liabilities of the prime contractor or any subcontractor for any unpaid wages; monetary relief, including interest; and liquidated damages required by the clauses set forth in this paragraph (b) on this contract, any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act that is held by the same prime contractor (as defined in § 5.2). The necessary funds may be withheld from the contractor under this contract, any other federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally assisted contract that is subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and is held by the same prime contractor, regardless of whether the other contract was awarded or assisted by the same agency, and such funds may be used to satisfy the contractor liability for which the funds were withheld.

2. Priority to withheld funds. The Department has priority to funds withheld or to be withheld in accordance with paragraph (a)(2)(i) or (b)(3)(i) of this section, or both, over claims to those funds by:
 - a. A contractor's surety(ies), including without limitation performance bond sureties and payment bond sureties;
 - b. A contracting agency for its procurement costs;
 - c. A trustee(s) (either a court-appointed trustee or a U.S. trustee, or both) in bankruptcy of a contractor, or a contractor's bankruptcy estate;
 - d. A contractor's assignee(s);
 - e. A contractor's successor(s); or
 - f. A claim asserted under the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3901-3907.
- D. Subcontracts: The contractor or subcontractor must insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5) of this section and a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (b)(1) through (5). In the event of any violations of these clauses, the prime contractor, and any subcontractor(s) responsible will be liable for any unpaid wages and monetary relief, including interest from the date of the underpayment or loss, due to any workers of lower-tier subcontractors, and associated liquidated damages and may be subject to debarment, as appropriate.
- E. Anti-retaliation: It is unlawful for any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, or to cause any person to discharge, demote, intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, harass, or in any other manner discriminate against, any worker or job applicant for:
 1. Notifying any contractor of any conduct which the worker reasonably believes constitutes a violation of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) or its implementing regulations in this part;
 2. Filing any complaint, initiating, or causing to be initiated any proceeding, or otherwise asserting or seeking to assert on behalf of themselves or others any right or protection under CWHSSA or this part;
 3. Cooperating in any investigation or other compliance action, or testifying in any proceeding under CWHSSA or this part; or
 4. Informing any other person about their rights under CWHSSA or this part.

- F. The contractor or subcontractor must maintain regular payrolls and other basic records during the course of the work and must preserve them for a period of three years after all the work on the prime contract is completed for all laborers and mechanics, including guards and watchpersons, working on the contract. Such records must contain the name; last known address, telephone number, and email address; and social security number of each such worker; each worker's correct classification(s) of work performed; hourly rates of wages paid; daily and weekly number of hours actually worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid.
- G. Records to be maintained under this provision must be made available by the contractor or subcontractor for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Department of Labor, and the contractor or subcontractor will permit such representatives to interview workers during working hours on the job.

9.7. [Clean Air Act \(42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.\) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act \(33 U.S.C. 1251–1387, as amended\)](#)

The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.

The contractor agrees to report each violation to Hernando County and understands and agrees that Hernando County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by FEMA.

9.8. [Debarment and Suspension \(2 CFR part 180, Executive Orders 12549 and 12689\)](#)

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000. As such, the contractor is required to verify that none of the contractor's principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The contractor must comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters.

This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to the County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may

arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant certifies that it and its principals, if applicable, are not presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participating in this transaction. Proposer/Contractor/Consultant now agrees to verify, to the extent applicable that for each lower tier subcontractor that exceeds \$25,000 as a “covered transaction” under the Services to be provided is not presently disbarred or otherwise disqualified from participating in the federally assisted services. The Proposer/Contractor/Consultant agrees to accomplish this verification by:

- A. Checking the System for Award Management at website: <http://www.sam.gov>;
- B. Collecting a certification statement similar to the Certification of Offeror /Bidder Regarding Debarment, herein;
- C. Inserting a clause or condition in the covered transaction with the lower tier contract.

9.9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)

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

9.10. License and Delivery of Works Subject to Copyright and Data Rights (2 CFR 200.315(b))

The Contractor grants to the County, a paid-up, royalty-free, nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license in data first produced in the performance of this contract to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, including prepare derivative works, distribute copies to the public, and perform publicly and display publicly such data. For data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract, the Contractor will identify such data and grant to the County or acquires on its behalf a license of the same scope as for data first produced in the performance of this contract. Data, as used herein, shall include any work subject to copyright under 17 U.S.C. § 102, for example, any written reports or literary works, software and/or source code, music, choreography, pictures or images, graphics, sculptures, videos, motion pictures or other audiovisual works, sound and/or video recordings, and architectural works. Upon or before the completion of this contract, the Contractor will deliver to the County data first produced in the performance of this contract and data required by the contract but not first produced in the performance of this contract in formats acceptable by the County.

9.11. Procurement of Recovered Materials (2 CFR 200.323 and 40 CFR Part 247)

In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:

- A. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- B. Meeting contract performance requirements; or
- C. At a reasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Program | US EPA. The Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

The Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with the law, purchase, acquire, or use products and services that can be reused, refurbished, or recycled; contain recycled content, are biobased, or are energy and water efficient; and are sustainable.

9.12. Access to Records and Reports

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

In compliance with section 1225 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018, Hernando County and the Contractor acknowledge and agree that no language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the FEMA Administrator or the Comptroller General of the United States.

9.13. Federal Changes

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant shall comply with all applicable Federal agency regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation those listed directly or by reference, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of the contract/any awarded contract.

9.14. Safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information (2 CFR § 200.82)

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant will take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information designated as sensitive by the awarding agency or is considered sensitive consistent with applicable Federal, state and/or local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

9.15. Prohibition On Utilization Of Cost Plus A Percentage Of Cost Contracts (2 CFR Part 200)

The County will not award contracts containing Federal funding on a cost-plus percentage of cost basis.

9.16. Energy Policy and Conservation Act (43 U.S.C. § 6201 and 2 CFR Part 200 Appendix II (H))

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, stating in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation act. (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871) [53 FR 8078, 8087, Mar. 11, 1988, as amended at 60 FR 19639, 19645, Apr. 19, 1995].

9.17. Trafficking Victims Protection Act (2 CFR Part 175)

Proposer/Contractor/Consultant will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits Proposer/Contractor/Consultant from (1) engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that [*this Contract/resulting contract*] is in effect; (2) procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that this Contract/resulting contract is in effect; or (3) using forced labor in the performance of the contracted services under this contract/a resulting contract. This Contract/a resulting contract may be unilaterally terminated immediately by County for Proposer/Contractor/Consultant's violating this provision, without penalty.

9.18. Domestic Preference For Procurements (2 CFR § 200.322)

The Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with law, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States. This includes, but is not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products.

For the purpose of this clause: Produced in the United States means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

9.19. Prohibition On Certain Telecommunications And Video Surveillance Services Or Equipment (2 CFR § 200.216)

- A. Definitions: As used in this clause, the terms backhaul; covered foreign country; covered telecommunications equipment or services; interconnection arrangements; roaming; substantial or essential component; and telecommunications equipment or services have the meaning as defined in FEMA Policy 405-143-1, Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services, as used in this clause.
- B. Prohibitions:
 - 1. Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after Aug.13, 2020, from obligating or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

2. Unless an exception in paragraph (c) of this clause applies, the contractor and its subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to:
 - a. Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - b. Enter, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology of any system;
 - c. Enter, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system; or
 - d. Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, subcontract, or other contractual instrument, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system.
- C. Exceptions:
 1. This clause does not prohibit contractors from providing:
 - a. A service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, such as backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements; or
 - b. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.
 2. By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply to:
 - a. Covered telecommunications equipment or services that:
 - i. Are not used as a substantial or essential component of any system; and
 - ii. Are not used as critical technology of any system.
 - b. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- D. Reporting requirement:
 1. In the event the contractor identifies covered telecommunications equipment or services used as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system, during contract performance, or the contractor is notified of such by a

subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, the contractor shall report the information in paragraph (d)(2) of this clause to the recipient or subrecipient, unless elsewhere in this contract are established procedures for reporting the information.

2. The Contractor shall report the following information pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this clause:
 - a. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: The contract number; the order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.
 - b. Within 10 business days of submitting the information in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this clause: Any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, the contractor shall describe the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services, and any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of covered telecommunications equipment or services.
- E. Subcontracts: The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts and other contractual instruments.

9.20. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) (2 CFR § 200.300; 2 CFR Part 170)

In accordance with FFATA, the Proposer/Contractor/Consultant shall, upon request, provide the County the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity, if the entity in the preceding fiscal year received 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in federal awards, received \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from federal awards, and if the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

9.21. Federal Agency Seals, Logos and Flags

The Proposer/Contractor/Consultant shall not use any Federal Agency seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of any federal agency officials without specific federal agency pre-approval.

9.22. No Obligation by Federal Government

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from a resulting contract.

9.23. Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1910 with the same force and effect as if given in full text. Contractor must provide a work environment that is free from recognized hazards that may cause death or serious physical harm to the employee. The Contractor retains full responsibility to monitor its compliance and their subcontractors' compliance with the applicable requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (20 CFR Part 1910). Contractor must address any claims or disputes that pertain to a referenced requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

10. PRICING PROPOSAL

ITB NO.24-TF00884/JC. - Yard Waste Mulching Services

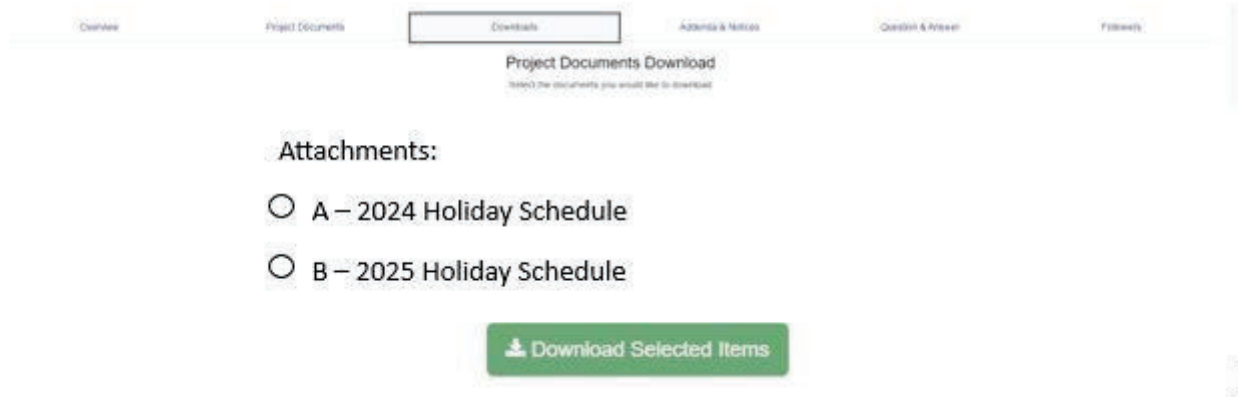
The Vendor/Contractor shall provide all labor and other resources necessary to provide the supplies, equipment and/or services in strict accordance with the specifications defined in this solicitation for the amounts specified in this Bid Form, inclusive of overhead, profit, and any other costs.

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

PRICING PROPOSAL

11. ATTACHMENTS

Please see the Downloads tab on the public view of the Project to download any project attachments:





County of Hernando
Procurement Department
Carla Rossiter-Smith, Chief Procurement Officer
15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604

PRICE TABLES

PRICING PROPOSAL

Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total
1	GROUND MATERIAL (Estimated Annually at 70,000 Cubic Yards)	1	CUBIC YARD	\$2.19	\$2.19
TOTAL					\$2.19

FACILITIES LOCATION ADDRESSES & DESCRIPTION

13838 Hays Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610

Consolidated Forest
BIDDER'S COMPANY NAME

13838 Hays Rd
MAILING ADDRESS

Spring Hill, FL 34610
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

Matthew Semeraro President
CONTACT PERSON (Name) (Title)

813-443-2121
TELEPHONE NO. - FAX NO.

Matt@americanmunch.com
EMAIL ADDRESS

This document must be completed and returned with your submittal.

Site Safety Plan

1. The grinder will arrive and be inspected for safety on a daily basis.
2. Cones will be placed around the grinder to ensure there is a safe zone setup around operating area.
3. Operators will stay alert to all the debris going in and out of the debris to make sure no one is too close or in danger of discharged material.

Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit

In compliance with Fla. Stat. § 787.06(13), this affidavit must be completed by an officer or representative of a nongovernmental entity that is executing, renewing, or extending a contract with Hernando County or any of its subordinate units (the "Governmental Entity").

1. My name is Matthew Semeraro and I am over eighteen years of age. The following information is given from my own personal knowledge.
2. I am an officer or representative with Consolidated Forest, a non-governmental entity (the "Nongovernmental Entity"). I am authorized to provide this affidavit on behalf of Nongovernmental Entity.
3. Neither Nongovernmental Entity, nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, uses *coercion for labor or services*, as such italicized terms are defined in Fla. Stat. § 787.06, as it may be amended from time to time.
4. If, at any time in the future, Nongovernmental Entity does use coercion for labor or services, Nongovernmental Entity will immediately notify Governmental Entity and no contracts may be executed, renewed, or extended between the parties.
5. This declaration is made pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 92.525. I understand that making a false statement in this declaration may subject me to criminal penalties.

Under penalties of perjury, I Matthew Semeraro, declare that I have read the foregoing Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Consolidated Forest LLC

Name of Nongovernmental Entity

Matthew Semeraro

Printed Name of Affiant

President

Title of Affiant

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Affiant

2-17-25

Date



ADDENDUM # ONE (1)

TO
THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE
Yard Waste Mulching Services
IN
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA
SOLICITATION NO. 24-TF00884/JC

Bidders are required to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum via OpenGov prior to the time of the Bid Opening.

The following changes, additions and/or deletions are hereby made a part of the Contract Documents for the above-referenced Solicitation as fully and completely as if the same were fully set forth therein:

A. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1.Q. Would Julie Crull be the point of contact to view the job sites? If not, could you please provide the point of contact information and the job site address?**
- 1.A. Please refer to Clarification Item 1 provided in this Addendum.

B. CLARIFICATIONS

- 1. Section 6. Special Conditions, Subsection 6.1 Inspection of Facilities/Areas, of this Solicitation, is hereby amended as follows:**

6.1. INSPECTION OF FACILITIES/AREAS:

It is the Bidder's responsibility to become fully informed as to the nature and extent of the work required, local site conditions, and any other factors that may impact performance of the contract. The responsibility to inspect the worksite is the sole responsibility of the Bidder. ~~Arrangement for Bidder's inspection of facilities and/or activity schedule may be secured by calling 352-754-4020.~~ Failure to visually inspect the facilities may be cause for disqualification of your bid. After contract award, no additional compensation will be made as a result of the differences between actual labor and materials required to complete the project and the contract amount.

Bidders may inspect any of the Hernando County Landfill locations during public business hours as shown below:

- Northwest Solid Waste Management Facility (Main Landfill), 14450 Landfill Rd., Brooksville, FL 34614: Monday – Saturday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Closed Sunday.

- West Hernando Convenience Center, 2525 Osowaw Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34607:
Tuesday – Friday, 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; Closed Sunday,
Monday, and some Holidays.
- East Hernando Convenience Center, 33070 Cortez Blvd., Ridge Manor, FL 33523:
Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Closed Sunday, Monday, and some Holidays.

2. **Please note the Cone of Silence is in effect.** For additional information please refer to Section 5, General Conditions, Subsection 5.38 Cone of Silence.
3. **Please note:** Any questions arising from a site visit, or otherwise, should be submitted in accordance with Section 4, Definitions and Solicitation Instructions, Subsection 4.5, Questions Regarding Specifications or Bidding Process, in advance of the Question Submission Deadline.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Cathy Tefft

Cathy Tefft, CPPB, NICP-CPP, Procurement Manager

For: Carla Rossiter-Smith, MSM PMP,
Chief Procurement Officer



PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

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ADDENDUM # TWO (2)

TO
THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE
Yard Waste Mulching Services
IN
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA
SOLICITATION NO. 24-TF00884/JC

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A. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1.Q. Per Section 7.3D, there is no consistently non-judgmental manner in measuring material processed. Our experience with unpaved tipping and grinding pads is that material often gets lost in filling holes and compacts as piles/rows are made resulting in more material being processed than measured. Accordingly, will the County consider using incoming scale weight as the methodology for determining processed material?**
- 1.A. The County would not be agreeable to using scale weights.
- 2.Q. Per Section 7.3D, there is no consistently non-judgmental manner in measuring material processed. Would the County consider using a mutually agreeable measurement tool to consistently measure processed piles? A solution we have found mutually agreeable with other municipalities is Stockpile Reports (<https://www.stockpilereports.com/>) which is a tool used by global companies to measure material.**
- 2.A. The County would be agreeable to using photogrammetry to verify cubic yard, provided there is no cost to the County.
- 3.Q. Due to the large volume historically of land clearing debris and wood waste received by Hernando County, would the County consider adding a line item for Shearing with an hourly rate?**
- 3.A. No, a line item for Shearing will not be added.

- 4.Q. Please clarify Sections 7.1 and 7.2; Section 7.1 states “The work will be performed at the Hernando County Northwest Solid Waste Facility (Main Landfill), 14450 Landfill Rd., Brooksville, FL 34614; while Section 7.1 and 7.2B. also includes “and possibly the East and West Convenience Centers”. There are additional costs involved to mobilize and grind at the two low storage volume convenience centers. In addition, 7.2.E. provides the anticipated frequency of grinding at the Northwest Solid Waste Facility (Main Landfill) is two, (2) grinds per year. What is the potential frequency of grinding at the two convenience centers and what is the anticipated quantity for each mobilization, if required?
- 4.A. Most of the material from the convenience centers is brought to the main landfill, to reduce mobilization costs. The two remote sites remain in place in case the main landfill fills up.
- 5.Q. Page 11 Section 5.1.C – states that Renewal Options are at the sole option of the County for two additional one-year periods at same prices, terms and conditions, and does allow for requests for price increases at time of County notifying contractor of its decision to exercise Contract Renewal Option. Section 5.2.A states that the prices bid shall remain firm during the period of the Contract.
- 5.A. Please refer to Solicitation Section 6.10 Price Adjustment.

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Alisa Pike

For: Carla Rossiter-Smith, MSM, PMP,
Chief Procurement Officer



**HERNANDO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	Monday, January 15
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25



**HERNANDO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day	Monday, January 20
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Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11
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Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24
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