

SOLICITATION - OFFER - AWARD

SOLICITATION NO: 24-T00836/JC	SOLICITATION TITLE: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Sod	DATE ISSUED: September 11, 2024	CONTRACT NO: 24-T00836/JC
ISSUED BY: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA Elizabeth Narverud, Chair Brian Hawkins, Vice Chairman Jerry Campbell, Second Vice Chairman John Allocco Steve Champion		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/hermandocounty>, ON **OCTOBER 21, 2024**. 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 OCTOBER 21, 2024**. 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 SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOD, as described in the specifications and construction plans showing the proposed improvements in Hernando County, Florida. (SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS)	x	XXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	\$ <u>254,513.00</u>

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 ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) 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 <u>Megascapes Landscape Services, Inc.</u> Company Name <u>9535 Fort King Rd.</u> Address <u>Dade City, FL 33525</u> City State Zip Code <u>(352) 567-6350</u> <u>check@megascapeslandscape.com</u> Phone Number Fax Number E-mail Address			NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN BID OFFER: BIDDER'S SIGNATURE  Name, Title <u>James Seemann, President</u>			OFFER DATE <u>10/15/24</u>	
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AWARD

(TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY)

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY 07/09/2024		LR NO.: 2024 314-1	BY: Melissa Tartaglia
ACCEPTED AS TO ITEM(S) NO.		AMOUNT	ACCOUNTING CODE
SUBMIT INVOICES TO: <div style="text-align: center;"> Hernando County Department of Public Works 1525 East Jefferson Street Brooksville, FL 34601 </div>		NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD FOR THE COUNTY	
		SIGNATURE	AWARD DATE

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOD

24-T00836/JC

County of Hernando
15470 Flight Path Drive
Brooksville, FL 34604



County of Hernando
Supply, Delivery and Installation of Sod

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Summary

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA,

IS ACCEPTING BIDS FOR:

ITB NO. SOLICITATION # 24-T00836/JC

FOR

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Sod

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting Vendors/Contractors that are active in the sale of sod for pick up, as well as the delivery and installation of sod. The pick up location of sod must be within thirty (30) miles of 1525 E. Jefferson St. Brooksville, FL 34601. The delivery and installation of sod will be at various sites within Hernando County, Florida.

Offers for furnishing the above will be received and accepted up to 10:00 am, local time, Monday, October 14, 2024, via the Hernando County Procurement Department [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, plans, drawings, and all other pertinent information by visiting the County's eProcurement Portal. For additional project information, please visit the Hernando County Procurement Department website at www.hernandocounty.us or submit a question via the Q&A Tab in the County's [eProcurement Portal](#).

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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](#).

1.2. [Background](#)

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

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

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HERNANDO COUNTY

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

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

Carla Rossiter-Smith

Chief Procurement Officer

1.3. [Contact Information](#)

Julie Crull

Purchasing Agent II

Email: jcrull@co.hernando.fl.us

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

Department:

Department of Public Works

Department Head:

J Scott Herring, P.E.

Public Works Director/County Engineer

1.4. Timeline

Release Project Date	September 11, 2024
Question Submission Deadline	September 23, 2024, 5:00pm

Proposal Submission Deadline	<p>October 14, 2024, 10:00am</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/j/92161001651?pwd=a2hgSHA1eG1SZHNhYWN0SUVndWQ0UT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 921 6100 1651 Passcode: 234224</p> <p>---</p> <p>One tap mobile +13052241968,,92161001651#,,,,*234224# US +16469313860,,92161001651#,,,,*234224# US</p> <p>---</p> <p>Dial by your location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• +1 305 224 1968 US• +1 646 931 3860 US• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)• +1 309 205 3325 US• +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)• +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)• +1 669 444 9171 US• +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)• +1 689 278 1000 US• +1 719 359 4580 US• +1 253 205 0468 US• +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)• +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)• +1 360 209 5623 US• +1 386 347 5053 US• +1 507 473 4847 US• +1 564 217 2000 US <p>Meeting ID: 921 6100 1651 Passcode: 234224</p> <p>Find your local number: https://hernandoclerk.zoom.us/u/aez7DQVcRg</p>
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4. OFFER

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

5. AWARD

UPON AWARD, PLEASE SUBMIT INVOICES TO:

Hernando County

Department of Public Works

1525 E. Jefferson St.

Brooksville, Florida 34601

6. INVITATION TO BID

6.1. ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

INVITATION TO BID

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

TERM CONTRACT ITB NO. SOLICITATION # 24-T00836/JC

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

7. SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

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

- A. **ARGENTINE:** A cultivar of Bahia grass.
- B. **BAHIA SOD:** Bahia grass (*Paspalum notatum* Flüggé)
- C. **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”.
- D. **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.
- E. **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.
- F. **COUNTY:** The Board of County Commissioners, Hernando County, or its duly authorized representative.
- G. **FLORATAM:** A coarse-textured cultivar of St. Augustine grass.
- H. **FLORIDA STATUTES:** All references to Florida Statutes or F.S. shall mean the version in effect at the time the contract is signed.
- I. **MODIFICATION/AMENDMENT/CHANGE ORDER:** Shall mean the written order to the Vendor/Contractor signed by the Vendor/Contractor and County authorizing an addition, deletion, or revision in the goods, services and/or work to be provided under the contract documents or an adjustment in the contract price issued after contract award.
- J. **PALLET:** Pallet size is defined as 400 square foot of sod.
- K. **PENSACOLA:** A cultivar of Bahia grass.
- L. **PRIMARY VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:** The vendor/contractor the County intends to use to provide the goods and services described in the solicitation and as estimated in the Pricing Proposal.
- M. **OWNER:** Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (County).

- N. **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.
- O. **SECONDARY VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:** The vendor/contractor the County intends to use, as required, when the Primary Vendor/Contractor is not able to provide the goods and services described in the solicitation and as estimated in the Pricing Proposal.
- P. **SOLICITATION:** This Invitation to Bid (“ITB”), Request for Proposals (“RFP”) or Request for Quotes (“RFQ”), whichever applies.
- Q. **VENDOR/CONTRACTOR:** The Bidder awarded a contract by the County for the furnishing of goods or services.

7.2. AVAILABILITY OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS

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

7.3. PREPARATION OF BID

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

- A. Interested firms are to submit responses via the County’s [eProcurement Portal](#). All bid sheets including this form must be executed and uploaded as indicated. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. Those which do not comply with these conditions may be declared non-responsive and subject to rejection.
 - 1. **To submit bids:** Via Hernando County’s [eProcurement Portal](#) BID NUMBER 24-T00836/JC
- B. The responsibility for delivering the bid to the County on or before the stated time and date will be solely and strictly the responsibility of the Bidder. The County will be in no way responsible for delays caused by wi-fi connection or speed, power outage or any other occurrence.
- C. Bids must be submitted electronically, via the County’s [eProcurement Portal](#). Any required forms supplied by the Owner and included with these Bid Documents shall be uploaded through said portal. Each bidder shall copy the Bid Form and complete the pricing schedule provided.
- D. Bids must be completed through the pricing table provided. No changes or corrections will be allowed after bid opening.
- E. Bidders are expected to make all investigations necessary to thoroughly inform themselves regarding all drawings, specifications, delivery requirements, performance requirements, site locations and all solicitation instructions to satisfy themselves of conditions affecting submission of their bid and the terms and cost of performing the contract. No pleas of ignorance by the Bidder of conditions that exist or may hereafter exist as a result of failure or omission on the

part of the Bidder to make the necessary examinations and investigations, or failure to fulfill in every detail the requirements of the contract documents, will be accepted as a basis of varying the requirements of the County or the compensation of the Bidder. Bidder agrees that submittal of a bid for the work is prima facie evidence they have conducted such examinations.

- F. No material, labor, or facilities will be furnished by the County unless specifically stated.

7.4. BID OPENING:

Bids that are not received in a timely manner by this specific office will not be accepted. Bids will be opened immediately after this date and time and will remain binding upon the Bidder for a period of ninety (90) days thereafter. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 119.071 sealed bids, proposals, or replies received by an agency pursuant to a competitive solicitation are exempt from inspection until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until thirty (30) days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies whichever is earlier.

7.5. QUESTIONS REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS OR BIDDING PROCESS

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

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

7.6. COMMUNICATION

There shall be no communication between the Vendor/Contractor, their employees or subcontractors and County employees and elected officials (hereafter referred to as "County Representative"), except through the 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.**

7.7. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:

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

7.8. BID PROTESTS:

Any Bidder who protests the Bid Specifications or Award or Intent to Award, must file with the County a notice of protest and formal written protest in compliance with 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.

8. GENERAL CONDITIONS

8.1. 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 effective from award of contract.
- 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.

8.2. 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.**

8.3. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS:

- A. This bid shall be awarded to responsive, responsible bidders, qualified by experience to provide the work specified. The Bidders 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.
 - 4. Address of location(s) for pick up of sod. Must be within thirty (30) miles of 1525 E. Jefferson St., Brooksville, FL 34601.
- B. **Failure to submit this information may be cause for rejection of your bid.**

8.4. 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 reveals that Vendor/Contractor is either delinquent on a previously awarded contract or in litigation with Hernando County on a previously awarded contract.

8.5. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD (continued) "Lowest Price"

The County reserves the right to make multiple awards to the lowest, responsive, and responsible Bidders based on total price. The intent is to award a primary and a secondary Vendor/Contractor. The secondary Vendor/Contractor would be utilized in the event that the primary Vendor/Contractor cannot provide requested product or services. However, the County reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Hernando County Procurement Ordinance.

8.6. 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.

8.7. LOCAL PREFERENCE:

- A. Purpose and Findings: These provisions apply to purchases using Formal Bids, Request for Proposals or Quotes. The County annually spends significant dollars on purchasing personal property, materials, and services, and in constructing improvements to real property or existing structures. The dollars used in making those purchases are derived, in large part, from taxes, fees and utility revenues paid by businesses located within Hernando County, and the County Commission has determined that funds generated in the community should, to the extent possible, be placed back into the local economy. Therefore, the County Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to give a preference to local businesses in making such purchases whenever the application of such a preference is reasonable in light of the dollar-value of bids and quotes received in relation to such expenditures.
- B. Application:
 - 1. In bidding for or letting contracts for procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services, as described in the purchasing policies of the County, the Board of County Commissioners may give a preference to local businesses in making purchases or awarding contracts in an amount not to exceed:
 - a. Five percent (5%) of the local business' total bid price if the cost differential does not exceed \$10,000.00 for procurement activities in amounts over \$35,000.00, or
 - b. Three percent (3%) if the cost differential does not exceed \$1,000.00 for procurement activities in amounts more than \$10,000.00, but less than \$35,000.00.

2. The total bid price shall include not only the base bid price, but also all alterations to the base bid price resulting from alternates which were both part of the bid and actually purchased or awarded by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. In the case of requests for proposals or qualification, letters of interest, or other solicitations and competitive negotiations and selections in which objective factors are used to evaluate the responses, local businesses shall be assigned five percent (5%) of the total points of the total evaluation points.

C. Definitions:

1. Local vendor means a person or business entity which has maintained a permanent place of business with full-time employees within Hernando County for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to the date bids or quotes were received for the purchase or contract at issue, and which generally provides from such permanent place of business the kinds of goods or services solicited, and which at the time of the solicitation fully complies with the local vendor eligibility identified below.
2. Local Vendor Affidavit of Eligibility shall accompany the quotation or bid submittal in order to be considered valid and shall include, but not be limited to, the following current information:
 - a. A physical business and location address.
 - b. Proof of payment of real property tax due to Hernando County.
 - c. A copy of the firm's most recent annual corporation report to the Florida Division of Corporations.
 - d. Any additional information necessary to verify local vendor status.

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

E. Exemptions:

1. Purchases resulting from exigent emergency conditions where any delay in completion or performance would jeopardize public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the County, or where in the judgment of the County the operational effectiveness or a significant County function would be seriously threatened if a purchase was not made expeditiously.
2. Purchases with any sole source supplier for supplies, materials, or other equipment.

3. Purchases made through cooperative purchasing arrangements utilized by the Procurement Department as identified in the Procurement Policy.
4. Purchases that are funded in whole or in part by assistance from any Federal, State, or local agency where the program guidelines do not permit local preference.
5. Purchases with an estimated cost of less than \$10,000.00 or less.
6. Appeal: If an application for a "local vendor/contractor" designation is denied, the applicant may appeal such decision to the County Administrator for review and further consideration.

8.8. HOURS:

Work may be performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except County holidays. The County may, on certain occasions, approve work outside of these times. Such exception(s) must be approved in writing by the County at least one (1) day in advance. Services will not be permitted when operations would cause a traffic or safety hazard.

8.9. WARRANTIES:

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

8.10. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE:

- 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.

8.11. REJECTION OF BID:

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

8.12. MINOR INFORMALITIES AND IRREGULARITIES:

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

8.13. NON-EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT:

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

8.14. NON-PERFORMANCE:

Time is of the essence in this Contract and failure to deliver the services specified within the time period required shall be considered a default.

- A. In case of default, the County may procure the services from other sources and hold the Vendor/Contractor responsible for all costs occasioned thereby and may immediately cancel the contract. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the sole right to impose and debar Vendor/Contractors, as a direct result of Vendor/Contractor default and termination for a period of twelve (12) months to twenty-four (24) months depending upon the severity of the default resulting in contract termination. The Vendor/Contractor and its sureties (if any) shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Vendor/Contractor's default of the contract. This liability includes any increased costs incurred by the County in completing contract performance.

8.15. ASSIGNMENT:

The successful Bidder is required to perform this contract and may not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any award or any or all of its rights, title, or interest therein, or the resulting

contractual agreement in whole or in part without prior written authorization given at the sole discretion of Hernando County.

8.16. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:

Any person submitting a bid or proposal in response to this Invitation to Bid certifies that they are aware of, and in compliance with, all requirements under Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, 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.

8.17. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

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

8.18. LAWS, REGULATIONS, PERMITS AND TAXES:

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

8.19. MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS AND CHANGE ORDERS:

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

- A. The County will execute an appropriate modification/amendment to the contract if such modification/amendment to the contract is approved by the Chief Procurement Officer or Board of County Commissioners (as approvable) and,

- B. It is the Vendor/Contactor's responsibility to notify its surety of any changes affecting the general scope of the work/services or change of the contract price, and amount of the applicable bond(s) shall be adjusted accordingly.

8.20. TAXES:

- 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).

8.21. MANUFACTURERS' NAME AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS:

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

8.22. LITIGATION/WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL:

This agreement shall be governed by and construed according to Florida law. Venue for any dispute or formal litigation concerning this agreement shall be in the appropriate court with territorial jurisdiction over Hernando County, Florida. In the event of a dispute or litigation, each party to such dispute or litigation shall be solely responsible for its own attorneys' fees and costs. This agreement shall not be construed for or against any party hereto, 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.

8.23. 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 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. Pick up facility not open or required items not available.
 - d. Make progress so as to endanger performance of this contract.
 - e. 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.

8.24. FISCAL NON-FUNDING

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

8.25. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

- 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.

8.26. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION:

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

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

8.27. INTERIM EXTENSION OF PERFORMANCE:

If it is determined that interim performance is required to allow for the solicitation and award of a new contract, the County may unilaterally extend the contract for a maximum period of up to six (6) months.

Current pricing, delivery and all other terms and conditions of the contract shall apply during this interim period.

8.28. COMPETENCY OF BIDDERS:

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

8.29. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

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

8.30. 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: Department of Public Works, 1525 East Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
- 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.

8.31. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- A. Conflict of Interest of Officers or Employees of the Contracting Entity/Local Jurisdiction, Members of the Local Governing Body, or Other Elected Officials: No member or employee of the contracting entity/local jurisdiction or its designees or agents; no member of the governing body; and no other public official of Hernando County who exercises any function or responsibility with respect to this contract, during their tenure or for one (1) year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed. Further, the Vendor/Contractor shall cause to be incorporated in all subcontracts, the language set forth in this paragraph prohibiting conflict of interest.
- 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 the County Clerk, the County's Employment Disclosure Statement. The penalty for this violation may include disqualification of the bid submission.

8.32. GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS:

- 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.

8.33. 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.

8.34. 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.

8.35. 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 noticed that coverage no longer complies with the insurance

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

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.

8.36. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (continued)

EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY: Vendor/Contractor shall provide proof of Excess/Umbrella Liability coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.00. Limits can be increased, based on contract.

8.37. 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.

8.38. 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.

8.39. 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.

8.40. CONE OF SILENCE

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

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

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

8.41. 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.

8.42. 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.

9. SCOPE OF WORK

SCOPE AND SPECIFICATIONS

9.1. SCOPE OF WORK:

The Vendor/Contractor will supply all materials, labor, and equipment in order to accomplish the sale of sod for pick up and/or delivery and installation of sod, as described in the specifications below, to locations throughout Hernando County, Florida.

9.2. LOCATION OF THE WORK:

The delivery and installation of sod to be performed in this contract will be performed at various locations throughout Hernando County, Florida. Pickup location must be within a thirty (30) mile radius of 1525 East Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601.

9.3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

A. Sod Type

1. Bahia Sod: Either Argentine or Pensacola is acceptable.
2. Floratam

B. Sod Material

1. During the growing season and dormant season, Sod (Floratam and Bahia) shall provide a dense stand of live grass.
2. Sod shall be green, live, fresh and uninjured at the time of supply or planting.
3. Sod shall have a soil mat of reasonably sufficient thickness adhering firmly to the roots to withstand all necessary handling.
4. Sod shall be able to be picked up on grass end without breaking apart or crumbling.
5. Sod shall be taken up in commercial size rectangles, cut to twelve (12) inches by twenty-four (24) inches or larger, or as rolled at least twelve (12) inches in width and length consistent with the equipment and methods used to handle the rolls and place the sod.
6. Sod shall be a minimum of one and one quarter inches (1-1/4") thick with an additional three-quarters inch (3/4") thick layer of roots and topsoil.
7. Reducing the width of rolled sod is not permitted after the sod has been taken up from the initial growing location.
8. Any netting contained within the sod shall be certified by the manufacturer to be bio-degradable within a period of three (3) months from installation.

9. Sod shall be reasonably free of weeds and other grasses. All sod shall be free of obnoxious weeds and exotic pest plants, or seeds listed in current Category 1 (list of invasive species) from the Florida Invasive Species Council. See Attachment B - List of Invasive Plant Species.
10. The area from which the sod is to be harvested shall be closely mowed and raked as necessary to remove top growth and debris. Approved devices such as a sod cutter shall be used for cutting sod and due care shall be exercised to retain the native soil intact.
11. No sod which has been cut for more than forty-eight (48) hours may be used unless explicitly authorized by the requesting Department, through email or other forms of written communication.
12. A letter of certification from the Vendor/Contractor stipulating the day the sod was cut to be furnished upon request of the County.
13. The Vendor/Contractor shall comply with all current restrictions in regard to movement of sod, sprigs, and mulch material, into or within areas which are outside of the quarantine boundaries for the white fringed beetle and the imported fire ant, as issued by the Division of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the US Department of Agriculture.
14. Sod shall meet the specifications of this contract. Sod received which does not meet the specifications will be rejected and replaced at no expense to the County. Replacement items meeting the specifications must be available within forty-eight (48) hours after rejection of the non-conforming items.

C. Palletized Sod and Pieces Picked Up

1. Bid prices shall be F.O.B. Vendor/Contractor's stated location.
2. The County will pick up at that site.
3. The Vendor/Contractor is responsible for loading sod at the Vendor/Contractor's location.
4. The Vendor/Contractor's site must be within a thirty (30) mile radius of 1525 East Jefferson Street, Brooksville, FL 34601.
5. Pallets will be returned by the County to the Vendor/Contractor and should be provided at no cost to the County.

D. Sod Delivered and Installed

1. The Vendor/Contractor must include within the bid prices, the cost of the sod, the cost of labor, equipment, material, transportation, delivery, loading and unloading, profit and overhead for all sod installed at the locations designated by the County. The County will excavate and remove to bare ground all existing vegetation from the area that will have the sod installed.

2. Inspection

- a. The Vendor/Contractor must notify the requesting department upon completion of the work to allow for timely inspections for compliance with the requirements of this specification and as a condition of payment.
- b. The Vendor/Contractor must submit completion photos to the requesting department.

3. Placement Requirements

- a. Sod must be placed on the prepared surface, with edges in close contact, and shall be firmly and smoothly embedded by tamping or rolling with the appropriate tools.
- b. Any pieces of sod which, after placing, show an appearance of extreme duress shall be removed and replaced with fresh sod meeting the specifications of this contract.
- c. When sod is placed in drainage ditches, the setting of the pieces of sod shall be staggered such as to avoid a continuous seam along the direction of water flow. Along the edges of such staggered areas the offsets of individual strips shall not exceed six inches (6"). The outer edges of the sod shall be tamped so as to produce a featheredge effect to reduce erosion.
- d. Sod will be laid and measured in place by the square footage of sod placed as a basis of payment.
- e. The Vendor/Contractor must maintain ownership of all pallets used and remove them from the site the same day they are emptied. The site will be clean and free of any trash or debris upon completion of the project.
- f. The Contractor/Vendor must be responsible for any and all damages to properties adjacent to or surrounding the jobsite, which are caused by the Vendor/Contractor and will repair any damaged areas at the Vendor/Contractor's expense.
- g. Any damage done to the Right-of-Way, is the sole responsibility of the Vendor/Contractor to repair, at no extra cost to the department.

9.4. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

A. Pickup

- 1. The Vendor/Contractor shall confirm receipt of the work order within twenty-four (24) hours and provide a date and time for pickup.
- 2. Sod must be available to the County for pickup within forty-eight (48) hours after the confirmation of the work order, unless otherwise requested by the department.
- 3. The Vendor/Contractor must notify the requesting department within twenty-four (24) hours if they are unable to fill the work order in its entirety (within the timeframe required

by the contract documents). Failure of the Vendor/Contractor to notify the requesting department, may result in Termination for Default as stated in Paragraph 8.23.

4. Should the primary Vendor/Contractor be unable to fill the work order, the department shall submit the work order to the secondary awarded Vendor/Contractor. The secondary Vendor/Contractor must adhere to the same requirements stated in the contract document.
5. Vendor/Contractor must supply a copy of the delivery ticket to receiving personnel at the time of pickup. The delivery ticket must include the date of pickup, type of sod and quantity of sod received. The delivery ticket must signed by the receiver (County employee) and a copy of the ticket must be given to the County's employee.
6. Pallets will be returned by the County to the Vendor/Contractor and should be provided at no cost to the County.

B. Delivery and Installation

1. Vendor/Contractor must confirm receipt of work order within twenty-four (24) hours. Requesting department will specify job location, estimated quantity and estimated start date.
2. Vendor/Contractor must notify the requesting department twenty-four (24) hours prior to commencing work.
3. Vendor/Contractor must not commence any installation work until receipt of an email or Notice to Proceed issued by the requesting department. Delivery of sod and commencement of installation must begin within three (3) business days of the email or Notice to Proceed, unless otherwise agreed upon by the County.
4. Vendor/Contractor must notify the requesting department within twenty-four (24) hours if they are unable to fill the work order in its entirety (within the timeframe required by the contract documents). Failure of the Vendor/Contractor to notify the requesting department may result in Termination for Default as stated in Paragraph 8.23.
5. Should the primary Vendor/Contractor be unable to fill the work order, the department shall submit the work order to the secondary awarded Vendor/Contractor. The secondary Vendor/Contractor shall adhere to the same requirements stated in the contract documents.

C. Deficiencies

1. Sod installed that is dead, uneven, gapped, or poorly installed by County standards shall be reinstalled at no extra cost to the County.
2. Failure to perform the installation within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of work order will be cause for a reduction of ten percent (10%) per day, off of the total invoice amount.

10. PRICING PROPOSAL

ITB NO.24-T00836/JC. - Supply, Delivery and Installation of Sod

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.



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

PRICE TABLES

SOD PRICING

Bid Table quantities are annual estimates. Pallet size should be priced as 400 square foot of sod.

Line Item	Description	Estimated Annual Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total
SOD - PICK UP BY COUNTY					
1	Bahia	200	Pallet	\$50.00	\$10,000.00
2	Floritam	40	Pallet	\$90.00	\$3,600.00
3	Bahia	850	Pieces	\$0.18	\$153.00
4	Floritam	500	Pieces	\$0.28	\$140.00
DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION					
6	Bahia - 400 - 1,600 Square Feet	400,000	Square Foot	\$0.404	\$161,600.00
7	Bahia - 1,601 - 5,600 Square Feet	100,000	Square Foot	\$0.374	\$37,400.00
8	Bahia - >5,600 Square Feet	100,000	Square Foot	\$0.354	\$35,400.00
9	Floritam - 400 - 1,600 Square Feet	5,000	Square Foot	\$0.53	\$2,650.00
10	Floritam - >1,600 Square Feet	7,000	Square Foot	\$0.51	\$3,570.00
TOTAL					\$254,513.00



**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
Floating Holiday (2) *	

*** All full-time, regular employees receive two floating holidays per year in addition to regular paid holidays. A new employee hired before the end of the first half of the calendar year will receive two floating holidays upon hire; a new employee hired during the second half of the calendar year will receive one floating holiday upon hire. Request for leave must be approved in advance by supervisor. Floating holidays will not be carried over to the next calendar year.**

FISC List Definitions*:

Native—A species that occurs naturally in Florida.

Nonnative—A species that does not occur naturally in Florida.

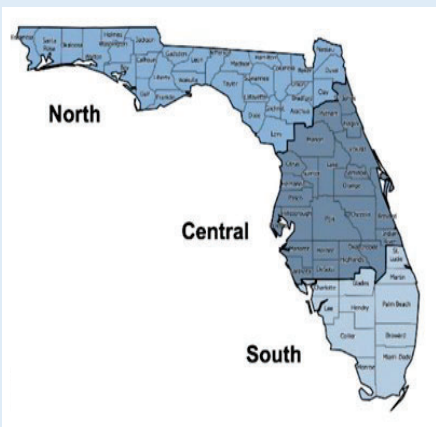
Invasive—A species that (a) is nonnative to Florida, (b) was introduced by humans (intentionally or unintentionally), and (c) does or can cause environmental harm.**

*adapted from: Iannone III, B. V., et al. (2020). Invasive Species Terminology: Standardizing for Stakeholder Education. *Journal of Extension*, 58(3), 27.

**for the purposes of this list, economic and human harm were not considered.

Category I—Invasive plants that are altering native plant communities by displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives. This definition does not rely on the economic severity or geographic range of the problem, but on the documented ecological damage caused.

Category II—Invasive plants that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species. These species may become Category I if ecological damage is demonstrated.



Zone: In the list, **N** = north, **C** = central, **S** = south, referring to each species' general distribution in regions of Florida (not its potential range in the state).

Map courtesy of UF IFAS Assessment



Formerly
Florida Exotic Pest Plant Pest Council
(FLEPPC)

For more information on
invasive plants
including links to related
web pages, visit:

floridainvasivespecies.org

FISC also publishes a
Watch List
which can be found on the website

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Florida Invasive Species Council's 2023 List of Invasive Plant Species

The mission of the Florida Invasive Species Council is to reduce the impacts of invasive plants in Florida through the exchange of scientific, educational, and technical information.

Note: The FISC List of Invasive Plant Species is not a regulatory list. Only those plants listed as Federal Noxious Weeds, Florida Noxious Weeds, Florida Prohibited Aquatic Plants, or in local ordinances are regulated by law.

Purpose of the List

To provide a list of plants determined by the Florida Invasive Species Council to be invasive in natural areas of Florida and routinely update the list based upon information of newly identified occurrences and changes in distribution over time. Also, to focus attention on:

- Adverse effects invasive plants have on Florida's biodiversity and native plant communities,
- Habitat losses in natural areas from Invasive plant infestations,
- Impacts on endangered species via habitat loss and alteration,
- Needs for invasive plant management,
- Environmental impacts of these plants (e.g. increased wildfires or flooding in certain areas),
- Changes in the severity of different invasive plant infestations over time,
- Providing information to help managers set priorities for research and control programs.

www.floridainvasivespecies.org

Citation example: FISC 2023 List of Invasive Plant Species. Florida Invasive Species Council. [https://www.floridainvasivespecies.org/](http://www.floridainvasivespecies.org/).

FISC Category I¹

Scientific Name	Common Name	Zone	Scientific Name	Common Name	Zone
<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	rosary pea	C, S	<i>Manikara zapota</i>	sapodilla	S
<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>	earleaf acacia	C, S	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	punktree; melaleuca	C, S
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	silktree; mimosa	N, C	<i>Melinis repens</i>	rose natalgrass	N, C, S
<i>Albizia lebeck</i>	woman's tongue	C, S	<i>Microsorium grossum</i>	serpent fern; wart fern	S
<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	coral ardisia; scratchthroat	N, C, S	<i>(Phymatosorus scolopendria)</i>		
<i>Ardisia elliptica</i>	shoebutton ardisia	C, S	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Nepalese browntop; Japanese	N
<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i>	Sprenger's asparagus-fern	N, C, S	<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	black mimosa; catclaw mimosa	C, S
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	orchid tree; mountain ebony	C, S	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	sacred bamboo; heavenly bamboo	N, C
<i>Bischofia javanica</i>	Javanese bishopwood	C, S	<i>Nephrolepis brownii</i>	Asian sword fern	C, S
<i>Calophyllum antillanum</i>	santa maria; galba; Antilles calophyllum	S	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>	tuberous sword fern	N, C, S
<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>	Australian-pine; horsetail casuarina	N, C, S	<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	Burma reed; silkreed	S
<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	gray sheoak; suckering Australian-pine	N, C, S	<i>Nymphoides cristata</i>	crested floatingheart	C, S
<i>Cenchrus purpureus</i> <i>(Pennisetum purpureum)</i>	elephantgrass; napiergrass	N, C, S	<i>Paederia cruddasiana</i>	sewervine	S
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	camphortree	N, C, S	<i>Paederia foetida</i>	skunkvine	N, C, S
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	wild taro; dasheen; coco yam	N, C, S	<i>Panicum repens</i>	torpedograss	N, C, S
<i>Colubrina asiatica</i>	latherleaf; Asian nakedwood	C, S	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	water-lettuce	N, C, S
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	carrotwood	C, S	<i>Psidium cattleianum</i>	strawberry guava	C, S
<i>Cyperus blepharoleptos*</i>	Cuban bulrush	N, C, S	<i>Psidium guajava</i>	guava	C, S
<i>Deparia petersenii</i>	Japanese false spleenwort	N, C	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	kudzu	N, C, S
<i>Dioscorea alata</i>	white yam; winged yam; water yam	N, C, S	<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i>	rose myrtle; downy rose-myrtle	C, S
<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>	air-potato	N, C, S	<i>Ruellia simplex</i>	Britton's wild petunia; Mexican petunia	N, C, S
<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i> <i>(Macfadyena unguis-cati)</i>	catclaw vine	N, C, S	<i>Salvinia minima</i>	water spangles	N, C, S
<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	common water-hyacinth	N, C, S	<i>Scaevola taccada</i>	beach naupaka	N, C, S
<i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	Surinam cherry	C, S	<i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i>	Brazilian pepper	N, C, S
<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> ²	Indian laurel fig	C, S	<i>Scleria eggersiana*</i>	Eggers nutrush	S
<i>Heptapleurum actinophyllum</i> <i>(Schefflera actinophylla)</i>	Australian umbrella tree; octopus tree	C, S	<i>Scleria lacustris</i>	Wright's nutrush; lakeshore nutrush	C, S
<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	waterthyme; hydrilla	N, C, S	<i>Scleria microcarpa</i>	Tropical nutrush	C, S
<i>Hygrophila polysperma</i>	Indian swampweed; green hygro	N, C, S	<i>Senna pendula var. glabrata</i>	Christmas cassia; valamuerto	C, S
<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	trompetilla; West Indian marshgrass	N, C, S	<i>Solanum tampicense</i>	wetland nightshade; aquatic soda apple	C, S
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	cogongrass	N, C, S	<i>Solanum viarum</i>	Tropical soda apple	N, C, S
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	water-spinach	N, C, S	<i>Sporobolus jacquemontii</i>	West Indian dropseed; giant smutgrass	N, C, S
<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i>	Gold Coast jasmine	C, S	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	arrowhead vine; American evergreen	N, C, S
<i>Jasminum fluminense</i>	Brazilian jasmine; jazmin de trapo; corky-stemmed jasmine	C, S	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Java plum	C, S
<i>Lantana strigocamara</i> <i>(Lantana camara)</i>	lantana; shrubverbena	N, C, S	<i>Tectaria incisa</i>	incised halberd fern	S
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	glossy privet	N, C	<i>Thelypteris opulenta</i> <i>(Ambloventum opulentum)</i>	jeweled maiden fern	S
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Chinese privet	N, C, S	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	portia tree; seaside mahoe	C, S
<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle	N, C, S	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	small-leaf spiderwort	N, C, S
<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>	Peruvian primrosewillow	N, C, S	<i>Tradescantia spathacea*</i>	Moses-in-the-cradle; oyster-plant; boatlily	C, S
<i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i>	lumitzera	S	<i>Triadica sebifera</i> (<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>)	popcorn tree; Chinese tallow tree	N, C, S
<i>Luziola subintegra</i>	Tropical American watergrass	S	<i>Urena lobata</i>	caesarweed	N, C, S
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Japanese dimbing fern	N, C, S	<i>Urochloa mutica</i>	paragrass	N, C, S
<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>	small-leaf dimbing fern; Old World climbing fern	N, C, S	<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>	beach vitex; roundleaf chastetree	N, C

¹ Plant names are those published in the Atlas of Florida Plants on 3/4/23 (<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/>). Some frequently used common names are added.

² Does not include *Ficus microcarpa* subsp. *fuyensis*, which is sold as "green island Ficus"

³ Does not include the native endemic *Spermacoce neoterminalis*.

* Plants added to the FISC List of Invasive Plant Species in 2023 are in bold print.

FISC Category II¹

Scientific Name	Common Name	Zone	Scientific Name	Common Name	Zone
<i>Adenanthera pavonina</i>	red beadtrees; red sandalwood	S	<i>Limnophila sessiliflora</i>	Asian marshweed	N, C, S
<i>Agave sisalana</i>	sisal hemp	C, S	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Chinese fan palm	C, S
<i>Astonia macrophylla</i>	deviltree	S	<i>Macropitilium lathyroides</i>	wild bushbean	N, C, S
<i>Alteranthera philoxeroides</i>	alligatorweed	N, C, S	<i>Melaleuca viminalis</i> <i>(Callistemon viminalis)</i>	bottlebrush	C, S
<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	coral vine; queen's jewels	N, C, S	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Chinaberrytree	N, C, S
<i>Ardisia japonica</i>	Japanese ardisia	N	<i>Melinis minutiflora</i>	molassesgrass	C, S
<i>Aristolochia elegans</i> <i>(Aristolochia littoralis)</i>	elegant dutchman's-pipe; calico flower	N, C, S	<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	mile-a-minute	S
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	Chinese violet; Ganges primrose	C, S	<i>Momordica charantia</i>	balsampear	N, C, S
<i>Begonia japonica</i>	wax begonia; club begonia	N, C, S	<i>Muraya paniculata</i>	orange jessamine	S
<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	paper mulberry	N, C, S	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil	N, C, S
<i>Bruguiera gymnorhiza</i>	large-leaved orange mangrove	S	<i>Passiflora biflora</i>	twolobe passionflower	S
<i>Callisia fragrans</i>	basket plant; inch plant	C, S	<i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Senegal date palm	C, S
<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>	river sheoak	C, S	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	golden bamboo	N, C
<i>Cecropia palmata</i>	trumpet tree	S	<i>Pittosporum pentandrum</i>	Taiwanese cheesewood	S
<i>Cenchrus polystachios</i> <i>(Pennisetum polystachion)</i>	West Indian pennisetum; missiongrass	C, S	<i>Platynerium bifurcatum</i>	staghorn fern	C, S
<i>Cenchrus setaceus</i> <i>(Pennisetum setaceum)</i>	fountaingrass	N, C, S	<i>Praxelis clematidea</i>	praxelis	C
<i>Cestrum diurnum</i>	dayflowering jessamine	C, S	<i>Pteris tripartita*</i>	giant brake	C, S
<i>Chamaedorea seifrizii</i>	bamboo palm	C, S	<i>Pteris vittata</i>	Chinese ladder brake	N, C, S
<i>Clematis terniflora</i>	sweet autumn virginibower; sweet autumn clematis	N, C	<i>Ptychosperma elegans</i>	Alexander palm; solitaire palm	S
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	coconut palm	S	<i>Richardia grandiflora</i>	largeflower Mexican clover	N, C, S
<i>Crassocephalum crepidioides</i>	redflower ragleaf	N, C, S	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	castorbean	N, C, S
<i>Cryptostegia madagascariensis</i>	Madagascar rubbervine	C, S	<i>Rotala rotundifolia</i>	dwarf rotala; roundleaf toothcup	S
<i>Cyperus involucratus</i>	umbrella plant	N, C, S	<i>Ruellia blechum</i>	Browne's blechum; green shrimp plant	N, C, S
<i>Cyperus profler</i>	dwarf papyrus; miniature flatsedge	C, S	<i>Selenicereus pteranthus*</i>	princess-of-the-night	C, S
<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i>	Durban crowfootgrass	N, C, S	<i>Sesbania punicea</i>	rattlebox	N, C, S
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Indian rosewood; sissoo	C, S	<i>Sida planicaulis</i>	flatstem sida; mata-pasto	C, S
<i>Dalechampia scandens</i>	spurgecreeper	C, S	<i>Solanum diphyllum</i>	twoleaf nightshade	N, C, S
<i>Distimake tuberosus</i> <i>(Merremia tuberosa)</i>	Spanish arborvine; yellow morning-glory; wood rose	C, S	<i>Solanum torvum</i>	turkeyberry	N, C, S
<i>Dracaena hyacinthoides</i> <i>(Sansevieria hyacinthoides)</i>	bowstring hemp; mother-in-law's tongue	C, S	<i>Spermacoce verticillata</i> ³	shrubby false buttonweed	N, C, S
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	silverthorn; thorny olive	N, C, S	<i>Sphagnetikola trilobata</i> <i>(Wedelia triloba)</i>	creeping oxeye; wedelia	N, C, S
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	silverberry; autumn olive	N	<i>Stachytarpheta cayennensis</i>	nettleleaf velvetberry	S
<i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i>	golden pothos	C, S	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	queen palm	C, S
<i>Eulophia graminea</i>	Chinese crown orchid	N, C, S	<i>Syzygium jambos</i>	Malabar plum; rose apple	N, C, S
<i>Ficus altissima</i>	council tree	C, S	<i>Tabebuia heterophylla*</i>	pink tabebuia; white cedar	S
<i>Flacourtia indica</i>	Governor's plum	S	<i>Talipariti tiliaceum var. tiliaceum</i>	sea hibiscus; mahoe	C, S
<i>Hemarthria altissima</i>	limpgrass	C, S	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	West Indian almond; tropical almond; sea almond	C, S
<i>Heteropteris brachiata</i>	Beechey's withe; redwing	S	<i>Terminalia muelleri</i>	Australian almond	C, S
<i>Hyparrhenia rufa</i>	jaragua	N, C, S	<i>Thelypteris dentata</i> <i>(Christella dentata)*</i>	downy maiden fern; downy shield fern	N, C, S
<i>Ipomoea carnea</i> subsp. <i>fistulosa</i>	bush morning-glory	C, S	<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	burr nut; Jamaican feverplant; puncture vine	N, C, S
<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i>	cathedral bells; life plant	C, S	<i>Urochloa maxima</i> <i>(Panicum maximum)</i>	Guineagrass	N, C, S
<i>Kalanchoe x houghtonii</i>	mother-of-millions	N, C, S	<i>Vernicia fordii</i>	tung oil tree	N, C, S
<i>Koelerutera elegans</i> subsp. <i>formosana</i>	flamegold rain tree	N, C, S	<i>Vitex trifolia</i>	simpleleaf chastetree	C, S
<i>Landoltia punctata</i>	dotted duckweed	N, C, S	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Washington fan palm	C, S
<i>(Spirodela punctata)</i>			<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese wisteria	N, C
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	white leadtree	N, C, S	<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i>	arrowleaf elephant's ear	N, C, S



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ADDENDUM # ONE (1)

TO
THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Sod

IN
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

SOLICITATION NO. 24-T00836/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. What is the total proposal amount for this contract? Or what is the total amount the county is going to spend on this contract?

1.A. The annual estimated quantities of sod are identified in the Pricing Proposal, Section 11.

B. CLARIFICATIONS

1. Vendor Questionnaire, Section 12, has been amended to add Subsection 13. Additional Required Forms, Question 13.1. Anti Human Trafficking Affidavit:

13. Additional Required Forms

13.1. Anti Human Trafficking Affidavit*

Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

 [Anti_Human-Trafficking-Affidavit-2024.pdf](#)

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ADDENDUM #TWO (2)

TO
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B. CLARIFICATIONS

1. Overview Section, Timeline, is updated as follows:

Release Project Date: September 11, 2024

Question Submission Deadline: September 23, 2024, 5:00pm

Proposal Submission Deadline: **October 14 21, 2024**, 10:00am

Join Zoom Meeting

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2. Section 12, Vendor Questionnaire, Question 12.1, Solicitation-Offer-Award is revised as follows:

SOLICITATION - OFFER - AWARD

SOLICITATION NO: 24-T00836/JC	SOLICITATION TITLE: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Sod	DATE ISSUED: September 11, 2024	CONTRACT NO: 24-T00836/JC
ISSUED BY: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA Elizabeth Narverud, Chair Brian Hawkins, Vice Chairman Jeff Campbell, Second Vice Chairman John Allocco Steve Champion		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 **OCTOBER 24 21, 2024**. 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 OCTOBER 24 21, 2024**. 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 SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOD, as described in the specifications and construction plans showing the proposed improvements in Hernando County, Florida. <small>(SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS)</small>	x	XXXX	XXXXXXXX	\$ _____

OFFER

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

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS BID FOR THE BIDDER, AGREES THAT IF THIS OFFER IS ACCEPTED WITHIN **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) 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 _____		BIDDER'S SIGNATURE _____	
Address _____		OFFER DATE _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip Code _____		
Phone Number _____	Fax Number _____ Email Address _____	Name, Title _____	

AWARD

(TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY)

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY 07/09/2024	LR NO.: 2024 314-1	BY: Melissa Tartaglia
ACCEPTED AS TO ITEM(S) NO:	AMOUNT:	ACCOUNTING CODE:
SUBMIT INVOICES TO: Hernando County Department of Public Works 1525 East Jefferson Street Brooksville, FL 34601		NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD FOR THE COUNTY: SIGNATURE: _____ AWARD DATE: _____

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Equipment List for Hernando County Sod

2018 International ProStar Tractor Trailer – Owned by company/bidder

2019 International ProStar Tractor Trailer – Owned by company/bidder

Two lowboy 54 foot heavy duty trailers – Owned by company/bidder

2016 Caterpillar 299 skid steer with bucket and fork lift attachments – Owned by company/bidder

2017 Caterpillar 259 skid steer with bucket and fork lift attachments – Owned by company bidder

2021 QuickAttach hydraulic sod roll installer skid steer attachment – Owned by company/bidder

2015 36 foot International flatbed truck with piggyback forklift – Owned by company/bidder

2018 Ford F-450 crew cab truck – Owned by company/bidder

2019 Ford F-450 crew cab truck – Owned by company/bidder

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 James Seeman 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 Megascapes Landscape Services, Inc., 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 James Seeman, declare that I have read the foregoing Anti-Human Trafficking Affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Megascapes Landscape Services, Inc.
Name of Nongovernmental Entity

James Seemann
Printed Name of Affiant

President
Title of Affiant

[Signature]
Signature of Affiant

10/15/24
Date