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**MOSQUITO CONTROL  
STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

This AGREEMENT, made and entered into on <sup>23</sup>October 8, 2024, by and between the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, the DEPARTMENT, and HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, the RECIPIENT.

**ARTICLE 1: TERM**

- 1.1 Contract Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025.
- 1.2 Extension and Renewal.
- 1.2.1 Extension of a contract for contractual services shall be in writing for a single period only not to exceed six (6) months and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the initial contract. There shall be only one extension of a contract unless the failure to meet the criteria set forth in the contract for completion of the contract is due to events beyond the control of the RECIPIENT.
- 1.2.2 Contracts for commodities or contractual services may be renewed on a yearly basis for no more than three (3) years, or for a period no longer than the term of the original contract, whichever period is longer. Renewal of a contract for commodities or contractual services shall be in writing and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in the initial contract. Renewals shall be contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations by the DEPARTMENT and subject to the availability of funds. Renewal costs may not be charged by the RECIPIENT. Exceptional purchase contracts (single source and emergency contracts) pursuant to Section 287.057(3)(a) and (c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), may not be renewed.

**ARTICLE 2: SERVICES**

- 2.1 Scope of Work. The RECIPIENT agrees to provide the following commodities and/or services: Comply with the requirements of Chapter 388, Florida Statutes, Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code to conduct arthropod/mosquito control.
- 2.2 The Department of Management Services' designated United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC) is: 85111704.
- 2.3 Deliverables. The RECIPIENT must provide the following quantifiable, measurable, and verifiable units of deliverables which must be received and accepted in writing by the contract manager before payment. These deliverables are directly related to the Scope of Work specifying minimum levels of service to be performed and criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.

The RECIPIENT agrees to provide mosquito management/control services as specified in the above scope of work. The RECIPIENT must meet the below minimum levels of services:

- A. Submit a monthly financial report to the DEPARTMENT on the form "Mosquito Control Monthly Report - State Funds" for State funds (FDACS-13650, Rev. 09/23, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time) and supporting documentation (i.e., receipts travel vouchers, invoices, purchase orders, expenditure reports, wage statements, account statements) no later than thirty days after the end of each month.
  - B. Submit a monthly financial report and supporting documentation to the DEPARTMENT on the form "Mosquito Control Monthly Report - Local Funds" for Local Funds (FDACS-13663, Rev. 09/23, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time) no later than thirty days after the end of each month.
  - C. Submit a monthly pesticide activity report to the DEPARTMENT on the form "Mosquito Control Pesticide Activity Report" (FDACS-13652, Rev. 02/23, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time) no later than thirty days after the end of each month.
  - D. Submit budget amendment on the form "Arthropod Control Budget Amendment" (FDACS-13613, Rev. 7/13, as currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time) as needed. Budget amendments shall be prepared and submitted to the DEPARTMENT prior to over-expending funds in any account or expending funds in nonbudgeted accounts. Budget amendments must be explained by an accompanying request for approval of the changes to be made in the detailed budget. DEPARTMENT approval of the amendment(s) must be received before such expenditures are made.
  - E. Submit a copy to the DEPARTMENT of each financial reporting package containing non-state entities' financial statements, Schedule of State Financial Assistance, auditor's reports, management letter, auditee's written responses or corrective action plan, correspondence regarding follow-up taken to address any prior year deficiencies, and such other information determined by the Auditor General of the State of Florida to be necessary.
  - F. This AGREEMENT shall be executed and returned to the Department not later than October 30, 2024 and shall serve as the RECIPIENT'S acknowledgment that this AGREEMENT is subject to Section 215.97, Florida Statutes.
- 2.4 Financial Consequences. Failure to meet the deliverables of this AGREEMENT shall result in a financial consequence. The RECIPIENT shall perform all deliverables within the time frame established in this AGREEMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall reduce payment by: If the RECIPIENT fails to meet one or more of deliverables A, B, or C of Section 2.3 hereof, due on or before August 30, 2025, then in addition to any other available remedies the DEPARTMENT shall reduce payment by 5% of the corresponding quarters invoice. The RECIPIENT shall complete and submit all deliverables within the time frame established in this AGREEMENT, except that the DEPARTMENT in its sole discretion may grant an extension of one or more deliverable deadlines upon prior written notification from RECIPIENT and for good cause shown.
- 2.5 Department Services. The DEPARTMENT agrees to provide the following services: N/A

### ARTICLE 3: COMPENSATION & EXPENSES

3.1 The DEPARTMENT will pay the RECIPIENT as follows:

An amount not to exceed \$61,855.56 payable quarterly in accordance with section 3.1.3, upon receipt of required reports submitted to the DEPARTMENT within statutory deadlines.

- 3.1.1 The DEPARTMENT may make partial payments to the RECIPIENT upon partial delivery of services when a request for such partial payment is made by the RECIPIENT and approved by the DEPARTMENT.
- 3.1.2 State funds, supplies, and services shall be made available to RECIPIENT by and through the DEPARTMENT immediately upon release of funds by the Executive Office of the Governor. Following the determination of funds available, if necessary, the DEPARTMENT shall make an adjustment in amounts of money payable to RECIPIENT in the last three (3) quarters of the current fiscal year. RECIPIENT shall be notified of the amount payable to them and if necessary, shall amend amounts of state funds budgeted.
- 3.1.3 The following quarterly payment schedule shall apply to this AGREEMENT:

Contract Period	Quarterly Payment Month (approximate)
October – December	January
January – March	April
April – June	July
July – September	September

If this AGREEMENT is not executed in time for one or more of the quarterly payments to apply, payment will be made in accordance with the remaining quarterly payment schedule.

3.2 Expenses. All purchases of supplies, materials and equipment by RECIPIENT shall be made in accordance with the laws governing purchases by boards of county commissioners, except that districts with special laws relative to competitive bidding shall make purchases in accordance with Chapter 388, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 5E-13, Florida Administrative Code to conduct arthropod/mosquito control.

3.2.1 All funds, supplies, and services released to the RECIPIENT shall be used exclusively for an integrated program that provides a combination of mosquito control, source reduction measures, public education, personnel training and certification, mosquito population surveillance, larvicides, adulticides, equipment, and alerts as approved by the DEPARTMENT.

3.2.2 Justified and reasonable travel expenses which are directly and exclusively related to the services rendered under this AGREEMENT will be reimbursed in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S. Authorization for travel expenses must be specified in this AGREEMENT.

3.3 Invoices. Bills for services shall be submitted to the DEPARTMENT in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof.

3.3.1 Section 215.422, F.S., provides that agencies have five (5) working days to inspect and approve goods and services, unless bid specifications or the purchase order specifies otherwise. With the exception of payments to health care providers for hospital, medical or other health care services, if payment is not available within 40 days, measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the date the goods or services are received, inspected and approved, a separate interest penalty set by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 55.03, F.S., will be due and payable in addition to the invoice amount.

To obtain the applicable interest rate, please contact the Agency's Fiscal Section at (850) 617-7200 or Purchasing Office at (850) 617-7181.

- 3.3.2 Invoices must include all required reports, forms, and documentation as defined in this AGREEMENT to be accepted as complete by the DEPARTMENT. Invoices determined to be incomplete will be returned to the RECIPIENT within five (5) working days of submission to the DEPARTMENT.
- 3.3.3 Invoices returned by the DEPARTMENT to the RECIPIENT due to preparation errors will result in a payment delay. Invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the DEPARTMENT.
- 3.4 Transaction Fee. RECIPIENT shall be pre-qualified as meeting mandatory requirements and qualifications and shall remit fees pursuant to Section 287.057(24), F.S., and any rules implementing Section 287.057, F.S.
- 3.5 Dispute Resolution. If a dispute over fees invoiced under this AGREEMENT arises, the parties shall work to resolve the dispute informally at first. Should the parties be unable to resolve the dispute informally, the DEPARTMENT and RECIPIENT shall participate in mandatory binding arbitration.
  - 3.5.1 Pursuant to Section 215.422(5), F.S., the Department of Financial Services has established a Vendor Ombudsman to act as an advocate for vendors. The Vendor Ombudsman may be reached at (850) 413-5516 or by calling the Department of Financial Services' Hotline, 1-877-693-5236.
- 3.6 Contingency. In accordance with Section 287.0582, F.S., the DEPARTMENT's performance and obligation to pay under this AGREEMENT is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. Payments under this AGREEMENT are further subject to the approval of the State Chief Financial Officer (Department of Financial Services).

#### ARTICLE 4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 4.1 Anything by whatsoever designation it may be known, that is produced by, or developed in connection with this contract shall become the exclusive property of the DEPARTMENT and may be copyrighted, patented, or otherwise restricted as provided by Florida or federal law. Neither the RECIPIENT nor any individual employed under this contract shall have any proprietary interest in the product.
  - 4.1.1 With respect to each deliverable that constitutes a work of authorship within the subject matter and scope of U.S. Copyright Law, 17 U.S.C. Sections 102-105, such work shall be a "work for hire" as defined in 17 U.S.C. Section 101 and all copyrights subsisting in such work for hire shall be owned exclusively by the DEPARTMENT.
  - 4.1.2 In the event it is determined as a matter of law that any such work is not a "work for hire," RECIPIENT shall immediately assign to the DEPARTMENT all copyrights subsisting therein for the consideration set forth in the contract and with no additional compensation.
  - 4.1.3 The foregoing shall not apply to any preexisting software, or other work of authorship used by RECIPIENT to create a deliverable, but which exists as work independent of the deliverable, unless the preexisting software or work was developed by RECIPIENT pursuant to a previous

contract with the DEPARTMENT or a purchase by the DEPARTMENT under a State Term Contract.

4.1.4 The RECIPIENT shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT from any suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided, however, the foregoing obligation shall not apply to the DEPARTMENT's misuse or modification of RECIPIENT's products or DEPARTMENT's operation or use of RECIPIENT's product in a manner not contemplated by the AGREEMENT. If any product is the subject of an infringement suit, or in the RECIPIENT's opinion is likely to become the subject of such a suit, the RECIPIENT at its sole expense shall procure for the DEPARTMENT the right to continue using the product or to modify it to become non-infringing. If the RECIPIENT is not reasonably able to modify or otherwise secure for the DEPARTMENT the right to continue using the product, the RECIPIENT shall remove the product and refund the DEPARTMENT the amounts paid in excess of a reasonable rental for past use. The DEPARTMENT shall not be liable for any royalties.

4.1.5 The RECIPIENT's obligations under the preceding paragraph with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the DEPARTMENT giving RECIPIENT (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at the RECIPIENT's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at the RECIPIENT's sole expense. The RECIPIENT shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by the DEPARTMENT in any legal action without the RECIPIENT's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

## **ARTICLE 5: ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS**

- 5.1 RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that any articles that are the subject of, or required to carry out this AGREEMENT, in accordance with Section 287.042, F.S., shall be purchased from a nonprofit agency for the blind or for the severely handicapped that is qualified pursuant to Chapter 413, F.S., in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Section 413.036(1) and (2), F.S.; and for purposes of this contract the person, firm or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the state agency insofar as dealings with such qualified nonprofit agency are concerned. Available products, pricing and delivery information may be obtained by contacting: RESPECT of Florida, 2475 Apalachee Parkway, Suite 205, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-4946, telephone number (850) 942-3555 and fax number (850) 942-7832.
- 5.2 RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out this AGREEMENT, in accordance with Section 287.095(3), F.S., shall be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946, F.S., in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in Section 946.515(2) and (4), F.S.; and for the purposes of this contract the person, firm or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the DEPARTMENT insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned. The "corporation identified" is Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Incorporated. Available products, pricing and delivery schedules may be obtained by contacting: PRIDE Enterprises, 223 Morrison Road, Brandon, Florida 33511-4835, telephone number (813) 324-8700.
- 5.3 RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a), F.S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a

public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, F.S., for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

- 5.4 RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to Section 287.134(2)(a), F.S., an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.
- 5.5 RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to Section 287.137(2)(a), F.S., a person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity.
- 5.6 RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that the employment of unauthorized aliens by any person or entity is considered a violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a. If the RECIPIENT knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this AGREEMENT. RECIPIENT avers that it is registered in the E-Verify system and further agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095(2), F.S., during the term of the contract, including receiving and maintaining required affidavits from subcontractors.
- 5.7 RECIPIENT shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age or disability and shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations related thereto, including without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101 et. Seq.); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 795); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101-6107).
- 5.8 RECIPIENT shall comply with Section 20.055, F.S.
- 5.9 RECIPIENT represents and warrants that it has reviewed Sections 215.4725, 287.135, F.S. and is not listed on either the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sector List. RECIPIENT further represents and warrants that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria as proscribed by Section 287.135, F.S. Failure to certify or falsely certifying compliance with Sections 215.4725 and 287.135, F.S., may subject the RECIPIENT to civil penalties, attorney's fees, and other penalties and consequences provided for by law including the termination of this AGREEMENT.
- 5.10 RECIPIENT represents and warrants that it shall comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.204-25, prohibition on contracting for certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act. Failure to comply or if

the RECIPIENT knowingly provides funds to any entity prohibited from receiving a contract or award pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.204-25 shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this AGREEMENT.

#### **ARTICLE 6: PUBLIC RECORDS**

- 6.1 To the extent that RECIPIENT meets the definition of "Contractor" under Section 119.0701, F.S., all documents, including papers, letters, or any other record or materials prepared pursuant to this AGREEMENT are subject to Florida's Public Records Law. RECIPIENT must:
- 6.1.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the DEPARTMENT to perform the service.
  - 6.1.2 Upon request from the DEPARTMENT's custodian of public records, provide the DEPARTMENT with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at no cost to the DEPARTMENT.
  - 6.1.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract period and following completion or termination of the contract if the RECIPIENT does not transfer the records to the DEPARTMENT.
  - 6.1.4 Upon completion or termination of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the DEPARTMENT all public records in possession of the RECIPIENT or keep and maintain public records required by the DEPARTMENT to perform the service. If the RECIPIENT transfers all public records to the DEPARTMENT upon completion or termination of the contract, the RECIPIENT shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the RECIPIENT keeps and maintains public records upon completion or termination of the contract, the RECIPIENT shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the DEPARTMENT, upon request from the DEPARTMENT's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the DEPARTMENT.
- 6.2 The DEPARTMENT shall have the right of unilateral cancellation for refusal by the RECIPIENT to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material made or received by the RECIPIENT in conjunction with the contract, unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution and Section 119.07(1), F.S.
- 6.3 Nothing in this article shall be considered a waiver of the provisions of Section 119.0701, F.S.

**IF THE RECIPIENT HAS ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE RECIPIENT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS:**

**OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL  
407 SOUTH CALHOUN STREET, SUITE 520  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399  
PHONE: (850) 245-1000**

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**ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION**

- 7.1 For Convenience. The parties may terminate this AGREEMENT in whole or in part for its convenience by giving at least fifteen (15) days written notice by electronic or registered mail to the contract manager, specifying the effective date of termination.
- 7.2 For Cause. The DEPARTMENT may terminate this AGREEMENT for cause; provided, however, no right of default shall accrue until thirty (30) days after the defaulting party is notified in writing of the reason(s) for termination and has failed to cure or give adequate assurances of performance within the thirty (30) day period after notice of termination. If, after termination, it is determined that the RECIPIENT was not in default, or that the default was excusable or the termination for cause was in error, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the DEPARTMENT pursuant to Section 7.1. The rights and remedies of the DEPARTMENT in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
- 7.2.1 For cause termination shall be defined as default, breach, or failure of the RECIPIENT to fulfill any of its obligations hereunder.
- 7.2.2 Opportunity to cure. Prior to the exercise of any remedy provided for herein, the DEPARTMENT shall provide thirty (30) calendar days written notice of default and shall provide the RECIPIENT the opportunity to cure such failure or default within said thirty (30) day period. Upon the failure or inability to cure, the DEPARTMENT shall have all rights and remedies provided at law or in equity, including without limitation the following: (1) temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the RECIPIENT; (2) disallow all or part of the cost of the services not in compliance; and/or (3) wholly or partly suspend or terminate this contract.
- 7.3 Obligations of parties upon termination.
- 7.3.1 The DEPARTMENT shall pay and/or reimburse RECIPIENT for services satisfactorily completed in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined herein, subject to any damages sustained by the DEPARTMENT. Upon the effective date of termination, the DEPARTMENT shall have no further obligation to make any payments, other than that which became due prior to the effective date of termination or during the notice period.
- 7.3.2 The RECIPIENT shall:
- 7.3.1.1 If the RECIPIENT decides to withdraw from participation in state matching funds under Chapter 388, F.S., prior to the end of the contract period, the RECIPIENT shall continue to submit the required reports until all funds received by the RECIPIENT as of the date of withdrawal are exhausted.
- 7.3.1.2 Stop all work, make no further changes to completed work, and place no further orders related to this AGREEMENT, except that which may be needed to wind-down the contract or may be directed by the DEPARTMENT during the notice period.
- 7.3.1.3 Furnish notice of termination to any and all immediate subcontractors, suppliers, licensors or partners that may be affected by this termination.

- 7.3.1.4 Take actions necessary, or that the DEPARTMENT may direct, for the protection and preservation of the work produced under this AGREEMENT.
  - 7.3.1.5 Return and deliver to the DEPARTMENT its property and/or inventoried items in the possession of contractor and/or its employees or subcontractors.
  - 7.3.1.6 Disclose, transfer and assign to the DEPARTMENT all the rights, titles, and interests in licenses, copyrighted or patented work, as well as anything whatsoever constituting intellectual property produced within the subject matter and scope of this AGREEMENT.
  - 7.3.1.7 Not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.
- 7.4 Force Majeure. If either party fails to fulfill its obligations hereunder, when such failure is due to an act of God, or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to fire, flood, civil commotion, riot, war (declared and undeclared), revolution, or embargoes, then said failure shall be excused for the duration of such event and for such a time thereafter as is reasonable to enable the parties to resume performance under this AGREEMENT.
  - 7.4.1 Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the nonperforming party shall promptly notify the other party of occurrence of that Force Majeure Event, its effect on performance and its anticipated duration.
- 7.5 Notwithstanding the above, the RECIPIENT shall not be relieved of liability to the DEPARTMENT for damages sustained by the DEPARTMENT by virtue of any termination, default or breach of this AGREEMENT by the RECIPIENT.

## ARTICLE 8: FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 8.1 The RECIPIENT is hereby prohibited from expending any of the funds provided hereunder for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch or a state agency.
- 8.2 The RECIPIENT, as applicable, shall carry out the services outlined in Article 2 of this AGREEMENT in accordance with and subject to requirements of Section 215.97, F.S.
- 8.3 State funds received by RECIPIENT shall be deposited in a separate depository account from local funds received. Disbursements shall be made on pre-numbered checks or warrants drawn on the separate depository account from the local funds. Local and state funds shall be deposited in banks designated as depositories of public funds in accordance with provisions of Section 658.60, Florida Statutes.
- 8.4 In the event that the RECIPIENT expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in its fiscal year, the RECIPIENT must have a state single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, F.S.; applicable rules of the Department of Financial Services; and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. In determining the state financial assistance expended in its fiscal year, the RECIPIENT shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from this department resource, other state agencies, and other nonstate entities. State financial assistance does not include federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a nonstate entity for federal program matching requirements.

- 8.5 Audits conducted pursuant to Section 215.97, F.S., shall be performed annually and conducted by independent auditors in accordance with auditing standards as stated in Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General.
- 8.6 Regardless of the amount of the state financial assistance, the provisions of Section 215.97, F.S., do not exempt the RECIPIENT from compliance with provisions of law relating to maintaining records concerning state financial assistance or allowing access and examination of those records by the DEPARTMENT, the Chief Financial Officer, or the Auditor General.
- 8.7 If the RECIPIENT expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, F.S., is not required. If however, the RECIPIENT elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provision of Section 215.97, F.S., the cost of the audit must be paid from RECIPIENT's resources other than that which is obtained from the DEPARTMENT.
- 8.8 The DEPARTMENT shall provide to the RECIPIENT, information needed by the RECIPIENT to comply with the requirements of Section 215.97, F.S.
- 8.9 The DEPARTMENT shall have access to the RECIPIENT's records and the RECIPIENT's independent auditor's working papers as necessary for complying with the requirements of Section 215.97, F.S. The RECIPIENT is required to maintain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this AGREEMENT for a period of five years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the DEPARTMENT or its designee, access to such records upon request.
- 8.10 Section 215.97, F.S., does not limit the authority of the DEPARTMENT to conduct or arrange for the conduct of additional audits or evaluations of state financial assistance or limit the authority of any state agency Inspector General, the Auditor General, or any other state official.
- 8.11 RECIPIENT shall provide one copy of each financial reporting package prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 215.97, F.S. The financial reporting package means financial statements, Schedule of State Financial Assistance, auditor's reports, management letter, auditee's written responses or corrective action plan, correspondence on follow-up of prior years' corrective actions taken, and such other information determined by the Auditor General to be necessary and consistent with the purposes of Section 215.97, F.S. Copies of the financial reporting package required by this AGREEMENT shall be submitted by or on behalf of the RECIPIENT directly to each of the following:

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Division of Administration  
509 Mayo Building  
407 South Calhoun Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800

The Auditor General's Office at the following address:

State of Florida Auditor General  
Room 401, Claude Pepper Building  
111 West Madison Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

- 8.12 Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the DEPARTMENT pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be submitted timely in accordance with Florida Statutes, and Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.
- 8.13 The RECIPIENT shall maintain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this AGREEMENT for a period of five (5) years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the DEPARTMENT, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The RECIPIENT shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to the DEPARTMENT, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General upon request for a period of five (5) years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the DEPARTMENT.
- 8.14 RECIPIENT shall ensure expenditures of state financial assistance is in compliance with laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of state funds, including, but not limited to, the Reference Guide for State Expenditures.
- 8.15 The RECIPIENT agrees that this AGREEMENT may be charged only with allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the term of this AGREEMENT.
- 8.16 The RECIPIENT agrees that any balances of unobligated cash that have been advanced or paid that are not authorized to be retained for direct program costs in a subsequent period must be refunded to the DEPARTMENT.
- 8.17 Any funds paid in excess of the amount to which the RECIPIENT is entitled under this AGREEMENT must be refunded to the DEPARTMENT.

## ARTICLE 9: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 Independent Contractor. The RECIPIENT, and any of its employees, agents, or assigns, are independent contractors and are not employees or agents of the DEPARTMENT.
- 9.1.1 The RECIPIENT shall not pledge the DEPARTMENT's credit or make the DEPARTMENT a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness.
- 9.2 Indemnification. The RECIPIENT shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT, and their officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description, including attorneys' fees, arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the RECIPIENT, its agent, employees, partners, or subcontractors, provided, however that the RECIPIENT shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the DEPARTMENT. Nothing herein contained shall be construed or operate as a waiver of sovereign immunity to the extent sovereign immunity as set forth in Section 768.28, F.S., may otherwise apply.
- 9.2.1 The RECIPIENT's obligations under this paragraph with respect to any legal action are contingent upon the State or Customer giving the contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at RECIPIENT's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at RECIPIENT's sole expense. The RECIPIENT shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or

compromise incurred or made by the DEPARTMENT in any legal action without the RECIPIENT's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 9.3 Liability. The DEPARTMENT shall not assume any liability for the acts, omissions to act or negligence of the RECIPIENT, its agents, servants, and employees, nor shall the RECIPIENT disclaim its own negligence to the DEPARTMENT or any third party.
- 9.3.1 The RECIPIENT shall maintain, during the period of this AGREEMENT, liability insurance for the services to be rendered in accordance with industry standards as appropriate.
- 9.4 Amendments. Any changes must be mutually agreed upon and incorporated in written amendments to this AGREEMENT.
- 9.5 Entire AGREEMENT. The instrument, including any attachments or exhibits, embodies the entire AGREEMENT of the parties. This AGREEMENT supersedes all previous oral or written communications, representations, or agreements on this subject.
- 9.6 Applicable Law and Venue. This AGREEMENT shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida with venue in Leon County, Florida.
- 9.7 Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this AGREEMENT shall be determined to be void or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by law, such determination will not render this AGREEMENT invalid or unenforceable and the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force or effect. In the event that any clause or requirement of this AGREEMENT is contradictory to, or conflicts with the requirements of Florida law, including, but not limited to requirements regarding contracts with Florida's governmental agencies, the offending clause or requirement shall be without force and effect and the requirements of the Florida Statutes and rules promulgated thereunder on the same subject shall substitute for that clause or requirement and be binding on all parties to this contract.
- 9.8 Paragraph Headings. Paragraph headings contained in this AGREEMENT are for convenience or reference only. They shall not be deemed to modify, limit, define or describe in any respect the provisions of this AGREEMENT.
- 9.9 Compliance. RECIPIENT shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all requirements of all Municipal, County, State and Federal rules and regulations, statutes and/or ordinances now in force, or which hereafter come into force, pertaining to the duties and obligations arising from this AGREEMENT.
- 9.10 No Subcontracting. RECIPIENT agrees that all services to be performed hereunder shall be performed solely by the RECIPIENT and may not be subcontracted for or assigned without the prior written consent of DEPARTMENT, which may be withheld by DEPARTMENT for any reason or granted subject to RECIPIENT's compliance with one or more of the following: (1) RECIPIENT purchasing, at its sole expense, a payment bond in a form and amount that DEPARTMENT determines to be adequate to protect suppliers of labor and material; (2) DEPARTMENT withholding, as retainage, 25% or the highest percent permitted by law, whichever is less, of all payments made to the RECIPIENT until RECIPIENT submits evidence satisfactory to DEPARTMENT that all subcontracts and outstanding indebtedness in connection with the services hereunder have been paid for by the RECIPIENT; and (3) RECIPIENT disclosing information satisfactory to DEPARTMENT regarding each subcontractor to perform services hereunder, including a description of the subcontractor's organization, ability to provide applicable services, cost to perform applicable services, previous work experience, and relationship to the RECIPIENT.

- 9.11 Survival. The termination of this AGREEMENT (whether by expiry, completion, the exercise of a termination right hereunder, or otherwise) will not relieve either party of any obligation, nor impair the exercise of rights, accrued hereunder prior to such termination. Without limiting the foregoing, the terms of Sections 4.1.4, 6.1, 9.2, and 9.10 hereof and Article 8 hereof will survive the termination of this AGREEMENT.
- 9.12 This AGREEMENT may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Each person signing this AGREEMENT warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the AGREEMENT.
- 9.13 The delay or failure by the DEPARTMENT to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this AGREEMENT shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the DEPARTMENT's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.
- 9.14 Administration of AGREEMENT.

The contract manager for the DEPARTMENT is Shalinda Woods and is located at Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, 3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite E, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1650, office number (850) 617-7933, email address: Shalinda.Woods@FDACS.gov.

The contract manager for the RECIPIENT is SANDRA FISHER-GRAINER, DIRECTOR and is located at 15400 WISCON ROAD, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601.

Substitution of a contract manager by any party after execution of this AGREEMENT shall not require a formal amendment of this AGREEMENT; however, the other contract manager shall be informed in writing within seven (7) business days of the substitution.

- 9.15 Notices. Any notice required or permitted under this AGREEMENT shall be in writing and shall be sent via email to the contract manager and sent by a nationally recognized courier service which provides written proof of delivery (e.g., UPS, Federal Express) or mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed, in either event, to the contract manager set forth in Section 9.14 with a copy to:

DEPARTMENT: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of General Counsel, The Mayo Building, Suite 520, 407 S. Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Attn: General Counsel

RECIPIENT: HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 15400 WISCON ROAD, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601

- 9.16 Tangible Property. All equipment purchased pursuant to Chapter 388, Florida Statutes, with state funds made available directly to RECIPIENT shall become the property of the RECIPIENT unless otherwise provided, and may be traded in on other equipment, or sold, when no longer needed by the RECIPIENT.
- 9.16.1 The DEPARTMENT, upon notifying RECIPIENT and obtaining its approval, is authorized to transfer equipment, materials, and personnel from one district to another in the event of an emergency brought about by an arthropod borne epidemic or other disaster requiring emergency control.

- 9.16.2 Surplus property shall be disposed of according to the provisions set forth in Section 274.05, Florida Statutes, with the following exceptions: Serviceable equipment no longer needed by RECIPIENT shall first be offered to any or all other counties or districts engaged in mosquito control at a price established by the board of commissioners owning the equipment. If no acceptable offer is received within two weeks, the equipment shall be offered to such other governmental units or private nonprofit agencies as provided in Section 274.05, Florida Statutes.
- 9.16.3 The alternative procedure for disposal of surplus property, as prescribed in Section 274.06, Florida Statutes, shall be followed if it has been determined no other county, district, governmental unit, or private nonprofit agency has need for the equipment. All proceeds from the sale of any real or tangible personal property owned by RECIPIENT shall be deposited in the county or district mosquito control state fund account unless otherwise specifically designated by the DEPARTMENT.
- 9.17 If RECIPIENT is providing contractual services, Recipient shall comply with the inspection requirements set forth in Section 216.1366(1), F.S. Recipient must provide the requested records, papers, and documents, as required by Section 216.1366(2), F.S., within ten (10) business days after the request is made by the DEPARTMENT.

#### ARTICLE 10: STATE FUNDING DISCLOSURE

- 10.1 State resources awarded to the RECIPIENT pursuant to this AGREEMENT and are from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Catalog of State Financial Assistance: **Mosquito Control, 42.003, \$61,855.56.**
- If state resources awarded to the RECIPIENT are to be used as matching resources for federal programs, identify the name of federal agency and catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (title and number).
- 10.2 Reporting Requirements. Pursuant to Section 216.1366, F.S., contracts for services with non-profit organizations as defined in Section 215.97(2)(m), F.S., require the RECIPIENT to provide documentation that indicates the amount of state funds (1) allocated to be used during the full term of the contract for remuneration of any member of the board of directors or an officer of the RECIPIENT, and (2) allocated under each payment by the DEPARTMENT to be used for remuneration of any member of the board of directors or an officer of the RECIPIENT. The documentation must indicate the amounts and receipts of remuneration.
- 10.3 The RECIPIENT is not classified as a non-profit organization as defined in Section 215.97(2)(m), F.S.; therefore the RECIPIENT is not required to complete and return the Total Compensation Paid to Non-Profit Personnel Using State Funds form (FDACS-01324) in accordance with Section 216.1366, F.S., no later than ten (10) business days from execution of this AGREEMENT and with each invoice submission in accordance with Section 3.3..
- 10.4 If a RECIPIENT is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 216.1366, F.S., and maintains a website, the RECIPIENT must post the information required by Section 216.1366(3), F.S., on its website.
- 10.5 Failure to comply with any of the requirements of Section 216.1336, F.S., may result in termination of the AGREEMENT as prescribed in Section 7.2.

## ARTICLE 11: EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

- 11.1 The RECIPIENT shall complete and return the Executive Compensation Attestation for Agreements Involving State Funds form (FDACS-01317) within ten (10) business from execution of this AGREEMENT. Executive Compensation Attestation is required pursuant to Executive Order 20-44. Governmental entities as defined in Section 287.012(14), F.S., are excluded from the executive compensation reporting.
- 11.2 In the event that the RECIPIENT receives fifty (50) percent or more of its budget from funding provided by the State of Florida, or a combination of funding from the State of Florida and the United States Government, or this AGREEMENT results from the RECIPIENT being named in statute as the required recipient of a sole-source, public-private agreement, then the RECIPIENT shall provide an annual report to the DEPARTMENT due on or before June 30th. An annual report shall be required for each year that this AGREEMENT remains in existence. The report shall detail the total compensation of the RECIPIENT's executive leadership team, to include salary, bonuses, cash-in leave, cash equivalents, severance pay, retirement benefits, deferred compensation, real property gifts, and any other payout. The annual report must also indicate what percent of compensation comes directly from State or Federal allocations, and the report shall contain the RECIPIENT's IRS Form 990.
- 11.3 RECIPIENT understands and agrees that it must provide DEPARTMENT of written notice detail any change in executive compensation in the intervening period between annual reports.
- 11.4 RECIPIENT understands and agrees that failure to comply with any provision of this section constitutes a material breach for which DEPARTMENT may seek termination of this AGREEMENT pursuant to Section 7 of this AGREEMENT.
- 11.5 Absent written extension of the deadline to provide the annual report, the parties agree that the RECIPIENT shall be liable for a financial consequence of \$100 per calendar day until the report is delivered.
- 11.6 The final annual report shall be delivered to the Department as part of the close out process detailed in Article 8.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth above and, in the attachments and exhibits, hereto, the parties have caused to be executed this AGREEMENT by the undersigned officials duly authorized:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Joey B. Ricks  
Signature

Director, Division of Administration  
Title

9/4/2024  
Date

RECIPIENT

E N a  
Signature

Chairperson  
Title

10/22/2024  
Date

