

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
42229 MECHANICAL AQUATIC VEGETATION SHREDDING

The St. Johns River Water Management District (the “District”) is seeking submittals from qualified contractors to provide mechanical aquatic vegetation shredding services on District-managed properties. Respondents must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience performing mechanical aquatic vegetation shredding on projects similar in scope and complexity as described in the Scope of Work, and all heavy-duty and light-duty shredding equipment must meet the minimum specifications set forth herein.

The initial term of the resulting agreement will be three (3) years, with the option of two (2) annual renewals upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The estimated total budget is \$200,000 for the initial term. Funding for any renewal term will be determined at the time of renewal and shall be subject to available budgeted funds.

The District anticipates that the majority of the Work will be performed using Heavy Duty Equipment, with Light Duty Equipment used only on a limited basis and when specifically authorized by the District. Work will be authorized on an as-needed basis, and the estimated hours shown on the Bid Form are for evaluation purposes only and do not guarantee any amount of work, usage, or compensation.

Interested and qualified Respondents are invited to submit a complete submittal package in accordance with the requirements and specifications detailed in this solicitation. Submittals must address all elements of the Scope of Work and comply with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Further information is available through DemandStar at demandstar.com, Central Bidding at centralbidding.com, the state of Florida’s MyFloridaMarketPlace at myfloridamarketplace.com or the District’s website at sjrwmd.com. Solicitation packages may be obtained from the above portals. Respondents may also request the solicitation package directly from the District.

For all requests or questions relating to this solicitation, please contact:

Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist

Phone: 386-643-1168 or E-Mail: BPierce@sjrwmd.com

PRE-BID MEETING – No Pre-Bid Scheduled

LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS – June 30, 2026; 5:00PM

SUBMITTAL DUE DATE

3:00 PM Wednesday, July 8, 2026

PLEASE NOTE! Submittal must include all required documents and forms requested in this solicitation or the submittal may be rejected and deemed non-responsive.

It is the responsibility of Respondents who receive this solicitation from sources other than the portals identified above or St. Johns River Water Management District to contact the District’s Procurement staff prior to the due date to ensure any updates/addenda are received in order to submit a responsible and responsive offer. If you fail to submit a complete and accurate document, the District may deem the offer non-responsive and reject your submittal.

ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Prior to submitting my offer, I have verified that all addenda issued to date are considered as part of my offer:

Addendum No.	Date	Addendum No.	Date	Addendum No.	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

RESPONDENT NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): _____

PRIMARY E-MAIL ADDRESS (required) _____

SECONDARY E-MAIL ADDRESS (required) _____

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____ YEAR COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED _____

NAME/TITLE OF PERSON SUBMITTING: _____

SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING: _____

This document must be completed and returned with your submittal

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PART 1 – SCOPE OF WORK

I. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

The St. Johns River Water Management District (the “District”) is seeking a qualified Contractor to provide mechanical aquatic vegetation shredding services across the District’s managed properties. These services support ongoing management and restoration efforts by controlling invasive and nuisance aquatic plant species that impede water conveyance, degrade habitat quality, and interfere with ecological restoration objectives.

The primary target species for treatment is Cuban bulrush (*Cyperus blepharoleptos*, *Oxycaryum cubense*), though additional invasive or nuisance aquatic vegetation including wood shrubs and small wetland trees may be included at the direction of the District. Treatment areas will be identified by the District’s Project Manager (“DPM”) and may occur at multiple locations throughout the District during the contract term. Maps and site-specific guidance will be provided prior to mobilization for each project assigned.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this project is to reduce the coverage and density of invasive aquatic vegetation, with emphasis on Cuban bulrush, across the District’s properties. Shredding activities shall improve ecological function by maintaining open-water conditions, reducing habitat loss, and limiting re-establishment of treated vegetation while promoting the reestablishment of native emergent and submerged aquatic species.

Effective shredding shall be conducted in a manner that promotes sinking and natural decomposition of biomass. Performance will be verified using measurable documentation, including GPS track logs of completed work areas.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

Work shall be performed on an as-needed basis within the District’s Conservation Areas, divided into two programmatic regions North and South (Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2) and spanning eighteen (18) counties. Work on each identified treatment location (“Project”) shall commence within fourteen (14) calendar days after written notice from the DPM, unless otherwise approved by the District. The treatment locations and anticipated work for each Project will be identified by the DPM and discussed with the Contractor prior to each mobilization. The District reserves the right to determine when and where treatment occurs based on weather conditions, site conditions, hydrologic conditions, vegetation growth stage, operational priorities, and other relevant variables. However, the Contractor may decline Work if the Contractor determines that the work cannot be completed safely, effectively, or in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement under the existing conditions.

For each authorized mobilization, the Contractor shall be guaranteed a minimum of ten (10) billable hours for Heavy Duty Equipment and five (5) billable hours for Light Duty Equipment, as applicable. This minimum applies only once at the start of the Work on each Project and does not apply on a daily basis. The minimum shall apply again only if the Contractor demobilizes upon authorization by the DPM and is later authorized by the District to remobilize for the same Project.

All Work under the resulting Agreement shall be performed in coordination with the DPM and shall continue as authorized, or until contract funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, fuel, materials, and supervision necessary to complete the work.

Work activities may include, but are not limited to:

- a) Mobilization and demobilization to District properties.
- b) Coordination with District staff regarding site access, staging, and scheduling.
- c) Mechanical shredding of aquatic vegetation within assigned treatment zones.
- d) Daily communication with the District Site Manager or DPM.
- e) Submission of GPS track logs documenting completed work areas.

All work shall be performed in accordance with applicable site restrictions, including but not limited to hunting closures, public access limitations, and recreation use constraints identified by the District.

Northern Conservation Areas Include:

Bayard Conservation Area
Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area
Clark Bay Conservation Area
Crescent Lake Conservation Area
Deep Creek Conservation Area
Dunns Creek Conservation Area
Emeralda Marsh Conservation Area
Gourd Island Conservation Area
Heart Island Conservation Area
Lake George Conservation Area
Lake Norris Conservation Area
Lochloosa Wildlife Conservation Area
Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve
Moses Creek Conservation Area
Murphy Creek Conservation Area
Newnans Lake Conservation Area
Ocklawaha Prairie Restoration Area
Orange Creek Restoration Area
Pellicer Creek Conservation Area
Rice Creek Conservation Area
Silver Springs Forest Conservation Area
Stokes Landing Conservation Area
Sunnyhill Restoration Area
Twelve Mile Swamp Conservation Area

Southern Conservation Areas Include:

Blue Cypress Conservation Area
Buck Lake Conservation Area
Canaveral Marshes Conservation Area
C-54 Canal
Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area
Fort Drum Marsh Conservation Area
Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park
Lake Apopka North Shore
Lake Harris Conservation Area
Lake Jesup Conservation Area
Lake Monroe Conservation Area
Micco Water Management Area
Palm Bluff Conservation Area
River Lakes Conservation Area
Seminole Ranch Conservation Area
Three Forks Conservation Area
Turnbull Hammock Conservation Area
Wekiva River Buffer Conservation Area

IV. EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall mobilize all required equipment and personnel to assigned project sites. Mobilization shall be coordinated with District staff to ensure appropriate access and staging.

Heavy-Duty Shredding Equipment

All heavy-duty shredding equipment must meet the following minimum specifications:

- a) Hydraulically powered rotating blades capable of shredding floating vegetation, tussocks, and tree islands into a consistent layer of mulched fragments
- b) Cutting head not less than ten (10) feet in width
- c) Power source producing a minimum of four hundred (400) horsepower at the blades
- d) Capability to operate in static and flowing water
- e) Capability to operate in water depths as shallow as twenty-four (24) inches
- f) Ability to perform effectively in shallow shoreline areas and beneath obstructions such as tree limbs and bridges

Light-Duty Shredding Equipment

- a) Light-duty shredding equipment shall consist of smaller, lower-horsepower machinery suitable for limited-access areas and projects not requiring heavy mobilization. Equipment shall be capable of effectively shredding floating vegetation and shoreline growth in shallow water conditions.

The Contractor shall submit a photograph of all proposed equipment and a list of prior control operations where the equipment has been successfully utilized.

V. REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION

The Contractor shall provide daily progress updates to the designated District representative at the beginning and end of each workday. GPS track logs documenting treated areas shall be submitted weekly along with invoices. All reporting shall be provided via email to the DPM.

Exhibits:

Exhibit 1 – District’s North Conservation Areas Map

Exhibit 2 – District’s South Conservation Areas Map

Exhibit 1 – District North Conservation Areas Map

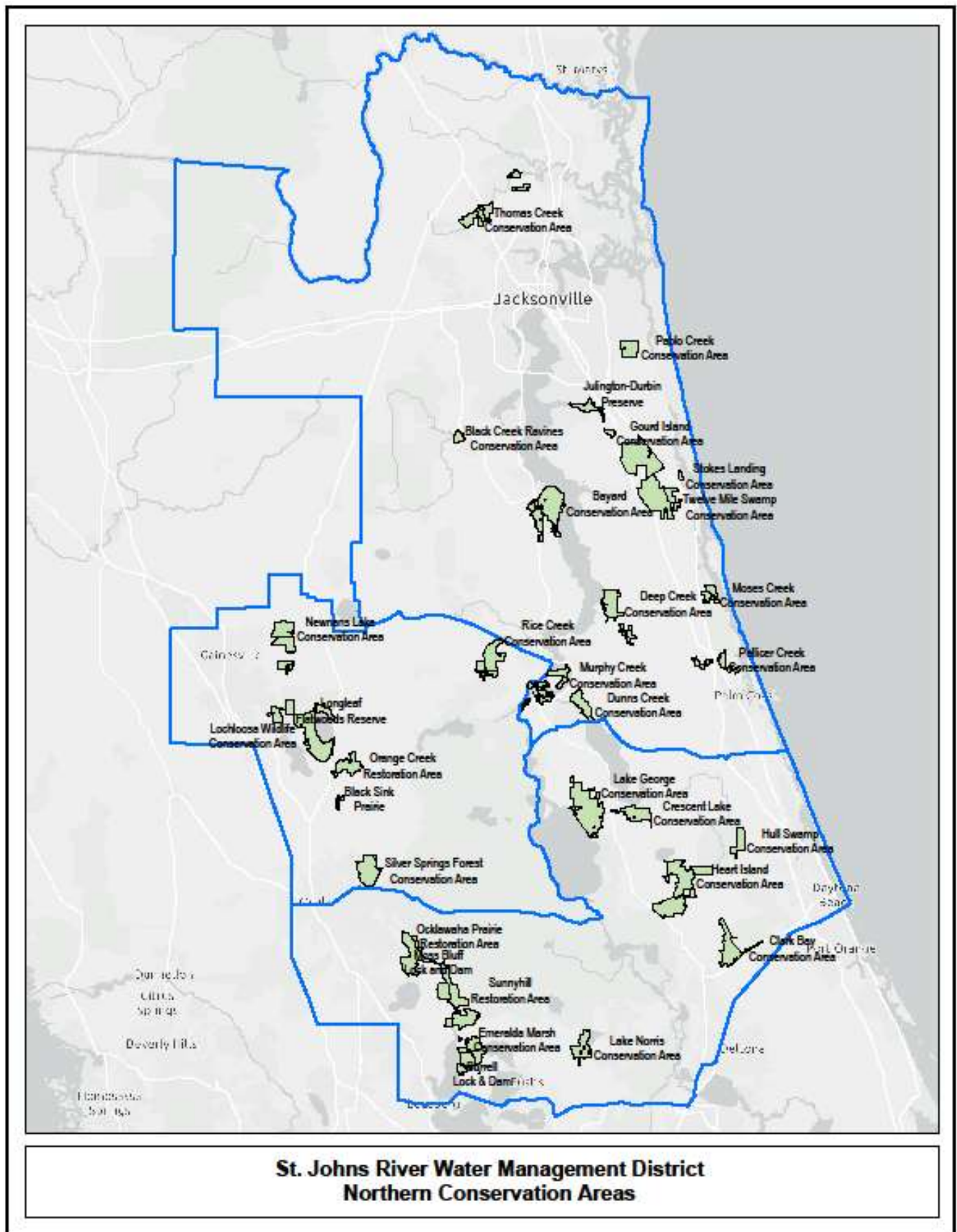
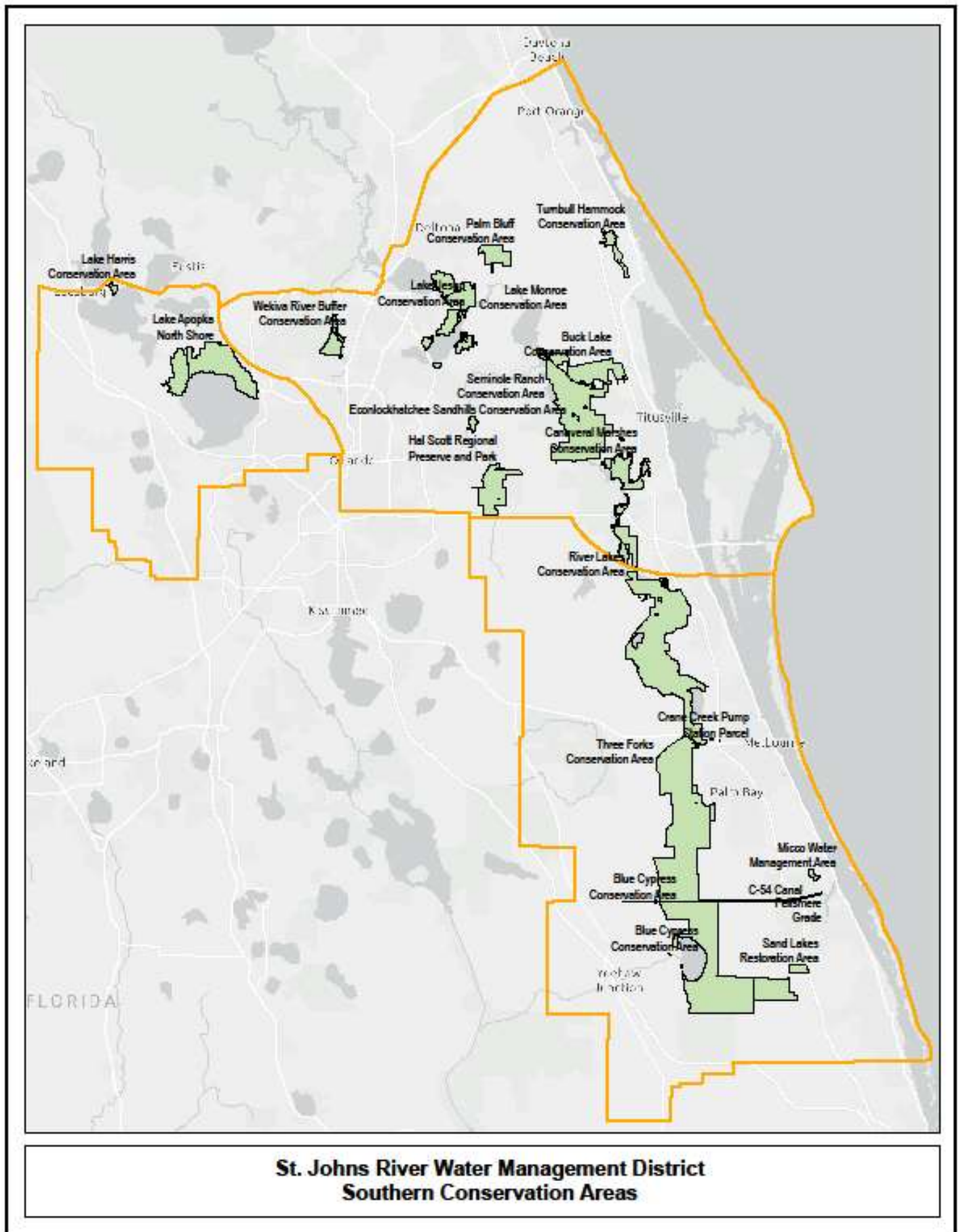


Exhibit 2 – District’s South Conservation Areas Map



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BID FORM

HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT				
LOCATION	EST. HOURS	UNIT	RATE	TOTAL
North Region	65 hours	per hour	\$_____	\$_____
South Region	65 hours	per hour	\$_____	\$_____
LIGHT DUTY EQUIPMENT				
LOCATION	EST. HOURS	UNIT	RATE	TOTAL
North Region	15 hours	per hour	\$_____	\$_____
South Region	15 hours	per hour	\$_____	\$_____
TOTAL BID				\$_____

Hourly rates submitted on this Bid Form shall be all-inclusive and shall include, but not be limited to, all labor, equipment, materials, mobilization, demobilization, fuel, transportation, supervision, and any other costs necessary to perform the Work.

BASIS OF AWARD

Award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder based on the Total Bid amount. The Total Bid will be calculated by multiplying each hourly rate by the estimated hours listed on the Bid Form and adding all line-item totals for both Heavy Duty Equipment and Light Duty Equipment.

Bidders must submit pricing for all line items, including both Heavy Duty Equipment and Light Duty Equipment in both the North Region and South Region, to be considered responsive. Failure to bid on all required line items may result in the Bid being deemed non-responsive.

PUBLIC RECORDS: Florida Statutes provide that sealed submittals or replies received by the District shall remain exempt from disclosure until an intended decision is announced or until 30 days from the opening, whichever is earlier. This means that Respondents will not be able to obtain a copy of their competitors' submittals until the statutory time has elapsed.

UNIT PRICES: Unit prices on the Bid Form may be used to correct any extensions, and if adjusted, will be identified on the detailed tabulation as corrected. Unit costs will not be changed. If Respondent fails to include a unit price and only includes the total, the District reserves the right to mathematically calculate the unit cost and enter to establish a price for the Agreement and potential additional purchases of affected line items.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I, as the Respondent's authorized officer or representative, hereby declare that I have fully reviewed the Respondent's submittal, of which this Cost Schedule is a part; that all facts stated in the submittal are true; that I understand all terms and conditions set forth in the District's solicitation; and that, if awarded, the Respondent shall fully comply with all terms and conditions.

Name of Respondent Company

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

Printed Name/Title

This document must be completed and returned with your submittal

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PART 2 – GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Thank you for your interest in working with the St. Johns River Water Management District. Please direct questions regarding the submittal documents and specifications to the District's Procurement Staff member listed on the first page of this solicitation, in writing. We look forward to working with you. Pertinent information and required documents regarding this solicitation as part of a responsive submittal are listed below.

The District will publish notice of specifications and criteria, including addenda, intended District decisions, or other matters pertinent to this solicitation on portals identified on the first page of this document.

2.1 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Respondents must meet the following minimum qualifications. Required documentation must be submitted in accordance with the instructions provided herein. Failure to provide the required documentation may result in the submittal being deemed non-responsive.

- (a) Experience: Respondent must have a minimum of three (3) years of experience performing mechanical aquatic vegetation shredding on projects similar in scope and complexity to the Work described herein.
- (b) Similar Projects: Respondent's company must have successfully completed at least three (3) projects similar in scope and nature to the Work described herein. Projects shall be described on the Similar Projects Form. The District reserves the right to determine whether submitted projects are considered "similar."
- (c) Equipment Requirements: All heavy-duty and light-duty shredding equipment proposed for use must meet the minimum specifications set forth in section IV. EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS in the Scope of Work. The Contractor must submit a photograph of each proposed piece of equipment and a list of prior control operations where the equipment has been successfully utilized.

Irrespective of the minimum qualifications stated above, the District may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Respondent to perform the Work. The District reserves the right to reject any submittal if the evidence submitted by such Respondent and/or the District's independent investigation of such Respondent fails to satisfy the District that such Respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and complete the Work in a manner acceptable to the District within the time period specified.

2.2 BUDGET ESTIMATE

The estimated budget is an estimate only and does not limit the District in awarding the Agreement.

Respondents are cautioned to not make any assumptions from the District Project Manager's construction estimate about the total funds available for the Work. The District retains the right to adjust the estimate in awarding the Agreement. The District also reserves the right to reject all Bids if subsequent negotiations with qualified Respondents result in costs over the engineer's construction estimate. In addition, the District reserves the right to increase, decrease, or delete any class, item, or part of the Work in order to reduce costs for any reason. The District may discuss alternatives for reducing the cost of the Work with Respondents and make such modifications as it determines to be in its best interest.

2.3 HOW TO ASSEMBLE YOUR SUBMITTAL

The following documents and forms must accompany any submittal in the order identified. Please do not include items not requested. A submittal returned without these documents may be deemed non-responsive. The District reserves the right to request additional information from any Respondent prior to award.

Forms included in this solicitation

- _____ Cover Page/Addendum Acknowledgement
- _____ Bid Form
- _____ General Qualifications Questionnaire
- _____ Similar Projects Form
- _____ Proposed Subcontractors

- _____ Certificate as to Respondent's Authority to do Business in the State of Florida
- _____ Affidavit as to Non-collusion and Certification of Material Conformance with Specifications
- _____ Drug-Free Workplace Form (not required unless there is a tie bid)
- _____ Submittal Acknowledgement Form

Respondent provided documentation

- _____ Certificate of Insurability - as noted in Section titled PROOF OF INSURABILITY, herein
- _____ Proof of Respondent's active registration on www.sunbiz.org
- _____ Proof of Respondent's active registration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system (Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: www.e-verify.gov).
- _____ Copy of any applicable and current license or certification required by the City/County/State/this solicitation.
- _____ Provide a photograph of each proposed piece of equipment and a list of prior control operations where the equipment has been successfully utilized.

NOTE! A Respondent's submittal may be rejected as non-responsive for:

- (1) Failing to complete all forms;
- (2) Failure to provide all required materials; or
- (3) Otherwise failing to comply with instructions for preparation and organization of submittal.

2.4 PROOF OF INSURABILITY

The submittal shall contain proof of insurability issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, and with an A.M. Best Company rating of at least A- for the required insurance(s) listed in the attached Agreement.

NOTE! The successful Respondent shall be required to obtain and provide a Certificate of Insurance, submitted concurrently with the executed Agreement, that meets all specified requirements, references the applicable Agreement number, and names the St. Johns River Water Management District as an additional insured.

2.5 HOW TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION

- (a) Respondent's submittal must be in electronic format (no paper copies) either by uploading to DemandStar directly at www.demandstar.com **OR** to Central Bidding directly at www.centralbidding.com (NOT BOTH); **OR** by delivering all files on a single pin/thumb/jump drive either by mail or hand delivery in a sealed envelope.

Label all sealed envelopes as follows:

<u>SEALED SUBMITTAL – DO NOT OPEN</u>	
Respondent's Name: _____	
Invitation for Bids: <u>42229, Mechanical Aquatic Vegetation Shredding</u>	
Opening Time: <u>3:00 PM</u>	
Opening Date: <u>July 8, 2026</u>	
	Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist St. Johns River Water Management District District Headquarters 4049 Reid Street Palatka, Florida 32177

****Please note that the U.S. Postal Service does not deliver regular mail or express mail to the above address. The District's experience is that Federal Express and United Parcel Service will. The District is not responsible for and will not accept or consider late submittals due to delays caused by any mail, package or courier service, including the U.S. mail, or caused by any other occurrence.**

DO NOT SUBMIT VIA E-MAIL — THIS WILL RESULT IN THE SUBMITTAL BEING REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.

- (b) All blank spaces on the solicitation documents must be typewritten or legibly printed in ink. In the event you decline to submit a response, the District would appreciate submittal of the form title NO RESPONSE FORM provided in this solicitation to describe the reason for not submitting a response.
- (c) Please do not password protect files saved to a pin/thumb/jump drive. The District recommends that Respondents confirm their submittal documents will open correctly on a non-Respondent-owned computer. Any electronic submittal received by the District that does not open on a District-owned computer is subject to rejection as a defective response. The file naming conventions for the solicitation must clearly identify specific information, such as the solicitation number and Respondent's name (Example: 12345IFB78, ABC Company).

2.6 SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If an individual submits a response to this solicitation he/she must sign his/her name therein and state his/her address and the name and address of every other person interested in this solicitation as principal.

If a partnership submits a response to this solicitation, state the name and address of each member of the partnership.

If a corporation or limited liability company submits a response to this solicitation, an authorized agent or officer/member must sign the submittal, subscribing the name of the entity with the individual's own name and affixing the corporate seal (if applicable). Such agent or officer/member must also provide the name of the state under which the entity is chartered/formed, and the names and business addresses of the officers/members.

All Respondents must:

- (a) Submit evidence of registration with the Florida Secretary of State for doing business in the state of Florida.
- (b) Certify that all persons or entities having an interest as principal in this solicitation or in substantial performance of the Work have been identified in the submittal forms.

2.7 PROHIBITED COMMUNICATION

To ensure a fair and impartial evaluation process, the District strictly prohibits any communication related to this solicitation with any District office, department, bureau, or employee during the submission and evaluation period, except as expressly authorized in this solicitation. Respondents are specifically prohibited from initiating any contact or communication with any District official or employee involved in the evaluation or consideration of submittals, including but not limited to the Executive Director and members of the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District, prior to the issuance of an award decision. All communication regarding this solicitation shall be initiated by the District's Procurement staff, and solely for the purpose of obtaining information or clarification necessary for the proper evaluation of submittals. Any attempt by a Respondent to engage in unauthorized communication may result in disqualification from consideration for award under this solicitation and may further result in exclusion from future procurement opportunities with the District.

2.8 PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETINGS, INQUIRIES AND ADDENDA

If scheduled, the pre-submittal meeting information will appear on the first page of this solicitation. If the pre-submittal meeting is not designated as mandatory, then attendance at the pre-submittal meeting is strongly recommended. If the pre-submittal meeting is designated as MANDATORY, each Respondent must attend or its submittal will not be accepted. During this meeting, the project scope, procedures, and specifications will be discussed. It is also the only opportunity during the open solicitation period for attendees to ask questions directly to the end user.

District staff are not authorized to provide oral interpretations or clarifications of the solicitation documents, including specifications or other agreement terms. All binding interpretations or corrections must be provided in writing, come only from Procurement staff, and be issued as part of an official addendum to this solicitation. The assigned Procurement Specialist may provide general guidance on District procedures and assist in referencing applicable sections of the solicitation documents; however, Respondents remain fully responsible for understanding and following all written requirements and submit accordingly.

In order to be considered, all requests for a written interpretation or correction must be submitted via e-mail before the deadline for questions stated in this solicitation. All official responses, including clarifications, corrections, or supplemental instructions, will be issued in writing via addenda and posted on the solicitation portals listed on Page 1 of this document, prior to the submittal due date.

By submitting on this solicitation, Respondent is bound by and must acknowledge receipt of all issued addenda. Submittals will be interpreted as if all addenda were received, whether or not Respondent actually reviewed the addenda. Failure to receive or review an addendum does not relieve Respondent of any obligations under the solicitation or resulting Agreement. All addenda become an official part of the Contract Documents (defined in the Agreement).

2.9 OPENING OF SUBMITTALS

Respondents or their authorized agents are invited to attend the opening of the submittals. The Florida Public Records Act, §119.071(1)(b), Fla. Stat., exempts sealed submittals from inspection and copying until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision pursuant to §120.57(3)(a), Fla. Stat., or until 30 days after opening of submittals or final replies, whichever is earlier. This exemption is not waived by the public opening of the submittals.

Unless otherwise exempt, Respondent's submittal is a public record subject to disclosure upon expiration of the above exemption period. If any information included in the submittal is a trade secret as defined in §812.081, Fla. Stat., and exempt from disclosure pursuant to §815.04, Fla. Stat., Respondent must clearly identify any such material as "CONFIDENTIAL TRADE SECRET" in its submittal and explain the basis for such exemption. The District reserves the right, in its sole judgment and discretion, to reject a submittal for excessive or unwarranted assertion of trade secret confidentiality and return the submittal to Respondent.

2.10 DISQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

Any of the following causes will be considered as sufficient grounds for disqualification of a Respondent and rejection of the submittal:

- (a) Contacting a District employee or officer other than the procurement employee named in this solicitation about any aspect of this solicitation before the notice of intended decision is posted.
- (b) Submission of more than one submittal for the same subject matter by an individual, firm, partnership, or corporation under the same or different names.
- (c) Evidence of collusion among Respondents.
- (d) Submission of materially false information.
- (e) Information gained through checking references or other sources which indicates that Respondent may not successfully perform the Work.
- (f) Respondent is failing to adequately perform on any existing agreement with the District.
- (g) Respondent has defaulted on a previous agreement with the District.
- (h) The evidence submitted by Respondent, or the District's investigation of Respondent, fails to satisfy the District that Respondent is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement in a manner acceptable to the District and within the time period specified.
- (i) Any documented unsatisfactory past performance by Respondent on work performed on a District project.
- (j) Any other cause that is sufficient to raise doubt regarding the ability of a Respondent to perform the Work in a manner that meets the District's objectives for the Work.

2.11 REJECTION OF SUBMITTAL

Submittals must be delivered to the specified location and received before the designated due date and time in order to be considered. Untimely submittals will be returned unopened. Submittals will be considered irregular and may be rejected if they show material omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, conditions, limitations, or other material irregularities. The District may consider incomplete any submittal not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions specified herein and the District reserves the right to waive any minor deviations or irregularities in an otherwise valid submittal.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and cancel this solicitation when it determines, in its sole judgment and discretion, that it is not in its best interest to award the Agreement.

2.12 WITHDRAWAL OF SUBMITTALS

Respondent may withdraw its submittal if it submits such a written request to the District prior to the designated date and hour of opening. Respondent may be permitted to withdraw its submittal no later than 72 hours after the submittal opening for good cause, as determined by the District in its sole judgment and discretion.

2.13 PROTEST PROCEDURES

Notices of Intended Decision will be posted for a minimum of 72 hours. The time period for filing a Notice of Protest pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-110.003, commences at the time notices are posted.

As a courtesy to Respondents, the District may send copies of the notices of intended District decisions via e-mail to Respondent. These courtesy communications neither constitute official notice nor vary the times of receipt set forth above.

- (a) Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-110.003, any person adversely affected by the terms, conditions, or specifications contained in a solicitation, including addenda, must file a Notice of Protest with the District Clerk within 72 hours after its posting.
- (b) Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-110.003, any person adversely affected by a District decision or intended decision to award a contract, or to reject all submittals, proposals, or qualifications, must file a written Notice of Protest with the District Clerk within 72 hours after posting of the decision or intended decision.
- (c) Pursuant to §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., and Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-110.004, a Formal Written Protest must be filed with the District Clerk within ten (10) days after the date the Notice of Protest is filed with the District. The Formal Written Protest must state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Pursuant to §287.042(2)(c), Fla. Stat., any person who files an action protesting the decision or intended decision must post with the District Clerk at the time of filing the formal written protest a bond, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the St. Johns River Water Management District in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the District's estimated agreement amount.
- (d) No additional time will be added for mailing. All filings must comply with Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.104 and must be addressed to and received by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida within the prescribed time periods. The District will not accept any electronically transmitted facsimile pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest or other documents.
- (e) The District's acceptance of pleadings, petitions, Notice of Protest, Formal Written Protest, or other documents filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-101.001), which is available for viewing at sjrwmd.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the document being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District.
- (f) Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond will constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Fla. Stat. Mediation under §120.573, Fla. Stat., is not available.

2.14 AWARDING THE AGREEMENT

- (a) All Respondents will be notified of the District's intent to award or decision to award the Agreement. For the purpose of filing a protest under §120.57(3), Fla. Stat., the time period will commence as provided in the Section titled PROTEST PROCEDURES, herein.
- (b) The Agreement will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible Respondent, being the Respondent with the lowest Total Bid as reflected on the Bid Form who demonstrates, in accordance with the requirements of the submittal documents, a verifiable history of the skill, ability, integrity, and reliability necessary for the faithful performance of the Agreement (the "Successful Respondent"). The Agreement may be modified based on the District's acceptance of any alternatives listed in the submittal that the District deems in its best interest.
- (c) If two or more submittals are equal in all respects, the Agreement will be awarded as follows: (1) to Respondent that certifies compliance with §287.087, Fla. Stat., via the Drug-Free Workplace Form; (2) to a Respondent university in the State University System pursuant to §373.63, Fla. Stat.; (3) to a Respondent whose submittal contains commodities manufactured, grown, or produced within the state of Florida pursuant to §287.082 Fla. Stat.; or (4) by lot.

- (d) The District reserves the right to award the Agreement to the next lowest available Respondent in the event the successful Respondent fails to enter into the Agreement, or the Agreement with said Respondent is terminated within 90 days of the effective date.
- (e) Section 286.0113, Fla. Stat., exempts from being open to the public, any portion of a meeting at which: (1) a negotiation with a Respondent is conducted pursuant to a competitive solicitation; (2) a Respondent makes an oral presentation as part of a competitive solicitation; (3) a Respondent answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation; or (4) negotiation strategies are discussed. Also, recordings of, and any records presented at, the exempt meeting are exempt from §119.07(1) and §24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution (Public Records) until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the submittals or final replies, whichever occurs earlier. A complete recording shall be made of any portion of an exempt meeting. No portion of the exempt meeting may be held off the record.
- (f) Pursuant to §286.0113 Fla. Stat., if the District rejects all submittals and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the competitive solicitation, any recordings or records presented at any exempt meeting relating to the solicitation shall remain exempt from §119.07(1) and §24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution (Public Records) until such time as the District provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the District withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation. A recording and any records presented at an exempt meeting are not exempt for longer than 12 months after the initial District notice rejecting all submittals.

2.15 EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Respondent is solely responsible for being fully informed of the conditions under which the Work is to be performed in relation to existing conditions. Respondent is responsible for carefully examining the general area of the Work, the requirements of the drawings and other Contract Documents (defined in the Agreement) related to the Work, the time in which the Work must be completed, and any other details of the Work. Respondent must satisfy itself from its own personal knowledge and experience or professional advice as to the character of the Work, the conditions and materials to be encountered, the character, quality, and quantities of the Work, and any other conditions affecting the Work, including surrounding land.

Failure to satisfy the obligations of this paragraph will not relieve a Successful Respondent of its obligation to furnish all material, equipment, and labor necessary to perform the Agreement and to complete the Work for the consideration set forth in its submittal. Any such failure will not be sufficient cause to submit a claim for additional compensation.

No verbal agreement or conversation with any District officer, agent or employee, either before or after the execution of the Agreement, will affect or modify any of its terms.

2.16 EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

- (a) By submitting a response to this solicitation, Respondent represents and warrants that its submittal is a firm offer. Upon the District's issuance of a notice of award (or other written acceptance), the Successful Respondent is bound to the terms, pricing, and commitments set forth in its submittal, as accepted by the District, together with the District's solicitation documents.
- (b) The Successful Respondent shall execute the District's Agreement in the form provided (with any District-approved changes) and shall not condition, qualify, or withdraw its submittal, or refuse to sign the Agreement, after award. Failure to timely execute the Agreement and proceed with performance as required may be deemed a breach and may result in rejection of the submittal, cancellation of award, and any other remedies available to the District under the solicitation, the Agreement, or applicable law.
- (c) Unless all submittals are rejected, the Successful Respondent must execute and return the Agreement to the District within 10 business days of receipt along with each of the following:
 - (1) A completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9.
 - (2) Satisfactory evidence of all required insurance coverage.
 - (3) Proof satisfactory to the District of the authority of the person or persons accepting the terms and conditions of this Solicitation on behalf of Respondent.
 - (4) All other information and documentation required by the Agreement.

- (d) The District will not execute the Agreement until the above documents have been executed and delivered to the District. The Agreement will not be binding until executed by the District. A copy of the fully executed Agreement will be sent via e-mail to the Successful Respondent. The District reserves the right to cancel award of the Agreement without liability at any time before the Agreement has been fully executed by all parties and delivered to the Successful Respondent.
- (e) Failure upon the part of the Successful Respondent to execute the Agreement or timely submit the required evidence of insurance coverage, or any other matter required by the Agreement, will be just cause, if the District so elects, for the recommended award to be annulled.

2.17 FLORIDA SALES TAX

The District is exempt from payment of State of Florida sales tax pursuant to §212.08(6), Fla. Stat. Any tangible personal property that is the subject of this solicitation is intended to remain tangible personal property and not become part of a public work owned by the District.

2.18 BONDING AND RETAINAGE – This section does not apply to this Agreement.

2.19 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES/DISCRIMINATORY VENDORS

In accordance with §287.133 and §287.134, Fla. Stat., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime or placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on an agreement to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on an agreement 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, subcontractor, supplier, 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 §287.017 for CATEGORY TWO (\$35,000) for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted or discriminatory vendor lists.

2.20 USE BY OTHER FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Respondent may provide services to other State of Florida governmental entities pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement. These governmental entities include other water management districts, state of Florida agencies (including members of the state university system and community college system), counties, school boards, municipalities, special districts, and other local public agencies or authorities. References to the St. Johns River Water Management District in the Agreement will be replaced with the purchasing entity and the District will not be a party to any other governmental entity's agreement to purchase. Nor will the District be responsible for payment for any goods or services delivered to or performed for any other governmental entity that utilizes Respondent pursuant to this paragraph.

2.21 PROHIBITION AGAINST CONSIDERING SOCIAL, POLITICAL, OR IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Notice is hereby provided that pursuant to §287.05701, Fla. Stat., the District (1) will not request documentation of or consider a Respondent's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if Respondent is a responsible Respondent, and (2) may not give preference to a Respondent based on Respondent's social, political, or ideological interests.

2.22 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. Special accommodations for disabilities may be requested through **Breanna Pierce, Procurement Specialist**, or by calling (800) 955-8771 (TTY), at least five (5) business days (Mon – Fri) before the date needed.

2.23 DEFINITIONS

The definitions of capitalized terms used in this solicitation that are not otherwise defined herein can be found in the draft Agreement below.

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PART 3 – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

The following forms must be included in Respondent's submittal:

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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

Respondent's company name _____

Number of years engaged in business under the present company name. _____

Has Respondent previously been engaged in the same or similar business under another company or trade name? If so, please describe each such instance.

Total number of years of Respondent's company has experience performing similar Work as described in this solicitation.

Has Respondent ever been adjudicated bankrupt, initiated bankruptcy, or been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of the current entity submitting on this solicitation or a prior entity that Respondent substantially operated or controlled? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes, please describe the nature and result of those proceedings and the entity involved.

Has Respondent (including any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, or predecessor) ever been debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any federal, state, or local government entity in the United States of America? ☐ Y ☐ N

If so, explain._

Describe the background/experience of the person or persons who will be primarily responsible for directing the Work that will be performed pursuant to this solicitation. This inquiry is intended to encompass the Project Manager(s) who will be engaged on a daily basis in directing performance of the Work. ☐ Y ☐ N

This document must be completed and returned with your submittal

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SIMILAR PROJECTS FORM

As part of the submittal, Respondent shall complete the following so that the District can determine Respondent's satisfaction of the minimum qualifications of this solicitation.

Provide at least three (3) unique projects, similar in size and scope to the mechanical aquatic vegetation shredding Work described in this solicitation, that Respondent's company has successfully **completed** within the last three (3) years. No more than one of the similar projects can be from a project completed for the District.

The District may contact the Project Owner or Administrator to verify the information provided below. Please ensure that all contact information is current and accurate. If the District is unable to reach the listed point of contact within two to three business days, the submittal may be deemed non-responsive.

District reserves the right to determine whether or not a project shall be considered "similar."

Project Owner/Administrator:	
Point of Contact:	E-Mail:
Phone:	Project Start & Completion Dates:
Project Name:	
Describe how this similar project applies to this solicitation:	
Total Project Value \$ _____	

Project Owner/Administrator:	
Point of Contact:	E-Mail:
Phone:	Project Start & Completion Dates:
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Describe how this similar project applies to this solicitation:	
Total Project Value \$ _____	

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CERTIFICATE AS TO RESPONDENT'S AUTHORITY TO DO BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

Respondent is incorporated/organized/formed under the laws of the State of _____; is authorized by law to respond to this solicitation and perform all Work and furnish materials and equipment required under the Agreement and is authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

Entity name: _____

Address: _____

Registration No: _____

Registered Agent: _____

By: _____

(Official title)

(Affix corporate seal, if utilized by Respondent)

Attest: _____

(Secretary)

The full names and business or residence addresses of persons or companies interested in the foregoing submittal as principals or officers of Respondent are as follows (specifically include the President, Secretary, and Treasurer or Manager and Member, and state the title held by all other individuals listed):

Identify any parent, subsidiary, or sister entities involving the same or substantially the same officers and directors that will or may be involved in performance of the Project, and provide the same information requested above on a photocopy of this form.

ATTACH a copy of Respondent's active registration with the State of Florida Division of Corporations proving Respondent's authority to do business in the State of Florida, or a copy of the application for same that has been accepted by the State of Florida.

This document must be completed and returned with your submittal

**AFFIDAVIT AS TO NON-COLLUSION AND CERTIFICATION OF
MATERIAL CONFORMANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS**

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, the undersigned, _____ being first duly sworn, depose and say that:

1. I am the owner or duly authorized officer, representative, or agent of:
_____, Respondent that has submitted the attached submittal package.
2. The attached submittal is genuine. It is not a collusive or sham submittal.
3. I am fully informed regarding the preparation and contents of the attached submittal and am knowledgeable of all pertinent circumstances related thereto.
4. Neither Respondent nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Respondent, company, or person to submit a collusive or sham submittal package in connection with the Agreement for which the attached submittal package has been submitted, or to refrain from proposing in connection with such Agreement, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, collusion, communication, or conference with any other Respondent, firm, or person to fix the price or prices in the attached submittal of any other Respondent, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the submitted prices or the submitted price of any other Respondent, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement any advantage against the District or any other person interested in the proposed Agreement.
5. The price(s) included in the attached submittal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of Respondent or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.
6. No official or other officer or employee of the District, whose salary or compensation is payable in whole or in part by the District, is directly or indirectly interested in this submittal, or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work, or labor to which it relates, or in any of the profits therefrom.
7. Any materials and equipment proposed to be supplied in fulfillment of the Agreement to be awarded conform in all respects to the specifications thereof. Further, the proposed materials and equipment will perform the intended function in a manner acceptable and suitable for the intended purposes of the District.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 202____, by _____ as _____ (title) of _____ (Respondent), the party on behalf of whom instrument was executed.

(SEAL)

(Signature)

Notary Public, State of _____ at Large

My commission expires: _____

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DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

This form is considered only in the event of a tie response.

Respondent, (company name) _____, in accordance with §287.087, Fla. Stat., hereby certifies that Respondent does the following:

1. Informs employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations
2. Publishes a statement notifying employees that
 - a. the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against its employees for violations of such prohibition.
 - b. as a condition of working on the contractual services that are the subject of this solicitation, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of chapter 893, Fla. Stat., or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
3. Gives each employee engaged in providing the contractual services that are the subject of this solicitation a copy of the statement specified in paragraph 2, above.
4. Imposes a sanction on or requires the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program (if such is available in the employee's community) by any employee convicted of a violation listed in sub-paragraph 2.b., above.
5. Makes a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of §287.087, Fla. Stat.

As the person authorized to sign this statement, I certify that Respondent complies fully with the above requirements.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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SUBMITTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

The undersigned, on behalf of Respondent, hereby certifies and declares the following:

Authority to Bind: The individual signing this form is authorized to represent and legally bind Respondent to the terms and conditions of the solicitation and to the submittal.

Commitment to Contract: If selected, Respondent agrees to enter into an Agreement with the District based on the terms set forth in the solicitation documents, including the draft Agreement, Instructions to Respondents, all exhibits and attachments, addenda, certifications, affidavits, and the submittal. Respondent further agrees to provide all required goods and services in accordance with the stated timeline and to submit proof of the required insurance coverage.

Conflict of Interest: Except as disclosed in any attached addendum, no officer, employee, or agent of the District has any direct or indirect interest in Respondent's business or in any Agreement that may result from this submittal. Respondent affirms that no such interest will exist throughout the term of any awarded Agreement.

Disclosure of Interested Parties: All individuals or entities with a significant interest in this solicitation, whether as principals or key participants in performing the Work, are listed in the form titled Certificate as to Respondent's Authority to do Business in Florida. No other party holds any interest in this solicitation or in any resulting Agreement.

Due Diligence: Respondent affirms that it has reviewed and understands the attached draft Agreement and all related documents, including the specifications, addenda, and conditions related to this solicitation. Respondent acknowledges receipt of all issued addenda and confirms it is fully informed regarding the Work to be performed.

Fair Solicitation Submission: This submittal is made independently, without collusion, connection, or agreement with any other person, company, or organization submitting on this solicitation. It is made in good faith and without any attempt to defraud.

By signing this Submittal Acknowledgment Form, I acknowledge I have read and understand it and I affirm that Respondent complies with all conditions and requirements set forth herein.

RESPONDENT NAME

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

This document must be completed and returned with your submittal

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NO RESPONSE FORM

Your reasons for not responding to this solicitation are valuable to the St. Johns River Water Management District's procurement process. Please complete this form and return it to the Office of Financial Services no later than the date set for receipt of submittals. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please check (as applicable):

- ☐ Specifications too "general" (explain below)
- ☐ Insufficient time to respond to the solicitation
- ☐ Do not provide this type of work for this project
- ☐ Schedule would not permit us to perform
- ☐ Unable to meet solicitation specifications
- ☐ Specifications unclear (explain below)
- ☐ Disagree with solicitation or Agreement terms and conditions (explain below)
- ☐ Other (specify below)

Remarks: _____

DATE _____

RESPONDENT (COMPANY NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ TYPED NAME AND TITLE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND CONTRACTOR FOR MECHANICAL AQUATIC VEGETATION SHREDDING

This Agreement is entered into between the Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District (the “District”), whose mailing address is 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177 and _____ (“Contractor”), whose address is _____ for the project entitled Mechanical Aquatic Vegetation Shredding (the “Project”). All references to the parties hereto include the parties, their officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the District and Contractor (singularly referred to as “Party”, collectively “Parties”) hereto agree as follows:

Section 1 – The Contract. The contract between the District and Contractor, of which this Agreement is part, consists of the Contract Documents and shall be effective on the last signature date set forth below.

Section 2 – The Contract Documents. The Contract Documents are defined as this Agreement, the solicitation (IFB42229 Mechanical Aquatic Vegetation Shredding), Contractor’s submittal, Scope of Work, plans and drawings, any/all addenda issued in support of the solicitation, recorded bonds (as required), Certificates of Insurance, affidavits, specifications, all Purchase Orders, Change Orders, Work Orders, any Special Conditions or any other attachments issued hereafter, and any other amendments hereto executed by the Parties hereafter. The following are attachments to this Agreement: Attachment A — Scope of Work, Attachment B — Cost Schedule, Attachment C — Insurance Requirements, Attachment D — District Supplemental Instructions (Sample), Attachment E — Common Carrier or Contracted Carrier Attestation, Attachment F — Authorization to Store Contractor Equipment on District Property, Attachment G — Human Trafficking Attestation, Attachment H — Funding Grant.

Should any conflict arise between the Contract Documents and the Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

Section 3 – Entire Agreement. The Contract Documents form the agreement between Parties for the Project, and Contractor acknowledges receipt of a copy of each and every Contract Document. The Contract Documents represent the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties and supersede prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended or modified only in writing. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create a contractual relationship of any kind between any persons or entities other than the District and Contractor.

Section 4 – Term, Survival. The term (“Term”) of this Agreement shall be effective upon the date of the last Party’s signature below through the final completion date, September 30, 2028, (the “Completion Date”). Time is of the essence for each and every aspect of this Agreement.

All provisions that by their nature extend beyond the Term survive termination or expiration hereof.

Section 5 – Deliverables and Ownership.

- (a) **Deliverables.** Contractor agrees to perform and complete the Work, defined herein, per the Contract Documents, Attachment A – Scope of Work, hereto, and within the Term.
 - (1) Contractor is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, and timely completion of the Work.
 - (2) Contractor shall ensure that all workmanship and materials used in the performance of the Work are of good quality.
 - (3) Upon request, Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence demonstrating the type and quality of materials provided.
 - (4) Unless otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, Contractor shall be solely responsible for providing and paying for all materials, labor, equipment, tools, and other facilities required to complete the Work.
 - (5) Upon completion of the Work in its entirety, the District's Project Manager (“DPM”) shall conduct a final inspection to determine whether the deliverables are complete and satisfactory in all respects.
 - (6) Contractor shall ensure that all electronic deliverables provided under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, reports, PDFs, presentations, forms, data visualizations, dashboards, online tools, and other digital or web-based content, comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA. Deliverables must be provided in accessible formats compatible with commonly used assistive technologies. Contractor shall

promptly remediate any accessibility deficiencies identified by the District at no additional cost and shall provide corrected deliverables within a mutually agreed-upon timeframe.

(b) Ownership.

- (1) All deliverables produced under this Agreement, including any Work not accepted by the District, shall become the property of the District to the extent of compensation received by Contractor, whether partial or full. All source documents, specifications, materials, reports, data, and other documentation, whether developed, obtained, or utilized in the performance of the Work, excluding proprietary materials identified in the applicable Scope of Work, shall be and shall remain the property of the District. Contractor shall safeguard such materials and provide them to the District promptly upon request.
- (2) District plans and specifications shall not be used on other work and, with the exception of the original plans and specifications, shall be returned to the District upon request. This obligation shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Section 6 – Contractor as subcontractor. Through this Agreement, Contractor is hereby engaged as a subcontractor under Attachment H Funding Grant, titled State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement Number WP036. Contractor acknowledges and agrees to be responsible for performing all tasks assigned to it, as well as complying with all applicable requirements, obligations, and conditions set forth in the Funding Grant, to the same extent as if Contractor were a direct party to that agreement.

Section 7 – Progress Reports. If not otherwise specified in the Scope of Work, Contractor shall, upon written request, submit written progress reports to the DPM at the frequency specified and in a format approved by the DPM, at no additional cost to the District. Each progress report shall include an updated progress schedule that accounts for all delays and any approved changes to the Work. Failure to submit required progress reports in accordance with this provision may result in the District withholding payment until such reports are received and deemed acceptable.

Section 8 – Compensation. For satisfactory completion of the Work, District shall make payment to Contractor an amount not to exceed (enter amount in words) (\$XXX), (the “Total Compensation”) for the initial term, per the District’s established procedure and according to Attachment B – Cost Schedule hereto. There shall be no provisions for pricing adjustments during the Term.

Section 9 – Bonds – This section does not apply to this Agreement.

Section 10 – Invoices, Payment and Release. Contractor shall submit itemized invoices on a monthly basis by one of the following two methods:

- E-mail to - acctpay@sjrwmd.com (preferred) or
 - Mail to - St. Johns River Water Management District, Finance Director,
4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2571.
- (a) If payment is requested for services by Contractor, the invoice shall bear the signature of Contractor, which signature shall constitute Contractor's representation to the District that the services indicated in the invoice have been properly and timely performed as required herein.
 - (b) Each invoice shall be submitted in detail sufficient for proper pre-audit and post-audit review. If necessary for audit purposes, Contractor shall provide additional information as required to document invoices.
 - (c) Payments shall be made in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, Chapter 218, Part VII, Fla. Stat. Disputes regarding invoice sufficiency are resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedure of this Agreement.
 - (d) Required Invoice Information. All invoices shall include the following information: (1) District Agreement number; (2) Contractor's name and address (include remit address, if necessary); (3) Contractor's invoice number and date of invoice; (4) DPM name; (5) Contractor's Project Manager name; (6) supporting documentation as to cost and/or Project completion (as per the Cost Schedule and other requirements of the Scope of Work); (7) Progress Report (if required). Contractor should not include its Federal Employer Identification Number or social security number (as applicable) on the invoices. As this Agreement is funded all or in part by the Funding Grant, all invoices shall comply with the requirements set forth in Attachment H hereto. Contractor should review the “Reference Guide for

State Expenditures” prepared by the Florida Department of Financial Services for more information: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf>.

Invoices that do not comply with this paragraph shall be returned without action, stating the basis for rejection.

- (e) End of District Fiscal Year Reporting. The District’s fiscal year concludes on September 30. Regardless of the invoicing schedule set forth in this Agreement, the District is required to account for all encumbered funds as of that date. Where permitted under this Agreement, submission of an invoice for Work completed as of September 30 shall fulfill this requirement, provided such invoice is submitted no later than October 30.
 - (1) If the Agreement does not authorize the submission of an invoice for Work completed as of September 30, Contractor shall, by no later than October 30, provide a written description of the Work performed between the date of the last submitted invoice and September 30, along with an estimate of the amount due for that Work as of September 30.
 - (2) If no prior invoices have been submitted, Contractor shall instead submit a written summary of the Work completed through September 30 and an estimated value of that Work as of that date.
- (f) Final Invoice Representation. Submission of Contractor's invoice for final payment and reimbursements shall further constitute Contractor's representation to the District that, upon receipt from the District of the amount invoiced, all obligations of Contractor to others, including its Subcontractors (defined herein), incurred in connection with the Project, will be paid in full forthwith.
- (g) Final Invoice Timing. The final invoice must be submitted no later than forty-five (45) days following the final completion date. However, if the final completion date coincides with the end of the District’s fiscal year (September 30), the final invoice must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the final completion date. Final invoices submitted after the applicable deadline shall be subject to a ten percent (10%) penalty, which may be waived solely at the District’s discretion upon a showing of special circumstances that prevented timely submittal. Contractor must request approval for any delayed submission of the final invoice no later than ten (10) days prior to the applicable due date and shall provide justification for the delay.
- (h) Payments. Absent exceptional circumstances, Contractor is required to sign up and receive payment(s) electronically from the District via Automated Clearing House payment.
- (i) Payments withheld. The District may withhold, or nullify in whole or in part, any payment otherwise due to Contractor if necessary to protect the District from loss due to any of the following:
 - (1) Defective Work not remedied;
 - (2) Failure to make timely payments to Subcontractors or suppliers;
 - (3) Lack of adequate progress in the performance of the Work;
 - (4) Damage caused to another contractor; or
 - (5) Any other material breach of this Agreement.Withheld amounts shall not be considered due and payable until Contractor has fully cured the condition(s) justifying the withholding.
- (j) Travel expenses. If the Cost Schedule for this Agreement, includes a line item for travel expenses, travel expenses shall be drawn from the Project budget and are not otherwise compensable. If travel expenses are not included in said Cost Schedule, travel expenses are a cost of providing the service that is borne by Contractor and are only compensable when specifically approved by the District as an authorized District traveler. In such instance, travel expenses must be submitted on District or State of Florida travel forms and shall be paid pursuant to District Administrative Directive 391.
- (k) Release. Upon satisfactory completion of the Work, the District shall issue a written statement confirming acceptance of all deliverables. Contractor’s acceptance of final payment shall constitute a full and final release of all claims against the District arising out of or related to the performance of this Agreement, except for any documented claims for additional compensation that have been properly submitted in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and remain pending at the time of final payment.

Section 11 – Funding Contingency. This Agreement is contingent upon the availability of funding from one or more sources, including but not limited to: (1) ad valorem tax revenues appropriated by the District’s Governing Board; (2) annual appropriations by the Florida Legislature; or (3) funding from other agencies or sources. For Agreements extending beyond one Fiscal Year, continued performance is subject to annual funding appropriations at the sole discretion of the District’s Governing Board. If funding is not appropriated for the current or any future Fiscal Year, in whole or in part, the District will notify Contractor. This Agreement will be deemed terminated for convenience five (5) days after such notice, or later if specified by the District. "Fiscal Year" means the period from October 1 through September 30.

Section 12 – Project Management Personnel - The Project Managers listed below shall be responsible for overall coordination and management of the Work. Either Party may change its Project Manager upon three (3) business days' prior written notice to the other Party. Written notice of change of address shall be provided within five (5) business days.

- (a) The DPM shall have sole responsibility for transmitting instructions, receiving information, and communicating District policies and decisions regarding all matters pertinent to performance of the Work.
- (b) Contractor shall diligently supervise the Work, using its best skill and attention. A competent superintendent, acceptable to the District, shall remain on-site throughout the Project. Contractor’s superintendent shall not be replaced without the District’s consent, unless no longer employed by Contractor or deemed unsatisfactory by Contractor. Contractor’s superintendent shall act on behalf of Contractor in its Project Manager’s absence, and directions given to Contractor’s superintendent shall be binding on Contractor. If the District provides documented evidence that any individual on the Project is incompetent, disorderly, or not complying with the Agreement or District instructions, Contractor shall promptly remove that individual and not reassign them to the Project. The District may request replacement of Contractor’s Project Manager for failure to perform competently, follow instructions or specifications, or for other reasonable cause.
- (c) Contractor shall maintain an adequate and competent professional staff. Contractor's employees, subcontractors, or agents shall be properly trained to meet or exceed any specified licensing, training and/or certification applicable to their profession. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish proof thereof.

DISTRICT

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Palatka, Florida 32177
Phone: 386-983-2880
E-Mail: TClark@sjrwmd.com

CONTRACTOR

TBD - Project Manager
TBD – Company Name
TBD – Company Address
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Phone: TBD – PM Phone
E-mail: TBD – PM E-Mail

- (d) **Notices** - All notices shall be in writing to the Project Managers at the addresses below and shall be sent by one of the following methods: (1) hand delivery; (2) U.S. certified mail; (3) national overnight courier; or (4) e-mail. Notices submitted via certified mail are deemed delivered upon receipt. Notices via overnight courier are deemed delivered one business day after having been deposited with the courier. Notices submitted via e-mail are deemed delivered on the date transmitted and received.

Section 13 – Work Schedule. Contractor shall not perform any Work on District property during weekends or District-recognized holidays unless prior written approval is obtained from the DPM. Any request by Contractor to modify the approved work schedule must be submitted to the DPM for review and coordination no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the proposed change. All schedule changes must be confirmed in writing by the District.

Section 14 - Indemnification. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the District, its public officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns, from any and all liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, arising from or caused by Contractor, its employees or subcontractors, in the performance of the Work. Contractor shall further indemnify the District for all costs and penalties the District incurs related to any failure to offer Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act compliant health care coverage to Contractor’s employees performing under this Agreement.

Section 15 - Duty to Inspect and Report Deficiencies in Plans and Specifications.

- (a) For any Work that is dependent upon conditions at the worksite, Contractor will observe the nature and location of the Work and general and local conditions, including, without limitation: (1) conditions affecting transportation,

disposal, handling, and storage of materials; (2) availability and quality of labor; (3) availability and condition of roads; (4) climatic conditions and seasons; (5) hydrology of the terrain; (6) topography and ground surface conditions; (7) nature and quantity of surface materials to be encountered; (8) equipment and facilities needed preliminary to and during the Work; and (9) all other matters that can affect the Work and the cost thereof. Contractor's failure to acquaint itself with such conditions will not relieve it from its responsibility for properly estimating the time required or cost of performing the Work. Where the District has investigated subsurface conditions, this data may be provided to Contractor or is available upon request. Contractor must either seek clarification concerning the data or assume the responsibility for its interpretation.

- (b) If Contractor discovers hidden or subsurface conditions that differ materially from those normally expected or indicated in the drawings, Contractor shall immediately, and before such conditions are disturbed, notify the District in writing of: (1) subsurface or latent physical conditions differing materially from those indicated in the drawings, or (2) unknown physical conditions of an unusual nature differing materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in work of the character provided for herein. The District shall promptly investigate the conditions and determine whether they materially differ so as to cause an increase or decrease in Contractor's cost. Where the differing site conditions materially impact Contractor's cost, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the Agreement modified accordingly. No claim will be allowed if Contractor fails to provide the required notice.
- (c) If Contractor in the course of the Work finds any defect in the plans and specifications, including, but not limited to, any discrepancy between the drawings and the physical conditions at the worksite, or any errors or omissions in the drawings or in the layout, as given by points and instructions, it shall immediately inform the District in writing, which shall be promptly verified by the District. Any Work done after such discovery, until authorized, will be done at Contractor's risk as to cost overruns and modifications necessary to correct deficiencies in the Work. To ensure the proper execution of its subsequent Work, Contractor shall measure Work already in place or completed and shall immediately report any discrepancy between the executed Work and the drawings or other specifications.

Section 16 – Insurance. Contractor shall obtain and maintain all insurance coverage and limits set forth in Attachment C – Insurance Requirements. Contractor shall not commence any Work until it has provided the District with valid Certificates of Insurance evidencing full compliance. Certificates reflecting lesser coverage shall not be accepted and do not waive the District's insurance requirements.

To the extent permitted by its insurance policies, Contractor waives all rights of recovery against the District. Contractor's insurance shall be primary with respect to any coverage also maintained by the District, which shall be considered excess and non-contributory.

Section 17 – Compliance with Law; Permits and Licenses. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including those pertaining to health and safety. Contractor shall include this requirement in all subcontracts. All materials used and Work performed must conform to the laws of the United States, the state of Florida and county and municipal ordinances. Contractor represents and warrants that it is duly licensed to perform the Work in accordance with the laws of the state of Florida and the county or municipality in which the Work is to be performed. Contractor warrants that it is authorized to do business within the state of Florida and registered with the Secretary of State. Unless otherwise provided in the Scope of Work, the responsibility of the Parties for obtaining permits is apportioned as follows:

- (a) The District shall procure all permits required from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Any permits not already procured by the District shall be procured by Contractor.
- (b) Contractor shall procure any permits required by the county or municipality wherein the Work is located.
- (c) Contractor shall:
 - (1) give to the proper authorities all required notices relative to the Work;
 - (2) obtain and pay for all official permits and any professional or other licenses, code stamps, and inspections that are Contractor's responsibility;
 - (3) furnish any bonds, security, or deposits required to permit performance of the Work;
 - (4) until the Work is accepted as substantially complete, comply with all conditions of governmental permits; and
 - (5) resolve any issues resulting from a finding of noncompliance by any governmental agencies, including all costs for delays, litigation, fines, or other costs.

Section 18 – Assignment. Contractor may not assign or subcontract all or part of this Agreement without written approval from the District.

Section 19 – Amendments and Changes to the Work. This Agreement may be amended only by a written agreement executed by both Parties. Any modification that alters, adds to, or deducts from the Work, or otherwise modifies the terms of this Agreement, shall be authorized through a written change order or formal amendment. Each such document shall clearly describe the nature of the change and/or the final completion date.

Additional authorized written modifications may include the following:

- (a) **District Supplemental Instructions (DSI).** The DPM may issue a District Supplemental Instruction (DSI) using the form attached as Attachment D to authorize minor adjustments to the Work that are consistent with the approved Scope of Work. A DSI must be signed by both Parties. A DSI shall not be used to modify the scope of the Agreement, nor to change the Total Compensation, quantity, quality, or final completion date of the Project.
- (b) **Emergency Changes in the Work.** In the event of an emergency that endangers life or property and requires immediate action, the District may issue an oral directive for Contractor to proceed with an emergency change in the Work. Such directive shall be confirmed in writing within five (5) days. Within fifteen (15) days after commencement of the emergency Work, Contractor shall submit a written estimate identifying any resulting increases in cost or time. Failure to timely submit such notice shall constitute a waiver of any claim for additional compensation or time extension. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the estimate, the Parties shall negotiate a written Change Order or formal Amendment. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement, any disputed issues shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of this Agreement. Contractor shall not refuse to perform emergency Work.

Section 20 – Certification. Contractor certifies that it, its principals, and affiliates, have not been, are not now, and during the term of this Agreement will not be (a) on the Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel (§287.135, Fla. Stat.), Discriminatory (§287.134, Fla. Stat.), or Convicted (§287.133, Fla. Stat.) lists, (b) engaged in a Boycott of Israel (§287.135, Fla. Stat.), or (c) engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria (§287.135, Fla. Stat.) Pursuant to the respective statutes, the District may terminate this Agreement at its sole option if Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification or if the certification proves to be untrue during the term of this Agreement.

Section 21 – Public Records.

- (a) Contractor is responsible for identifying confidential trade secret information as such upon submittal to the District. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the District shall not be liable to Contractor for release of confidential information not identified as such upon submittal. If the District receives a public records request that requests information claimed to be confidential by Contractor, the District shall take such steps as are necessary to comply with chapter 119, Fla. Stat., while protecting the confidentiality of trade secret information. In the event of a dispute as to whether the requested information is a trade secret, Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the District resulting from the dispute, including any court costs and attorney's fees. The calculation of those costs shall not include costs that are charged to the public records requestor.
- (b) Contractor shall comply with Florida Public Records law under Chapter 119, Fla. Stat. Records made or received in conjunction with this Agreement are public records under Florida law, as defined in §119.011(12), Fla. Stat. Contractor shall keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services under this Agreement.
- (c) If Contractor meets the definition of "Contractor" found in §119.0701(1)(a), Fla. Stat.; [i.e., an individual, partnership, corporation, or business entity that enters into a contract for services with a public agency and is acting on behalf of the public agency], then the following requirements apply:
 - (1) Pursuant to §119.0701, Fla. Stat., a request to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement for services must be made directly to the District. If the District does not possess the requested records, the District shall immediately notify Contractor of the request, and Contractor must provide the records to the District or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time. If Contractor fails to provide the public records to the District within a reasonable time, Contractor may be subject to penalties under s. 119.10, Fla. Stat.
 - (2) Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, Contractor shall provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that

does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Fla. Stat., or as otherwise provided by law.

- (3) Contractor shall identify and ensure that all 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 Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if Contractor does not transfer the records to the District.
- (4) Upon completion of the Agreement, Contractor shall transfer, at no cost to District, all public records in possession of Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services under this Agreement. If Contractor transfers all public records to the District upon completion of the Agreement, Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public disclosure requirements. If Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records that are stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is accessible by and compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLA. STAT., TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**District Clerk
St. Johns River Water Management District
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, Florida 32177-2571
(386) 329-4127
clerk@sjrwmd.com**

Section 22 – Audit; Access to Records. Contractor must preserve its books and other records involving transactions related to this Agreement and provide the District, or its duly authorized representatives, access, and necessary facilities to inspect and audit those records for five (5) years after the receipt of funds. If an examination or audit is performed, Contractor must continue to maintain all required records until such audit has been completed and all questions arising from it are resolved. Contractor shall refund any payment(s) that are found to not constitute allowable costs based upon an audit examination.

Section 23 – Florida Single Audit Act.

- (a) Applicability. The Florida Single Audit Act (“FSAA”), §215.97, Fla. Stat., applies to all sub-recipients of state financial assistance, as defined in §215.97(1)(q), Fla. Stat., awarded by the District through a project or program that is funded, in whole or in part, through state financial assistance to the District; therefore, for purposes of this Section, the term “Recipient” includes Contractor as a “sub-recipient.” In the event Recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such Recipient, Recipient must have a state single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with §215.97, Fla. Stat.; 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, Recipient shall consider all sources of state financial assistance, including state financial assistance received from the District, other state agencies, and other non-state entities. State financial assistance does not include Federal direct or pass-through awards and resources received by a non-state entity for Federal program matching requirements. Recipient is solely responsible for complying with the FSAA.
- (b) If Recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of §215.97, Fla. Stat., is not required. In such event, should Recipient elect to have an audit conducted in accordance with §215.97, Fla. Stat., the cost of the audit must be paid from the non-state entity’s resources (i.e., Recipient’s resources obtained from other than State entities).
- (c) Program Information. This Agreement involves the disbursement of state funding by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”). Funding is provided under the State of Florida, Water Management District –

Land Acquisition and Improvement, in the amount of \$200,000. The Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (“CSFA”) number for this program is CSFA No.37.022

- (d) Additional Information. For information regarding the state program under the above CSFA number, Recipient should access the Florida Single Audit Act website located at <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/catalog.aspx> for assistance. The following websites may be accessed for additional information: Legislature’s Website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/>, State of Florida’s website at <http://myflorida.com>, District of Financial Services’ website at <http://www.fldfs.com/> and the Auditor General’s Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/audgen/>.
- (e) Allowable Costs. Recipient may only charge allowable costs to this Agreement, as otherwise provided herein. Any balance of unobligated cash that have been advanced or paid that is not authorized to be retained for direct program costs in a subsequent period must be returned to the District.
- (f) Audit Requirements. Recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of §215.97(7), Fla. Stat. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by §215.97(2), Fla. Stat., and chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General. Recipient shall comply with the program requirements described in the CSFA <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/catalog.aspx>. The services/purposes for which the funds are to be used are included in the Scope of Work.
- (g) Financial Reporting. Recipient shall provide the District with a copy of any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted in accordance with chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable, no more than 20 days after its preparation. Recipient shall indicate the date the reporting package was delivered to Recipient in correspondence accompanying the reporting package. This information shall be directed to: St. Johns River Water Management District, Finance Director, Office of Financial Services, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177. A copy of the report shall also be provided to 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.
- (h) Monitoring. In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with §215.97, Fla. Stat., as revised, monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by District staff, limited scope audits, and/or other procedures. Recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the District. In the event the District determines that a limited scope audit of Recipient is appropriate, Recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the District to Recipient regarding such audit. Recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the District’s Inspector General or the state Chief Financial Officer or Auditor General.
- (i) Examination of Records. In addition to the District’s audit rights otherwise provided for herein, Recipient shall permit the District or its designated agent, the state awarding agency, the Department of Financial Services, the state’s Chief Financial Officer and the state’s Auditor General to examine Recipient’s financial and non-financial records to the extent necessary to monitor Recipient’s use of state financial assistance and to determine whether timely and appropriate corrective actions have been taken with respect to audit findings and recommendations, which may include onsite visits and limited scope audits.
- (j) Records Retention. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Recipient shall retain 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 District, or its designee, state Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. Recipient shall ensure that audit working papers are made available for such access for a period of three years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the District.

Section 24 – Employment Eligibility. Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., Contractor must be registered with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system (“E-Verify”) to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees during the term of this Agreement.

Contractor shall include in related subcontracts, if authorized under this Agreement, a requirement that Subcontractors performing Work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement register and utilize the E-Verify system to verify employment eligibility of all employees used by the Subcontractor for the performance of the Work. The Subcontractor must provide Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor must maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Agreement. If the District

has a good faith belief that a Subcontractor knowingly violated § 448.095, Fla. Stat., and notifies Contractor of such, but Contractor otherwise complied with the statute, then Contractor shall immediately terminate the agreement with the Subcontractor.

Section 25 – Attorney’s Fee. Except as may be otherwise provided herein, in the event of any legal or administrative proceedings arising from or related to this Agreement, including appeals, each Party shall bear its own attorney’s fees.

Section 26 – Governing Law, Venue, Waiver of Right to Jury Trial. This Agreement is governed by laws of the State of Florida and shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than against the other because it may have been drafted by one of the Parties. Venue for any state legal proceedings arising from or related to this Agreement shall be in Putnam County, Florida. Venue for any federal legal proceedings arising from or related to this Agreement shall be in Duval County. IN THE EVENT OF ANY CIVIL PROCEEDINGS ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES HEREBY CONSENT TO TRIAL BY THE COURT AND WAIVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN SUCH PROCEEDINGS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PARTIES MAY MUTUALLY AGREE TO A JURY TRIAL.

Section 27 – Release of Information. Contractor shall not publish or release any information related to performance of this Agreement, or prepare, publish, or release any news or press release in any way related to this Agreement, without prior District review and written consent.

Section 28 – Independent Contractor. Contractor is an independent contractor. Neither Contractor nor Contractor’s employees are employees or agents of the District. Contractor controls and directs the means and methods by which the Work is accomplished. Contractor is solely responsible for compliance with all labor and tax laws pertaining to it, its officers, agents, and employees, and shall indemnify and hold the District harmless from any failure to comply with such laws. Contractor’s duties include, but not be limited to: (1) providing Workers’ Compensation coverage for employees as required by law; (2) hiring employees or Subcontractors necessary to perform the Work; (3) providing any and all employment benefits; (4) payment of all federal, state and local taxes, income or employment taxes, and, if Contractor is not a corporation, self-employment (Social Security) taxes; (5) compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq., including payment of overtime as required by said Act; (6) compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act 42 U.S.C. §18001, et seq.; and (7) providing employee training, office or other facilities, equipment and materials for all functions necessary to perform the Work. In the event the District provides training, equipment, materials, or facilities to meet specific District needs or otherwise facilitate performance of the Work, this shall not affect Contractor’s duties hereunder or alter Contractor’s status as an independent contractor. This paragraph does not create an affirmative obligation to provide any employee benefits not required by law.

Section 29 – Common Carrier. Pursuant to §908.111, Fla. Stat., the District may not execute, amend, or renew an agreement with a common carrier or contracted carrier, if the carrier is willfully providing any service in furtherance of transporting a person into the State of Florida with knowledge that the person is an unauthorized alien, except to facilitate the detention, removal, or departure of a the person from the state or the U.S. Pursuant to §908.111, Fla. Stat., Contractor shall complete Attachment E, the Common Carrier or Contracted Carrier Attestation.

Section 30 – Force Majeure; Delays. Contractor shall not be liable for failure to carry out the terms of this Agreement to the extent such failure is due to a Force Majeure event, except for failures that could have been reasonably foreseen and guarded against so as to avoid or reduce the adverse impact thereof. A Force Majeure event is hereby defined as the failure to carry out any of the terms of this Agreement due to any one of the following circumstances beyond the control of Contractor: the operation and effect of rules, regulations, or orders promulgated by any commission, county, municipality, or governmental agency of the State of Florida or the United States, a restraining order, injunction, or similar decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, war, flood, earthquake, fire, severe wind storm, acts of public disturbance, quarantine restrictions, epidemics, strikes, freight embargoes, or sabotage. The times specified herein for performances include delays that can ordinarily be anticipated due to adverse weather conditions. The District is not obligated to grant an extension of time due to adverse weather conditions unless such conditions rise to the level of Force Majeure.

Contractor shall not be compensated for delays caused by Contractor’s inefficiency, rework made necessary by Contractor’s error, failure to perform the Work as scheduled, or any other corrective or productivity measures made necessary by errors, omissions, or failures to properly perform the Work. Within ten (10) days after the onset of a delay, Contractor shall notify the District in writing of the delay, which shall provide: (1) a detailed description the delay and its probable duration, (2) the specified portion of the Work affected, and (3) an opinion as to the cause of the delay and liability (if any) for the delay. Notices provided more than ten (10) days after the inception of the delay shall only be effective as to additional costs or

delay incurred during the ten-day period preceding receipt of such notice. In the case of continuing cause delay for the same cause, only one notice of delay is necessary. Failure to provide this notice waives any claim for extension of time or additional compensation resulting from such delay. If the delay is due to the failure of another District contractor to complete its Work in a timely manner, changes ordered in the Work, a Force Majeure event, or any other cause which the District, in its sole judgment and discretion, determines to justify the delay, then the final completion date may be extended as necessary to compensate for the delay. All time extensions shall be in the form of a written amendment signed by both Parties.

Section 31 - Access; Work Area; Gates

- (a) Access. The District will provide sufficient access to accomplish Work performed on District property. Contractor shall maintain all on-site roadways and paved and unpaved access roadways to and from the worksite in an acceptable and passable condition at no additional cost to the District, which shall, upon conclusion of the Work, be returned to their original condition. Contractor is responsible for improvements and repairs to access routes required during construction. All access routes shall be used for the purpose of construction only. Contractor shall not disturb lands or waters outside the area of construction, except as may be found necessary and authorized by the District.
- (b) Work Area. All Work shall be confined to the designated work area(s). Contractor shall obtain written approval from the District before making any adjustments.
- (c) Gates. Contractor shall keep all gates to District lands or easements closed and locked in accordance with District specifications when not in use and shall immediately notify the District when a gate has become impaired due to vandalism or other cause. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, Contractor shall be responsible for providing lock(s) to District properties.

Section 32 – Land and Water Resources. Except as explicitly provided in the Scope of Work, Contractor shall not discharge or permit the discharge, directly or indirectly, of any fuels, oils, calcium chloride, acids, insecticides, herbicides, wastes, toxic or hazardous substances, or other pollutants or harmful materials, onto any lands or into any surface or ground waters, including, but not limited to, streams, lakes, rivers, canals, ditches, or reservoirs. Contractor shall investigate and comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal laws concerning toxic wastes, hazardous substances, and pollution of surface and ground waters. If any waste, toxic or hazardous substance, or other material that can cause pollution, as defined in §403.031, Fla. Stat., is dumped or spilled in unauthorized areas, Contractor shall notify the District thereof within one workday and thereafter shall remove the material and restore the area to its original condition. If necessary, contaminated ground shall be excavated and disposed of as directed by the District and replaced with suitable fill material, compacted, and finished with topsoil, and planted as required to re-establish vegetation. All cleanup and disposal costs shall be borne by Contractor.

Section 33 – Cleanup, Equipment Removal. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall restore the worksite to its original condition, except for replacement of vegetation, unless otherwise required by this Agreement. Contractor shall remove from District property and all public and private property all machinery, equipment, supplies, surplus materials, temporary structures, rubbish, and waste materials resulting from its activities. After 20 days, the District may sell or dispose of any materials left at the worksite as it sees fit and deduct the cost of sale or disposal from any amounts due to Contractor. Any revenues obtained shall be applied toward costs incurred by the District, with excess revenues paid to Contractor.

Section 34 – Safety. For any Work that is to be performed on premises that are owned or controlled by the District (the “Premises”), Contractor has the sole and exclusive duty for the safety of the Premises. Contractor shall provide and maintain sufficient protection for the safety of its employees and other persons who may utilize the Premises, and prevent damage to District property, materials, and equipment. Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees and shall not employ any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the Work assigned. Neither Contractor nor its subcontractors shall allow or cause to be allowed any hunting or any weapons, animals, alcohol, or illegal drugs, on or from the Premises or adjacent property, except as authorized by law. Contractor employees shall not park their vehicles or store equipment or materials adjacent to roads where it may be a hazard to traffic. A clear distance of at least 30 feet from the edge of the pavement or right-of-way shall be kept free of any obstacles unless otherwise authorized by the District or right-of-way owner. Contractor shall ensure that only authorized personnel are allowed on the worksite and shall post notices warning both employees and the public of all safety hazards created by Contractor. Contractor may be permitted to store certain equipment on District property in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Attachment F hereto.

Section 35 – Petroleum Storage Tanks. With the exception of truck-mounted transfer tanks used to fuel the equipment, any petroleum storage tanks with a capacity of 55 gallons or greater that Contractor brings onto District property must be either double-walled or kept within secondary containment that will contain 110% of the tank volume. Truck-mounted transfer tanks must be installed according to the manufacture instructions, maintained in good working condition, appropriately labeled, and in compliance with all applicable regulations.

Section 36 – Use of Completed Portions of the Work. The District shall have the right to take possession of and use any completed or partially completed portions of the Work, notwithstanding the fact that the time for completing the entire Work or such portions may not have expired. Such taking of possession and use will not be deemed an acceptance of any Work not completed. If such possession and use increases the cost of or delays the Work, Contractor shall be entitled to a Change Order for extra compensation, or extension of time, as necessary, to offset the effect of such prior possession and use.

Section 37 – Materials; Inspection; Tools, Plant and Equipment. All materials, equipment, and supplies furnished by Contractor for permanent incorporation into the Work shall be new and of the quality standards specified. Unless otherwise specified, all material and workmanship shall meet the requirements in the applicable standards specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials. If two or more brands, makes of material, devices, or equipment are shown or specified, each should be regarded as the equal of the other. First-calls and the finished product shall be equal to the best-accepted standards of the trade class. The finished product shall be equal to the best-accepted standards of the trade for the category of Work performed. The District's intent is to obtain a high-quality job that will operate and function with the lowest possible maintenance costs. Inspection standards will be established to ensure that this objective is achieved.

- (a) Materials and Equipment Schedules. The District shall have the right of prior approval for all materials or equipment incorporated into the Work. Within ten (10) business days after the date of the Agreement award and before any material or equipment is purchased, Contractor shall submit to the DPM a complete list of materials or equipment to be incorporated into the Work. The list shall include catalog cuts, diagrams, drawings, and such other descriptive data as may be required. The use of materials or equipment not in accordance with this Agreement may be rejected.
- (b) Inspection. The Work and all materials or equipment used therefor are subject to inspection by the District at all times in order to ensure compliance herewith. Upon request, Contractor shall provide samples of the type and quantity of the various materials used in the Work, as determined and directed by the District. The DPM and inspector(s) shall be provided access to the Work wherever it is in preparation or progress. Contractor shall provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. Construction contractors shall maintain one complete copy of the drawings and specifications for the Work at the worksite, which shall be made available to the District upon request.
- (c) Tools, Plant, and Equipment. If at any time before commencement of or during progress of the Work, tools, plant, or equipment appear to the District to be insufficient, inefficient, or inappropriate to secure the quality of Work or the proper rate of progress, the District may order Contractor to increase its efficiency, to improve its character, or to augment the number of or substitute new tools, plant, or equipment, as the case may be. Contractor shall conform to such order. If Contractor maintains that any such order is not in conformance with this Agreement, is unnecessary, or requires Contractor to incur excessive costs or delays, Contractor may submit a Change Order, subject to the dispute resolution procedure. Failure of the District to make such demand shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to secure the quality of the Work and the rate of progress necessary to timely complete the Work.

Section 38 – Royalties and Patents. Contractor certifies that, to the best of its information and belief, the Work does not infringe on any patent rights. Unless provided otherwise herein, Contractor shall: (a) pay all royalties, patent, and license fees necessary for the Work; (b) defend all suits or claims for infringement of any patent rights, and (c) save and hold the District harmless from loss on account thereof; provided, however, that the District shall be responsible for any such losses when the utilization of a particular process or product of a particular manufacturer is specified by the District. If Contractor obtains information that the process or article so specified is a patent infringement, it shall be responsible for such loss unless it promptly so notifies the District.

Section 39 – Iron and Steel for Public Works. This section does not apply to this Agreement.

Section 40 – Nuisance. Contractor shall exercise every reasonable means to avoid creating or continuing a public or private nuisance resulting from the Work.

Section 41 – Coordination with the District and Other District Contractors. The District may let other agreements in connection with the Work. Wherever work done by the District or another District contractor is contiguous to Contractor's

Work, the respective rights of the various interests shall be established by the District so as to secure completion of the Work. Contractor shall arrange its Work so as not to interfere with the District or other District contractor and join Contractor's Work to that of others in a proper manner, and in accordance with the intent of the Scope of Work. Contractor shall perform its Work in the proper sequence in relation to that of other District contractors, as may be directed by the District. Contractor shall afford other District contractors' reasonable opportunity for introduction and storage of their materials and execution of their work, and shall properly conduct and coordinate Contractor's Work with other contractors' work. Contractor shall take into account all contingent work to be done by others and shall not plead want of knowledge of such contingent work as a basis for delay or non-performance. Contractor shall be liable for any damage it causes to the Work performed by other District contractors. If any part of the Work depends for proper execution or results upon the Work of other District contractors, Contractor shall inspect and promptly report any defects in the other contractors' work that render it unsuitable for Contractor's Work. Failure to so inspect and report shall constitute an acceptance of the other contractors' work as fit and proper for the reception of Contractor's Work, except as to defects which may develop in the other contractors' work after execution of the Work.

Section 42 – Cooperation with the Inspector General. Pursuant to §20.055(5), Fla. Stat., Contractor and any Subcontractor understand and will comply with their duty to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing.

Section 43 – On-Going Compliance. The Parties acknowledge that the Agreement may contain provisions prescribed by laws, statutes, and regulations that can change during the Term of the Agreement. The Parties understand and agree that the Agreement is intended to reflect and require the Parties' compliance with all laws at all times. The Parties expressly and specifically agree to perform the Agreement in full compliance with the governing laws, statutes, and regulations, as same may change from time to time.

Section 44 – Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in the Agreement shall be deemed to waive the sovereign immunity protections provided the District pursuant to Florida law. Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary in the Agreement, any obligation of the District to indemnify Contractor, if provided, is limited and shall not exceed the limits set forth in §768.28, Fla. Stat. This section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 45 – Civil Rights. Pursuant to chapter 760, Fla. Stat., Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, or national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.

Section 46 – Interest in the Business of Contractor; Non-Lobbying. Contractor certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of the District has any material interest, as defined in chapter 112, Fla. Stat., either directly or indirectly, in the business of Contractor to be conducted under this Agreement, and that no such person shall have any such interest at any time during the term of this Agreement. Pursuant to §216.347, Fla. Stat., monies received from the District pursuant to this Agreement shall not be used to lobby the Florida Legislature or any other state agency.

Section 47 – No Coercion for Labor or Services. Contractor, a nongovernmental entity entering this Agreement with the District, certifies, assures, and affirms that Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as prohibited under §787.06, Fla. Stat. If Contractor is a nongovernmental entity, Contractor must provide the District with a Human Trafficking Attestation, Attachment G, executed by an officer or representative of Contractor.

Section 48 – Dispute Resolution.

- (a) During the course of work. In the event any dispute arises during the course of the Work, Contractor shall fully perform the Work in accordance with the District's written instructions and may claim additional compensation. Contractor is under a duty to seek clarification and resolution of any issue, discrepancy, or dispute by submitting a formal request for additional compensation, schedule adjustment, or other dispute resolution to the DPM no later than five (5) calendar days after the precipitating event. If not resolved by the DPM within five (5) calendar days, the DPM shall forward the request to the District's Assistant Executive Director, which shall issue a written decision within five (5) calendar days of receipt. This determination shall constitute final action of the District and shall then be subject to judicial review upon completion of the Work. Contractor shall proceed with the Work in accordance with said determination. This shall not waive Contractor's position regarding the matter in dispute.
- (b) Invoices. In the event the District rejects an invoice as improper, and the declines to modify the invoice, Contractor must notify the District in writing within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notice of rejection that Contractor will

not modify the invoice and state the reason(s) therefor. Within five (5) calendar days of receipt of such notice, if not informally resolved through discussion with the DPM, the DPM shall forward the disputed invoice and Contractor's written response to the District's Assistant Executive Director. The matter shall then proceed as described in subsection (a), above.

- (c) Payment. Nothing herein requires the District to pay or release any amounts that are the subject of a good faith dispute made in writing pursuant to this Agreement or the subject of a claim brought pursuant to §255.05, Fla. Stat. If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid twenty (20) business days after receipt of the request.

Section 49 – Remedies for Non-Performance.

- (a) District Remedies. The remedies enumerated herein are non-exclusive. In addition to the remedies set forth below, the District may avail itself of any statutory and/or common law remedies not set forth herein. In the event of a breach, the District may terminate this Agreement for cause. Alternatively, the District may allow Contractor to correct the deficiency, or may take such action as is necessary to correct such deficiency through District action or that of a third party. Delay or failure by the District to enforce any right or remedy hereunder shall not impair, or be deemed a waiver of, any such right or remedy, or impair the District's rights or remedies for any subsequent breach of this Agreement.
- (b) Contractor Correction of Deficiencies. The District shall provide Contractor with written notice of deficiency. At the District's sole judgment and discretion, the District may afford an opportunity to correct said deficiency, in which event the notice shall specify the time allowed to cure. If Contractor disputes that a failure of performance has occurred, Contractor shall, nevertheless, perform the corrective action and may submit a request for a Change Order subject to the dispute resolution procedure. Unless authorized through a Change Order, the final completion date shall not be extended in order to correct deficiencies. Contractor shall bear the cost of correcting all work of other Contractors that is destroyed, damaged, or otherwise negatively impacted by its corrective action. Failure to take timely corrective action may result in termination for cause or the District pursuing alternative remedies, as provided herein.
- (c) Alternative Remedies to Correct Deficiency. If the District determines that it is not in its best interest for Contractor to correct incomplete or damaged Work caused by Contractor's failure of performance, the District may pursue any or all of the following remedies, in whole or in part: (1) accept the Work as is and deduct the reasonable value of the deficient Work; (2) complete the Work through the utilization of District employees and deduct the cost thereof; (3) contract with a third party to complete the deficient Work.
- (d) District Technical Assistance. The District may elect to provide technical assistance to Contractor in order to complete satisfactory performance of the Work. If the District is performing a function that Contractor is required to perform, the District may deduct the cost of providing such technical assistance from the Total Compensation. Prior to providing any such technical assistance, the District shall notify Contractor that it considers such assistance to be above and beyond its duties under this Agreement and that it intends to deduct the cost of providing such assistance from the Total Compensation. Contractor shall not be entitled to reject technical assistance when the District determines that such assistance is necessary to complete the Work.

Section 50 – Default/Termination. In the event Contractor fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement, the District may terminate this Agreement for cause by first notifying Contractor in writing, specifying the nature of the default and providing Contractor with a reasonable period of time in which to rectify such default. In the event the default is not cured within the time period given, the District thereafter may terminate this Agreement for cause upon written notice to Contractor without prejudice to the District. In the event of termination of this Agreement for cause, the District will then be responsible to compensate Contractor only for those services timely and satisfactorily performed pursuant to this Agreement up to the date of termination. the District may terminate this Agreement without cause providing at least thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor. In the event of termination of this Agreement without cause, the District will compensate Contractor for all services timely and satisfactorily performed pursuant to this Agreement up to and including the date of termination. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated if for any reason there are not sufficient appropriated and available monies for the purpose of maintaining the District's or other public entity's obligations under this Agreement. Should this occur, the District shall have no further obligation to Contractor other than to pay for services rendered prior to termination.

Section 51 – Definitions

AGREEMENT: The written contract between the District and Contractor covering the Work, which includes all documents attached to this Agreement or incorporated herein by reference. The words “contract” and “Agreement” are synonymous in these documents.

AMENDMENT: Any written change made to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

BUSINESS DAY: Monday through Friday, excepting those holidays observed by the District – New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving (and Friday), and Christmas Day.

CONTRACTOR: The Party entering this Agreement with the District as Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns.

CONTRACTOR’S PROJECT MANAGER: The individual designated by Contractor to be responsible for overall coordination, oversight, and management of the Work for .

DELIVERABLES: All Work that is to be performed pursuant to the Scope of Work, in whole or in part, including, but not limited to, all equipment or materials that are incorporated within the Work.

DISTRICT’S PROJECT MANAGER (DPM): The District employee designated by the District to be responsible for overall coordination, oversight, and management of the Work for the District.

SCOPE OF WORK: The District’s written directions, requirements and technical specifications for completing the Work. Standards for specifying materials or testing that are incorporated therein by reference shall have the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: The total funds to be expended pursuant to this Agreement upon satisfactory completion of the Work.

Section 52 – Counterparts. Original signatures transmitted and received via facsimile or other electronic transmission of a scanned document, (e.g., PDF or similar format) are true and valid signatures for all purposes hereunder and shall bind the Parties to the same extent as that of an original signature. Any such facsimile or electronic mail transmission shall constitute the final Agreement of the Parties and conclusive proof of such Agreement. Any such electronic counterpart shall be of sufficient quality to be legible either electronically or when printed as hard copy. The District shall determine legibility and acceptability for public record purposes. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument.

Section 53 – Authority to Obligate. Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either Party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Party for whom he or she is signing and to bind and obligate such Party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

Section 54 – Warranty. Contractor warrants that the Work, workmanship, and material furnished by Contractor shall be new and of specified quality, shall conform to the requirements of this Agreement, shall be free from defects, and shall be free from any security interest, lien, or other encumbrances. This warranty shall remain in effect for a period of 12 months after the District’s acceptance of the Work, unless otherwise specified herein. Any defective Work, workmanship, or material corrected during the warranty period shall be similarly warranted for 12 months following its correction and acceptance or for such other period as specified herein. The express warranty set forth herein shall not be exclusive and shall not act as a limitation upon any statutory or other warranty of any kind, express or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

In the event of breach of this warranty, Contractor shall take the necessary actions to correct the breach in the most expedient manner as dictated by then-existing circumstances. All costs incidental to the repair, replacement, redesign, and testing incurred as a result thereof, including the removal, replacement, and reinstallation of equipment in place when the Work was started, shall be Contractor’s responsibility. Upon written notification of a breach, Contractor shall promptly send the necessary personnel to the project site to assume responsibility for corrective action. Time is of the essence. Contractor shall be afforded necessary and reasonable access to perform warranty work. If Contractor fails to promptly correct the breach, the District may take corrective action without waiving any other rights or remedies it may have, and Contractor shall reimburse the District for all expenses reasonably incurred in performing such corrective action.

When applicable, refer to the technical specifications for additional information and requirements relating to warranty. In the event of a discrepancy regarding warranty between this Agreement and the technical specifications, the language in this Agreement shall govern.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the St. Johns River Water Management District has caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year written below in its name by its Executive Director, or duly authorized designee, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year written below in its name by its duly authorized representative, and, if appropriate, has caused the seal of the corporation (if applicable) to be attached. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, which shall not affect its validity. Upon execution, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties, notwithstanding any stipulations, representations, agreements, or promises, oral or otherwise, not printed or inserted herein. This Agreement cannot be changed by any means other than written amendments referencing this Agreement and signed by all Parties.

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Mary Ellen Winkler, J.D., Assistant Executive Director

By: _____

Typed Name and Title

Date: _____

Date: _____

**42229 MECHANICAL AQUATIC VEGETATION SHREDDING
SCOPE OF WORK**

Attachment A

(Will be inserted prior to obtaining signatures)

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COST SCHEDULE

Attachment B

(Will be inserted prior to obtaining signatures)

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Attachment C

Contractor shall provide the District with a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurer authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida and rated A- or higher by A.M. Best Company. Any deductible or self-insured retention exceeding \$100,000 must be disclosed to and approved by the District. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Contractor shall be solely responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions.

All required insurance policies shall remain in effect through the completion and District acceptance of the Work.

The Certificate of Insurance must:

- (a) Include endorsement that waives any right of subrogation (Endorsement CG 24 04 05 09, or equivalent) against the District for any policy of insurance provided under this requirement or under any state or federal worker's compensation or employer's liability act;
- (b) Reference the Agreement number;
- (c) Include Endorsement CG 20 10 04 13, or equivalent, naming the St. Johns River Water Management District as Additional Insured; and
- (d) Provide for at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of cancellation, sent to the District Project Manager at the address specified herein.

Submission of a Certificate of Insurance that does not meet the required coverage shall not be accepted and shall not constitute a waiver of the District's insurance requirements.

Workers' Compensation Insurance.

Workers' compensation and employer's liability coverage, including Longshore and Harbor Workers' compensation, if applicable, shall not be less than the minimum STATUTORY limits required by Florida law.

- (a) Contractor, and its insurance carrier, waives all subrogation rights (Endorsement CG 24 04 05 09, or equivalent) against the District, its officials, employees and volunteers for all losses or damages which occur during the Agreement Term and for any events occurring during the Agreement Term, whether the suit is brought during the Agreement Term or not.
- (b) If Contractor claims an exemption from workers' compensation coverage, Contractor must provide a copy of the Certificate of Exemption from the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation for all officers or members of an LLC claiming exemption who will be participating in the Work. In addition, Contractor must provide a completed District "Affidavit (Non-Construction)" for non-construction Agreements.

Commercial General Liability.

Commercial General Liability Insurance on an "Occurrence Basis," with limits of liability for each occurrence of not less than

- (a) \$1,000,000 for personal injury, bodily injury, and property damage, with a project aggregate of \$2,000,000.
- (b) Coverage shall include:
 - (1) contractual liability;
 - (2) perils generally known as XCU (explosion, collapse, and underground property damage), subsidence, absolute earth movement (except as it pertains to earthquake peril only) or any equivalent peril;
 - (3) products and completed operations;
 - (4) independent contractors; and
 - (5) property in the care, control, or custody of Contractor. Extensions shall be added or exclusions deleted to provide the necessary coverage.

Automobile Liability.

\$500,000 combined single limit.

Watercraft Liability.

\$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Pollution/Environmental Impairment Liability Coverage

\$1,000,000 per occurrence.

- (a) Contractor is responsible to provide this coverage through its automobile liability, general liability or a separate policy if it transports or stores fuel on a vehicle, trailer or piece of equipment.
- (b) Contractor is responsible to provide this coverage through its general liability or a separate policy if it has a fuel storage tank stationed on the worksite.

DISTRICT'S SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS (sample)

Attachment D

DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS # ____

DATE:

TO: NAME, Contractor Project Manager
ABC Company
1234 Street
City, State Zip

FROM: Taylor Clark, District Project Manager

AGREEMENT NUMBER: 42229

AGREEMENT TITLE: Mechanical Aquatic Vegetation Shredding

The Work shall be carried out in accordance with the following supplemental instruction issued in accordance with the Contract Documents without change in the Agreement Total Compensation or Completion Date. Prior to proceeding in accordance with these instructions, indicate your acceptance of these instructions for minor adjustments to the Work as consistent with the Contract Documents and return to the District's Project Manager.

1. CONTRACTOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS:
2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE CHANGED:
3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS:

Contractor's approval: (choose one of the items below):

Approved: _____ Date: _____

(It is agreed that these instructions shall not result in a change in the Total Compensation or the Completion Date.)

Approved: _____ Date: _____

(Contractor agrees to implement the Supplemental Instructions as requested but reserves the right to seek a Change Order in accordance with the requirements of the Agreement.)

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Taylor Clark, District Project Manager

Acknowledged: _____ Date: _____
Breanna Pierce, District Procurement Specialist

c: Contract file
Financial Services

COMMON CARRIER OR CONTRACTED CARRIER ATTESTATION

Attachment E

This form must be completed by Contractor. Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions ascribed in §908.111, Fla. Stat. Contractor acknowledges that the District may terminate this Agreement upon receipt of knowledge or information that Contractor is a carrier with which the District is prohibited from contracting with under §908.111, Fla. Stat.

CONTRACTOR NAME: _____

(check one statement below):

_____ Is not a Common Carrier or contracted carrier and this Agreement does not involve common carrier or contracted carrier services.

OR

_____ Is a Common Carrier or contracted carrier and is not willfully providing and will not willfully provide any service during the Agreement Term in furtherance of transporting a person into this state knowing that the person is an Unauthorized Alien, except to facilitate the detention, removal, or departure of the person from this state or the United States.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

AUTHORIZATION TO STORE CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

Attachment F

The District Project Manager (“DPM”) may authorize Contractor to store Contractor Equipment on District-owned and/or managed property.

For purposes of this authorization, “Contractor Equipment” includes only such tools, equipment, and vehicles necessary for Contractor’s completion of the Work and when stored unsupervised Contractor’s Equipment shall not include firearms.

Any such authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Contractor acknowledges that the District makes no representation as to the suitability of the property for Contractor’s use. Prior to using the property, Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to and shall always undertake for itself to carefully inspect, consider and assess all surrounding property and conditions. Contractor’s election to access and use the property for storage shall occur entirely at its own risk.
2. Contractor must disclose the nature of Contractor Equipment to be stored on District Property to the DPM. The DPM may reject approval for the storage of any type of Contractor Equipment.
3. Storage of Contractor Equipment on District Property is provided solely at the District’s discretion, and the District may revoke the authorization at any time.
4. Contractor shall not store, or allow its employees or subcontractors to store, Contractor Equipment in any area except as designated by the DPM.
5. Contractor shall not store, or allows its employees or subcontractors to store, Contractor Equipment beyond the time authorized by the DPM. In no event shall storage extend beyond the term of the Agreement.
6. Contractor, including its employees and subcontractors, shall enter and exit District property only in the locations and manner designated by the DPM.
7. Contractor acknowledges that District property is actively managed and open to the public and that management activities and public use take precedence over Contractor’s non-exclusive use. Contractor’s use of the property shall pose no risk to other users of the property and Contractor is solely responsible for any damages resulting from Contractor’s access and use of the property.
8. The authorization to store Contractor Equipment on District property does not create a bailment. The District does not accept possession of Contractor Equipment, and the District has no obligation for the safekeeping of Contractor Equipment. Contractor acknowledges that the District has no responsibility or duty of care for Contractor Equipment stored on District property.

Contractor assumes full risk and responsibility for any damages or liability associated with Contractor’s access and storage of Contractor Equipment on District property. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District from and against any and all claims, liabilities, or damages arising from Contractor's storage of Contractor Equipment on District property.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING ATTESTATION

Attachment G

Contractor Name: _____ (“Contractor”)

This form must be completed by an officer or representative of a nongovernmental entity executing, renewing, or extending a contract with the St. Johns River Water Management District, a governmental entity of the State of Florida, (“District”)

I acknowledge that §787.06(14), Fla. Stat., requires that, when a contract is executed, renewed, or extended between a nongovernmental entity (“Contractor”) and a governmental entity (“District”) in the State of Florida, the nongovernmental entity must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit that Contractor does not use **coercion to employ any person for labor or services.**

This signed attestation is provided to the District to comply with that requirement.

On behalf of Contractor, I hereby certify, assure, and affirm that Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as prohibited under §787.06, Fla. Stat.

If, at any time in the future, Contractor does use coercion for labor or services, Contractor will immediately notify the District, and no contracts may be executed, renewed, or extended between the Parties.

in compliance with §787.06(14), Fla. Stat.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

By (signature): _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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FUNDING GRANT

Attachment H

(This will begin on the following page.)

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Standard Grant Agreement**

This Agreement is entered into between the Parties named below, pursuant to section 215.971, Florida Statutes:

1. Project Title (Project): **St. Johns River Water Management District Operations FY 2025-26** Agreement Number: **WP036**

2. Parties **State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000** (Department)

Grantee Name: **St. Johns River Water Management District** Entity Type: **Special District**

Grantee Address: **4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177** FEID: **F591519123001** (Grantee)

3. Agreement Begin Date: **Upon Execution** Date of Expiration: **08/31/2026**

4. Project Number: **WP036** Project Location(s): **District-wide**
(If different from Agreement Number)

Project Description: **This funding is for district operations for land management and activities associated with USGS hydrologic station monitoring.**

5. Total Amount of Funding:	Funding Source?	Award #s or Line-Item Appropriations:	Amount per Source(s):
\$2,520,406.00	☒ State ☐ Federal	FY 2025-26 GAA Line Item #1518	\$2,250,000.00
	☒ State ☐ Federal	FY 2025-26 GAA Line Item #1522	\$204,590.00
	☒ State ☐ Federal	FY 2021-22 GAA Line Item #1633	\$65,816.00
	☐ Grantee Match		\$

Total Amount of Funding + Grantee Match, if any: **\$ 2,520,406.00**

6. Department's Grant Manager Grantee's Grant Manager

Name: Nicholas Daigle Name: Gerald Cahalane
or successor or successor

Address: 3900 Commonwealth Blvd. Address: 4049 Reid Street
MS # 24 Palatka, FL 32177
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Phone: 850-245-3150 Phone: 386-326-3034

Email: Nicholas.Daigle@FloridaDEP.gov Email: GCahalane@SJRWMD.com

7. The Parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following attachments and exhibits which are hereby incorporated by reference:

☒ Attachment 1: Standard Terms and Conditions Applicable to All Grants Agreements
☒ Attachment 2: Special Terms and Conditions
☒ Attachment 3: Grant Work Plan
☒ Attachment 4: Public Records Requirements
☒ Attachment 5: Special Audit Requirements
☐ Attachment 6: Program-Specific Requirements
☐ Attachment 7: Grant Award Terms (Federal) *Copy available at https://facts.fldfs.com , in accordance with section 215.985, F.S.
☐ Attachment 8: Federal Regulations and Terms (Federal)
☐ Additional Attachments (if necessary):
☒ Exhibit A: Progress Report Form
☐ Exhibit B: Property Reporting Form
☒ Exhibit C: Payment Request Summary Form
☐ Exhibit D: Quality Assurance Requirements
☐ Exhibit E: Advance Payment Terms and Interest Earned Memo
☒ Exhibit F: Common Carrier or Contracted Carrier Attestation Form PUR1808 (State)

☒ Exhibit H: Non-Profit Organization Compensation Form (State)	
☐ Exhibit I: Forced Labor Attestation Form	
☐ Additional Exhibits (if necessary):	
8.	The following information applies to Federal Grants only and is identified in accordance with 2 CFR 200.331 (a) (1):
Federal Award Identification Number(s) (FAIN):	
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	
Federal Award Date to Department:	
Federal Award Project Description:	
Total Federal Funds Obligated by this Agreement:	
Federal Awarding Agency:	
Award R&D?	☐ Yes ☐ N/A

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement shall be effective on the date indicated by the Agreement Begin Date unless another date is specified in the grant documents.

St. Johns River Water Management District

GRANTEE

Grantee Name

By **Mary Ellen Winkler**

 Digitally signed by Mary Ellen Winkler
Date: 2026.01.09 10:14:20 -05'00'

(Authorized Signature)

Date Signed

Mary Ellen Winkler, J.D., Assistant Executive Director

Print Name and Title of Person Signing

State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection

DEPARTMENT

By

Secretary or Designee

Date Signed

Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary

Print Name and Title of Person Signing

☐ Additional signatures attached on separate page.

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
APPLICABLE TO GRANT AGREEMENTS**

ATTACHMENT 1

1. Entire Agreement.

This Grant Agreement, including any Attachments and Exhibits referred to herein and/or attached hereto (Agreement), constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. Any terms and conditions included on Grantee's forms or invoices shall be null and void.

2. Grant Administration.

- a. Order of Precedence. If there are conflicting provisions among the documents that make up the Agreement, the order of precedence for interpretation of the Agreement is as follows:
 - i. Standard Grant Agreement
 - ii. Attachments other than Attachment 1, in numerical order as designated in the Standard Grant Agreement
 - iii. Attachment 1, Standard Terms and Conditions
 - iv. The Exhibits in the order designated in the Standard Grant Agreement
- b. All approvals, written or verbal, and other written communication among the parties, including all notices, shall be obtained by or sent to the parties' Grant Managers. All written communication shall be by electronic mail, U.S. Mail, a courier delivery service, or delivered in person. Notices shall be considered delivered when reflected by an electronic mail read receipt, a courier service delivery receipt, other mail service delivery receipt, or when receipt is acknowledged by recipient. If the notice is delivered in multiple ways, the notice will be considered delivered at the earliest delivery time.
- c. If a different Grant Manager is designated by either party after execution of this Agreement, notice of the name and contact information of the new Grant Manager will be submitted in writing to the other party and maintained in the respective parties' records. A change of Grant Manager does not require a formal amendment or change order to the Agreement.
- d. This Agreement may be amended, through a formal amendment or a change order, only by a written agreement between both parties. A formal amendment to this Agreement is required for changes which cause any of the following:
 - (1) an increase or decrease in the Agreement funding amount;
 - (2) a change in Grantee's match requirements;
 - (3) a change in the expiration date of the Agreement;
 - (4) changes to the cumulative amount of funding transfers between approved budget categories, as defined in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan, that exceeds or is expected to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total budget as last approved by Department; and/or
 - (5) any changes to the terms and conditions of the Agreement other than the specific instances enumerated below when a change order may be used.A change order to this Agreement may be used when:
 - (1) task timelines within the current authorized Agreement period change;
 - (2) the cumulative transfer of funds between approved budget categories, as defined in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan, are less than twenty percent (20%) of the total budget as last approved by Department;
 - (3) changing the current funding source as stated in the Standard Grant Agreement; and/or
 - (4) fund transfers between budget categories for the purposes of meeting match requirements.This Agreement may be amended to provide for additional services if additional funding is made available by the Legislature.
- e. All days in this Agreement are calendar days unless otherwise specified.

3. Agreement Duration.

The term of the Agreement shall begin and end on the dates indicated in the Standard Grant Agreement, unless extended or terminated earlier in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions. The Grantee shall be eligible for reimbursement for work performed on or after the date of execution through the expiration date of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified in Attachment 2, Special Terms and Conditions. However, work performed prior to the

execution of this Agreement may be reimbursable or used for match purposes if permitted by the Special Terms and Conditions.

4. Deliverables.

The Grantee agrees to render the services or other units of deliverables as set forth in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan. The services or other units of deliverables shall be delivered in accordance with the schedule and at the pricing outlined in the Grant Work Plan. Deliverables may be comprised of activities that must be completed prior to Department making payment on that deliverable. The Grantee agrees to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and all attachments and exhibits incorporated by the Standard Grant Agreement.

5. Performance Measures.

The Grantee warrants that: (1) the services will be performed by qualified personnel; (2) the services will be of the kind and quality described in the Grant Work Plan; (3) the services will be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards and practices; (4) the services shall not and do not knowingly infringe upon the intellectual property rights, or any other proprietary rights, of any third party; and (5) its employees, subcontractors, and/or subrecipients shall comply with any security and safety requirements and processes, if provided by Department, for work done at the Project Location(s). The Department reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time to determine whether the services or qualifications offered by Grantee meet the Agreement requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, written acceptance of a particular deliverable does not foreclose Department's remedies in the event deficiencies in the deliverable cannot be readily measured at the time of delivery.

6. Acceptance of Deliverables.

- a. Acceptance Process. All deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by Department's Grant Manager before payment. The Grantee shall work diligently to correct all deficiencies in the deliverable that remain outstanding, within a reasonable time at Grantee's expense. If Department's Grant Manager does not accept the deliverables within 30 days of receipt, they will be deemed rejected.
- b. Rejection of Deliverables. The Department reserves the right to reject deliverables, as outlined in the Grant Work Plan, as incomplete, inadequate, or unacceptable due, in whole or in part, to Grantee's lack of satisfactory performance under the terms of this Agreement. The Grantee's efforts to correct the rejected deliverables will be at Grantee's sole expense. Failure to fulfill the applicable technical requirements or complete all tasks or activities in accordance with the Grant Work Plan will result in rejection of the deliverable and the associated invoice. Payment for the rejected deliverable will not be issued unless the rejected deliverable is made acceptable to Department in accordance with the Agreement requirements. The Department, at its option, may allow additional time within which Grantee may remedy the objections noted by Department. The Grantee's failure to make adequate or acceptable deliverables after a reasonable opportunity to do so shall constitute an event of default.

7. Financial Consequences for Nonperformance.

- a. Withholding Payment. In addition to the specific consequences explained in the Grant Work Plan and/or Special Terms and Conditions, the State of Florida (State) reserves the right to withhold payment when the Grantee has failed to perform/comply with provisions of this Agreement. None of the financial consequences for nonperformance in this Agreement as more fully described in the Grant Work Plan shall be considered penalties.
- b. Invoice reduction
If Grantee does not meet a deadline for any deliverable, the Department will reduce the invoice by 1% for each day the deadline is missed, unless an extension is approved in writing by the Department.
- c. Corrective Action Plan. If Grantee fails to correct all the deficiencies in a rejected deliverable within the specified timeframe, Department may, in its sole discretion, request that a proposed Corrective Action Plan (CAP) be submitted by Grantee to Department. The Department requests that Grantee specify the outstanding deficiencies in the CAP. All CAPs must be able to be implemented and performed in no more than sixty (60) calendar days.
 - i. The Grantee shall submit a CAP within ten (10) days of the date of the written request from Department. The CAP shall be sent to the Department's Grant Manager for review and approval. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a CAP, Department shall notify Grantee in writing whether the CAP proposed has been accepted. If the CAP is not accepted, Grantee shall have ten (10) days from receipt of Department letter rejecting the proposal to submit a revised proposed CAP. Failure to obtain Department approval of a CAP as specified above may result in Department's termination of this Agreement for cause as authorized in this Agreement.

- ii. Upon Department's notice of acceptance of a proposed CAP, Grantee shall have ten (10) days to commence implementation of the accepted plan. Acceptance of the proposed CAP by Department does not relieve Grantee of any of its obligations under the Agreement. In the event the CAP fails to correct or eliminate performance deficiencies by Grantee, Department shall retain the right to require additional or further remedial steps, or to terminate this Agreement for failure to perform. No actions approved by Department or steps taken by Grantee shall preclude Department from subsequently asserting any deficiencies in performance. The Grantee shall continue to implement the CAP until all deficiencies are corrected. Reports on the progress of the CAP will be made to Department as requested by Department's Grant Manager.
- iii. Failure to respond to a Department request for a CAP or failure to correct a deficiency in the performance of the Agreement as specified by Department may result in termination of the Agreement.

8. Payment.

- a. Payment Process. Subject to the terms and conditions established by the Agreement, the pricing per deliverable established by the Grant Work Plan, and the billing procedures established by Department, Department agrees to pay Grantee for services rendered in accordance with section 215.422, Florida Statutes (F.S.).
- b. Taxes. The Department is exempted from payment of State sales, use taxes and Federal excise taxes. The Grantee, however, shall not be exempted from paying any taxes that it is subject to, including State sales and use taxes, or for payment by Grantee to suppliers for taxes on materials used to fulfill its contractual obligations with Department. The Grantee shall not use Department's exemption number in securing such materials. The Grantee shall be responsible and liable for the payment of all its FICA/Social Security and other taxes resulting from this Agreement.
- c. Maximum Amount of Agreement. The maximum amount of compensation under this Agreement, without an amendment, is described in the Standard Grant Agreement. Any additional funds necessary for the completion of this Project are the responsibility of Grantee.
- d. Reimbursement for Costs. The Grantee shall be paid on a cost reimbursement basis for all eligible Project costs upon the completion, submittal, and approval of each deliverable identified in the Grant Work Plan. Reimbursement shall be requested on Exhibit C, Payment Request Summary Form. To be eligible for reimbursement, costs must be in compliance with laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of State funds, including, but not limited to, the Reference Guide for State Expenditures, which can be accessed at the following web address: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf>.
- e. Rural Communities and Rural Areas of Opportunity. If Grantee is a county or municipality that qualifies as a "rural community" or "rural area of opportunity" (RAO) as defined in subsection 288.0656(2), F.S., such Grantee may request from the Department that all invoice payments under this Agreement be directed to the relevant county or municipality or to the RAO itself. The Department will agree to Grantee's request if:
 - i. Grantee demonstrates that it is a county or municipality that qualifies as a "rural community" or "rural area of opportunity" under subsection 288.0656(2), F.S.;
 - ii. Grantee demonstrates current financial hardship using one (1) or more of the "economic distress" factors defined in subsection 288.0656(2)(c), F.S.;
 - iii. Grantee's performance has been verified by the Department, which has determined that Grantee is eligible for invoice payments and that Grantee's performance has been completed in accordance with this Agreement's terms and conditions; and
 - iv. Applicable federal and state law(s), rule(s) and regulation(s) allow for such payments.

This subsection may not be construed to alter or limit any other applicable provisions of federal or state law, rule, or regulation. A current list of Florida's designated RAOs can be accessed at the following web address: <https://floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity>.
- f. Invoice Detail. All charges for services rendered or for reimbursement of expenses authorized by Department pursuant to the Grant Work Plan shall be submitted to Department in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit to be performed. The Grantee shall only invoice Department for deliverables that are completed in accordance with the Grant Work Plan.
- g. State Funds Documentation. Pursuant to section 216.1366, F.S., if Grantee meets the definition of a non-profit organization under section 215.97(2)(m), F.S., Grantee must provide the Department with documentation that indicates the amount of state funds:

- i. Allocated to be used during the full term of the contract or agreement for remuneration to any member of the board of directors or an officer.
- ii. Allocated under each payment by the public agency to be used for remuneration of any member of the board of directors or an officer.

The documentation must indicate the amounts and recipients of the remuneration. Such information must be posted on the State's the contract tracking system and maintained pursuant to section 215.985, F.S., and must be posted on the Grantee's website, if Grantee maintains a website.

- h. Interim Payments. Interim payments may be made by Department, at its discretion, if the completion of deliverables to date have first been accepted in writing by Department's Grant Manager.
- i. Final Payment Request. A final payment request should be submitted to Department no later than sixty (60) days following the expiration date of the Agreement to ensure the availability of funds for payment. However, all work performed pursuant to the Grant Work Plan must be performed on or before the expiration date of the Agreement.
- j. Annual Appropriation Contingency. The State's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. This Agreement is not a commitment of future appropriations. Authorization for continuation and completion of work and any associated payments may be rescinded, with proper notice, at the discretion of Department if the Legislature reduces or eliminates appropriations.
- k. Interest Rates. All interest rates charged under the Agreement shall be calculated on the prevailing rate used by the State Board of Administration. To obtain the applicable interest rate, please refer to: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/aa/local-governments/judgement-interest-rates>.
- l. Refund of Payments to the Department. Any balance of unobligated funds that have been advanced or paid must be refunded to Department. Any funds paid in excess of the amount to which Grantee or subgrantee is entitled under the terms of the Agreement must be refunded to Department. If this Agreement is funded with federal funds and the Department is required to refund the federal government, the Grantee shall refund the Department its share of those funds.

9. Documentation Required for Cost Reimbursement Grant Agreements and Match.

If Cost Reimbursement or Match is authorized in Attachment 2, Special Terms and Conditions, the following conditions apply. Supporting documentation must be provided to substantiate cost reimbursement or match requirements for the following budget categories:

- a. Salary/Wages. Grantee shall list personnel involved, position classification, direct salary rates, and hours spent on the Project in accordance with Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan in their documentation for reimbursement or match requirements.
- b. Overhead/Indirect/General and Administrative Costs. If Grantee is being reimbursed for or claiming match for multipliers, all multipliers used (i.e., fringe benefits, overhead, indirect, and/or general and administrative rates) shall be supported by audit. If Department determines that multipliers charged by Grantee exceeded the rates supported by audit, Grantee shall be required to reimburse such funds to Department within thirty (30) days of written notification. Interest shall be charged on the excessive rate.
- c. Contractual/Subaward Costs (Subcontractors/Subrecipients). Match or reimbursement requests for payments to subcontractors/subrecipients must be substantiated by copies of invoices with backup documentation identical to that required from Grantee. Subcontracts/subawards which involve payments for direct salaries shall clearly identify the personnel involved, salary rate per hour, and hours spent on the Project. All eligible multipliers used (i.e., fringe benefits, overhead, indirect, and/or general and administrative rates) shall be supported by audit. If Department determines that multipliers charged by any subcontractor/subrecipient exceeded the rates supported by audit, Grantee shall be required to reimburse such funds to Department within thirty (30) days of written notification. Interest shall be charged on the excessive rate. Nonconsumable and/or nonexpendable personal property or equipment costing \$5,000 or more purchased for the Project under a subcontract/subaward is subject to the requirements set forth in chapters 273 and/or 274, F.S., and Chapter 69I-72, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and/or Chapter 69I-73, F.A.C., as applicable. For grants funded with federal funds, nonconsumable and/or nonexpendable personal property or equipment costing \$10,000 or more purchased for the Project under a subcontract/subaward is subject to the requirements set forth in 2 CFR 200. The Grantee shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property records for any subcontracts/subawards that include the purchase of equipment as part of the delivery of services. The Grantee shall comply with this requirement and ensure its subcontracts/subaward issued under this Agreement, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its subcontractors/subrecipients.

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- i. For fixed-price (vendor) subcontracts/subawards, the following provisions shall apply: The Grantee may award, on a competitive basis, fixed-price subcontracts/subawards to consultants/contractors in performing the work described in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan. Invoices submitted to Department for fixed-price subcontracted/subawarded activities shall be supported with a copy of the subcontractor/subrecipient's invoice and a copy of the tabulation form for the competitive procurement process (e.g., Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or other similar competitive procurement document) resulting in the fixed-price subcontract/subaward. The Grantee may request approval from Department to award a fixed-price subcontract/subaward resulting from procurement methods other than those identified above. In this instance, Grantee shall request the advance written approval from Department's Grant Manager of the fixed price negotiated by Grantee. The letter of request shall be supported by a detailed budget and Scope of Services to be performed by the subcontractor/subrecipient. Upon receipt of Department Grant Manager's approval of the fixed-price amount, Grantee may proceed in finalizing the fixed-price subcontract/subaward.
 - ii. If the procurement is subject to the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act under section 287.055, F.S., or the Brooks Act, Grantee must provide documentation clearly evidencing it has complied with the statutory or federal requirements.
- d. Travel. All requests for match or reimbursement of travel expenses shall be in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.
- e. Direct Purchase Equipment. For grants funded fully or in part with state funds, equipment is defined as capital outlay costing \$5,000 or more. For grants funded fully with federal funds, equipment is defined as capital outlay costing \$10,000 or more. Match or reimbursement for Grantee's direct purchase of equipment is subject to specific approval of Department and does not include any equipment purchased under the delivery of services to be completed by a subcontractor/subrecipient. Include copies of invoices or receipts to document purchases, and a properly completed Exhibit B, Property Reporting Form.
- f. Rental/Lease of Equipment. Match or reimbursement requests for rental/lease of equipment must include copies of invoices or receipts to document charges.
- g. Miscellaneous/Other Expenses. If miscellaneous or other expenses, such as materials, supplies, non-excluded phone expenses, reproduction, or mailing, are reimbursable or available for match or reimbursement under the terms of this Agreement, the documentation supporting these expenses must be itemized and include copies of receipts or invoices. Additionally, independent of Grantee's contract obligations to its subcontractor/subrecipient, Department shall not reimburse any of the following types of charges: cell phone usage; attorney's fees or court costs; civil or administrative penalties; or handling fees, such as set percent overages associated with purchasing supplies or equipment.
- h. Land Acquisition. Reimbursement for the costs associated with acquiring interest and/or rights to real property (including access rights through ingress/egress easements, leases, license agreements, or other site access agreements; and/or obtaining record title ownership of real property through purchase) must be supported by the following, as applicable: Copies of Property Appraisals, Environmental Site Assessments, Surveys and Legal Descriptions, Boundary Maps, Acreage Certification, Title Search Reports, Title Insurance, Closing Statements/Documents, Deeds, Leases, Easements, License Agreements, or other legal instrument documenting acquired property interest and/or rights. If land acquisition costs are used to meet match requirements, Grantee agrees that those funds shall not be used as match for any other Agreement supported by State or Federal funds.

10. Status Reports.

The Grantee shall submit status reports quarterly, unless otherwise specified in the Attachments, on Exhibit A, Progress Report Form, to Department's Grant Manager describing the work performed during the reporting period, problems encountered, problem resolutions, scheduled updates, and proposed work for the next reporting period. Quarterly status reports are due no later than twenty (20) days following the completion of the quarterly reporting period. For the purposes of this reporting requirement, the quarterly reporting periods end on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. The Department will review the required reports submitted by Grantee within thirty (30) days.

11. Retainage.

The following provisions apply if Department withholds retainage under this Agreement:

- a. The Department reserves the right to establish the amount and application of retainage on the work performed under this Agreement up to the maximum percentage described in Attachment 2, Special Terms and Conditions. Retainage may be withheld from each payment to Grantee pending satisfactory completion of work and approval of all deliverables.

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- b. If Grantee fails to perform the requested work or fails to perform the work in a satisfactory manner, Grantee shall forfeit its right to payment of the retainage associated with the work. Failure to perform includes, but is not limited to, failure to submit the required deliverables or failure to provide adequate documentation that the work was actually performed. The Department shall provide written notification to Grantee of the failure to perform that shall result in retainage forfeiture. If the Grantee does not correct the failure to perform within the timeframe stated in Department's notice, the retainage will be forfeited to Department.
- c. No retainage shall be released or paid for incomplete work while this Agreement is suspended.
- d. Except as otherwise provided above, Grantee shall be paid the retainage associated with the work, provided Grantee has completed the work and submits an invoice for retainage held in accordance with the invoicing procedures under this Agreement.

12. Insurance.

- a. Insurance Requirements for Subrecipients and/or Subcontractors. The Grantee shall require its subrecipients and/or subcontractors, if any, to maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as described in this Agreement. The Grantee shall require all its subrecipients and/or subcontractors, if any, to make compliance with the insurance requirements of this Agreement a condition of all contracts that are related to this Agreement. Subrecipients and/or subcontractors must provide proof of insurance upon request.
- b. Deductibles. The Department shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money representing a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee providing such insurance.
- c. Proof of Insurance. Upon execution of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide Department documentation demonstrating the existence and amount for each type of applicable insurance coverage *prior to* performance of any work under this Agreement. Upon receipt of written request from Department, Grantee shall furnish Department with proof of applicable insurance coverage by standard form certificates of insurance, a self-insured authorization, or other certification of self-insurance.
- d. Duty to Maintain Coverage. In the event that any applicable coverage is cancelled by the insurer for any reason, or if Grantee cannot get adequate coverage, Grantee shall immediately notify Department of such cancellation and shall obtain adequate replacement coverage conforming to the requirements herein and provide proof of such replacement coverage within ten (10) days after the cancellation of coverage.
- e. Insurance Trust. If the Grantee's insurance is provided through an insurance trust, the Grantee shall instead add the Department of Environmental Protection, its employees, and officers as an additional covered party everywhere the Agreement requires them to be added as an additional insured.

13. Termination.

- a. Termination for Convenience. When it is in the State's best interest, Department may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement in whole or in part by giving 30 days' written notice to Grantee. The Department shall notify Grantee of the termination for convenience with instructions as to the effective date of termination or the specific stage of work at which the Agreement is to be terminated. The Grantee must submit all invoices for work to be paid under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination. The Department shall not pay any invoices received after thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination.
- b. Termination for Cause. The Department may terminate this Agreement if any of the events of default described in the Events of Default provisions below occur or in the event that Grantee fails to fulfill any of its other obligations under this Agreement. If, after termination, it is determined that Grantee was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of Department. The rights and remedies of Department in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
- c. Grantee Obligations upon Notice of Termination. After receipt of a notice of termination or partial termination unless as otherwise directed by Department, Grantee shall not furnish any service or deliverable on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice. However, Grantee shall continue work on any portion of the Agreement not terminated. If the Agreement is terminated before performance is completed, Grantee shall be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. The Grantee shall not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits.
- d. Continuation of Prepaid Services. If Department has paid for any services prior to the expiration, cancellation, or termination of the Agreement, Grantee shall continue to provide Department with those services for which it has already been paid or, at Department's discretion, Grantee shall provide a refund for services that have been paid for but not rendered.

- e. Transition of Services Upon Termination, Expiration, or Cancellation of the Agreement. If services provided under the Agreement are being transitioned to another provider(s), Grantee shall assist in the smooth transition of Agreement services to the subsequent provider(s). This requirement is at a minimum an affirmative obligation to cooperate with the new provider(s), however additional requirements may be outlined in the Grant Work Plan. The Grantee shall not perform any services after Agreement expiration or termination, except as necessary to complete the transition or continued portion of the Agreement, if any.

14. Notice of Default.

If Grantee defaults in the performance of any covenant or obligation contained in the Agreement, including, any of the events of default, Department shall provide notice to Grantee and an opportunity to cure that is reasonable under the circumstances. This notice shall state the nature of the failure to perform and provide a time certain for correcting the failure. The notice will also provide that, should the Grantee fail to perform within the time provided, Grantee will be found in default, and Department may terminate the Agreement effective as of the date of receipt of the default notice.

15. Events of Default.

Provided such failure is not the fault of Department or outside the reasonable control of Grantee, the following non-exclusive list of events, acts, or omissions, shall constitute events of default:

- a. The commitment of any material breach of this Agreement by Grantee, including failure to timely deliver a material deliverable, failure to perform the minimal level of services required for a deliverable, discontinuance of the performance of the work, failure to resume work that has been discontinued within a reasonable time after notice to do so, or abandonment of the Agreement;
- b. The commitment of any material misrepresentation or omission in any materials, or discovery by the Department of such, made by the Grantee in this Agreement or in its application for funding;
- c. Failure to submit any of the reports required by this Agreement or having submitted any report with incorrect, incomplete, or insufficient information;
- d. Failure to honor any term of the Agreement;
- e. Failure to abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement, including an entry of an order revoking the certificate of authority granted to the Grantee by a state or other licensing authority;
- f. Failure to pay any and all entities, individuals, and furnishing labor or materials, or failure to make payment to any other entities as required by this Agreement;
- g. Employment of an unauthorized alien in the performance of the work, in violation of Section 274 (A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- h. Failure to maintain the insurance required by this Agreement;
- i. One or more of the following circumstances, uncorrected for more than thirty (30) days unless, within the specified 30-day period, Grantee (including its receiver or trustee in bankruptcy) provides to Department adequate assurances, reasonably acceptable to Department, of its continuing ability and willingness to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement:
 - i. Entry of an order for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code;
 - ii. The making by Grantee of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors;
 - iii. The appointment of a general receiver or trustee in bankruptcy of Grantee's business or property; and/or
 - iv. An action by Grantee under any state insolvency or similar law for the purpose of its bankruptcy, reorganization, or liquidation.

16. Suspension of Work.

The Department may, in its sole discretion, suspend any or all activities under the Agreement, at any time, when it is in the best interest of the State to do so. The Department shall provide Grantee written notice outlining the particulars of suspension. Examples of reasons for suspension include, but are not limited to, budgetary constraints, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. After receiving a suspension notice, Grantee shall comply with the notice. Within 90 days, or any longer period agreed to by the parties, Department shall either: (1) issue a notice authorizing resumption of work, at which time activity shall resume; or (2) terminate the Agreement. If the Agreement is terminated after 30 days of suspension, the notice of suspension shall be deemed to satisfy the thirty (30) days' notice required for a notice of termination for convenience. Suspension of work shall not entitle Grantee to any additional compensation.

17. Force Majeure.

The Grantee shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of Grantee or its employees or agents contributed to the delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts

of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond Grantee's control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors/subrecipients or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to Grantee. In case of any delay Grantee believes is excusable, Grantee shall notify Department in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if Grantee could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five days after the date Grantee first had reason to believe that a delay could result. **THE FOREGOING SHALL CONSTITUTE THE GRANTEE'S SOLE REMEDY OR EXCUSE WITH RESPECT TO DELAY.** Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages, other than for an extension of time, shall be asserted against Department. The Grantee shall not be entitled to an increase in the Agreement price or payment of any kind from Department for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist Grantee shall perform at no increased cost, unless Department determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Agreement to Department, in which case Department may: (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from Grantee, provided that Grantee grants preferential treatment to Department with respect to products subjected to allocation; (2) contract with other sources (without recourse to and by Grantee for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the products or services that are the subject of the delay, which purchase may be deducted from the Agreement quantity; or (3) terminate Agreement in whole or in part.

18. Indemnification.

- a. The Grantee shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, and subcontractors/subrecipients and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Department and its officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description arising from or relating to:
 - i. personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Grantee, its agents, employees, partners, and subcontractors/subrecipients; provided, however, that Grantee shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of Department;
 - ii. the Grantee's breach of this Agreement or the negligent acts or omissions of Grantee.
- b. The Grantee's obligations under the preceding paragraph with respect to any legal action are contingent upon Department giving Grantee: (1) written notice of any action or threatened action; (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Grantee's sole expense; and (3) assistance in defending the action at Grantee's sole expense. The Grantee shall not be liable for any cost, expense, or compromise incurred or made by Department in any legal action without Grantee's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- c. Notwithstanding sections a. and b. above, the following is the sole indemnification provision that applies to Grantees that are governmental entities: Each party hereto agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the negligent or wrongful acts of its employees and agents. However, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by either party of its sovereign immunity or the provisions of section 768.28, F.S. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency or subdivision of the State to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of any contract or this Agreement.
- d. No provision in this Agreement shall require Department to hold harmless or indemnify Grantee, insure or assume liability for Grantee's negligence, waive Department's sovereign immunity under the laws of Florida, or otherwise impose liability on Department for which it would not otherwise be responsible. Any provision, implication or suggestion to the contrary is null and void.

19. Limitation of Liability.

The Department's liability for any claim arising from this Agreement is limited to compensatory damages in an amount no greater than the sum of the unpaid balance of compensation due for goods or services rendered pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of the Agreement. Such liability is further limited to a cap of \$100,000.

20. Remedies.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make Grantee liable for force majeure events. Nothing in this Agreement, including financial consequences for nonperformance, shall limit Department's right to pursue its remedies for other types of damages under the Agreement, at law or in equity. The Department may, in addition to

other remedies available to it, at law or in equity and upon notice to Grantee, retain such monies from amounts due Grantee as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against it.

21. Waiver.

The delay or failure by Department to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of 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.

22. Statutory Notices Relating to Unauthorized Employment and Subcontracts/Subawards.

- a. The Department shall consider the employment by any Grantee of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If Grantee/subcontractor/subrecipient knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement. The Grantee shall be responsible for including this provision in all subcontracts/subawards with private organizations issued as a result of this Agreement.
- b. Pursuant to sections 287.133, 287.134, and 287.137 F.S., the following restrictions apply to persons placed on the convicted vendor list, discriminatory vendor list, or the antitrust violator vendor list:
 - i. Public Entity Crime. 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 bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Grantee, 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.
 - ii. Discriminatory Vendors. 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.
 - iii. Antitrust Violator Vendors. 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 on any contract to provide any good or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on any 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 leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a Grantee, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity.
 - iv. Notification. The Grantee shall notify Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the convicted vendor list, the discriminatory vendor list, or antitrust violator vendor list during the life of the Agreement. The Florida Department of Management Services is responsible for maintaining the discriminatory vendor list and the antitrust violator vendor list and posts the list on its website. Questions regarding the discriminatory vendor list or antitrust violator vendor list may be directed to the Florida Department of Management Services, Office of Supplier Development, at (850) 487-0915.

23. Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws.

- a. The Grantee and all its agents shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements. The Grantee shall include this provision in all subcontracts/subawards issued as a result of this Agreement.
- b. The Grantee, its subrecipients, subcontractors and agents must also comply with the following civil rights laws and regulations:
 - i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended (prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs on the basis of race, color, or national origin in the delivery of services or benefits);

- ii. Section 13 of the 1972 Amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in the delivery of services or benefits under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended);
 - iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs on the basis of disability, both in employment and in the delivery of services and benefits);
 - iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (prohibiting discrimination in federally assisted programs on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits);
 - v. 40 C.F.R. Part 7, (implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 13 of the 1972 Amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973);
 - vi. Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 (Title XLIV Chapter 760, Sections 760.01, 760.11 and 509.092, F.S.), including Part I, chapter 760, F.S. (prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status).
- c. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
 - d. Any dispute concerning performance of the Agreement shall be processed as described herein. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of the Agreement will be in the courts of the State, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Agreement.

24. Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) - Infrastructure Projects with Federal Funding.

This provision does not apply to Agreements that are wholly funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Also, this provision does not apply where there is a valid waiver in place. However, the provision may apply to funds expended before the waiver or after expiration of the waiver.

If applicable, Recipients or Subrecipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are required to comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), including the following provisions:

- a. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- b. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States--this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- c. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States--this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

25. Investing in America

Grantees of an award for construction projects in whole or in part by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or the Inflation Reduction Act, including the following provision:

- a. Signage Requirements
 - a. Investing in America Emblem: The recipient will ensure that a sign is placed at construction sites supported in whole or in part by this award displaying the official Investing in America emblem and must identify the project as a “project funded by President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” or “project funded by President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act” as applicable. The sign must be placed at construction sites in an easily visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

The recipient will ensure compliance with the guidelines and design specifications provided by EPA for using the official Investing in America emblem available at:
<https://www.epa.gov/invest/investing-america-signage>.

b. Procuring Signs: Consistent with section 6002 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6962, and 2 CFR 200.323, recipients are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials when procuring signs. Signage costs are considered an allowable cost under this assistance agreement provided that the costs associated with signage are reasonable. Additionally, to increase public awareness of projects serving communities where English is not the predominant language, recipients are encouraged to translate the language on signs (excluding the official Investing in America emblem or EPA logo or seal) into the appropriate non-English language(s). The costs of such translation are allowable, provided the costs are reasonable.

26. Scrutinized Companies.

- a. Grantee certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or engaged in a boycott of Israel. Pursuant to section 287.135, F.S., the Department may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement.
- b. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, the Grantee certifies that it is also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in section 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to section 287.135, F.S., the Department may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the Grantee is found to have submitted a false certification; or if the Grantee is placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Agreement.
- c. As provided in subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions, then they shall become inoperative.

27. Lobbying and Integrity.

The Grantee agrees that no funds received by it under this Agreement will be expended for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or a State agency pursuant to section 216.347, F.S., except that pursuant to the requirements of section 287.058(6), F.S., during the term of any executed agreement between Grantee and the State, Grantee may lobby the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding that agreement. The Grantee shall comply with sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S.

28. Record Keeping.

The Grantee shall maintain books, records and documents directly pertinent to performance under this Agreement in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP) consistently applied. The Department, the State, or their authorized representatives shall have access to such records for audit purposes during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years following the completion date or termination of the Agreement. In the event that any work is subcontracted or subawarded, Grantee shall similarly require each subcontractor/subrecipient to maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes. Upon request of Department's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, Grantee shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to Grantee's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Grantee's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to Agreement. The Grantee shall retain such records for the longer of: (1) three years after the expiration of the Agreement; or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).

29. Audits.

- a. Inspector General. The Grantee understands its duty, pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. The Grantee will comply with this duty and ensure that its subrecipients and/or subcontractors issued under this Agreement, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its subrecipients and/or subcontractors, respectively.
- b. Physical Access and Inspection. Department personnel shall be given access to and may observe and inspect work being performed under this Agreement, with reasonable notice and during normal business hours, including by any of the following methods:

- i. Grantee shall provide access to any location or facility on which Grantee is performing work, or storing or staging equipment, materials or documents;
 - ii. Grantee shall permit inspection of any facility, equipment, practices, or operations required in performance of any work pursuant to this Agreement; and,
 - iii. Grantee shall allow and facilitate sampling and monitoring of any substances, soils, materials or parameters at any location reasonable or necessary to assure compliance with any work or legal requirements pursuant to this Agreement.
- c. Special Audit Requirements. The Grantee shall comply with the applicable provisions contained in Attachment 5, Special Audit Requirements. Each amendment that authorizes a funding increase or decrease shall include an updated copy of Exhibit 1, to Attachment 5. If Department fails to provide an updated copy of Exhibit 1 to include in each amendment that authorizes a funding increase or decrease, Grantee shall request one from the Department's Grants Manager. The Grantee shall consider the type of financial assistance (federal and/or state) identified in Attachment 5, Exhibit 1 and determine whether the terms of Federal and/or Florida Single Audit Act Requirements may further apply to lower tier transactions that may be a result of this Agreement. For federal financial assistance, Grantee shall utilize the guidance provided under 2 CFR §200.331 for determining whether the relationship represents that of a subrecipient or vendor. For State financial assistance, Grantee shall utilize the form entitled "Checklist for Nonstate Organizations Recipient/Subrecipient vs Vendor Determination" (form number DFS-A2-NS) that can be found under the "Links/Forms" section appearing at the following website: <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa>.
- d. Proof of Transactions. In addition to documentation provided to support cost reimbursement as described herein, Department may periodically request additional proof of a transaction to evaluate the appropriateness of costs to the Agreement pursuant to State guidelines (including cost allocation guidelines) and federal, if applicable. Allowable costs and uniform administrative requirements for federal programs can be found under 2 CFR 200. The Department may also request a cost allocation plan in support of its multipliers (overhead, indirect, general administrative costs, and fringe benefits). The Grantee must provide the additional proof within thirty (30) days of such request.
- e. No Commingling of Funds. The accounting systems for all Grantees must ensure that these funds are not commingled with funds from other agencies. Funds from each agency must be accounted for separately. Grantees are prohibited from commingling funds on either a program-by-program or a project-by-project basis. Funds specifically budgeted and/or received for one project may not be used to support another project. Where a Grantee's, or subrecipient's, accounting system cannot comply with this requirement, Grantee, or subrecipient, shall establish a system to provide adequate fund accountability for each project it has been awarded.
 - i. If Department finds that these funds have been commingled, Department shall have the right to demand a refund, either in whole or in part, of the funds provided to Grantee under this Agreement for non-compliance with the material terms of this Agreement. The Grantee, upon such written notification from Department shall refund, and shall forthwith pay to Department, the amount of money demanded by Department. Interest on any refund shall be calculated based on the prevailing rate used by the State Board of Administration. Interest shall be calculated from the date(s) the original payment(s) are received from Department by Grantee to the date repayment is made by Grantee to Department.
 - ii. In the event that the Grantee recovers costs, incurred under this Agreement and reimbursed by Department, from another source(s), Grantee shall reimburse Department for all recovered funds originally provided under this Agreement and interest shall be charged for those recovered costs as calculated on from the date(s) the payment(s) are recovered by Grantee to the date repayment is made to Department.
 - iii. Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the above restrictions on commingling funds do not apply to agreements where payments are made purely on a cost reimbursement basis.

30. Conflict of Interest.

The Grantee covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required.

31. Independent Contractor.

The Grantee is an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of Department.

32. Subcontracting/Subawards.

- a. Unless otherwise specified in the Special Terms and Conditions, all services contracted for are to be performed solely by Grantee.

- b. The Department may, for cause, require the replacement of any Grantee employee, subcontractor/subrecipient, or agent. For cause, includes, but is not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with an applicable Department policy or other requirement.
- c. The Department may, for cause, deny access to Department's secure information or any facility by any Grantee employee, subcontractor/subrecipient, or agent.
- d. The Department's actions under paragraphs b. or c. shall not relieve Grantee of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Agreement. The Grantee shall be responsible for the payment of all monies due under any subcontract/subaward. The Department shall not be liable to any subcontractor/subrecipient for any expenses or liabilities incurred under any subcontract/subaward, and Grantee shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under any subcontract/subaward.
- e. The Department will not deny Grantee's employees, subcontractors/subrecipients, or agents access to meetings within the Department's facilities, unless the basis of Department's denial is safety or security considerations.
- f. A list of minority-owned firms that could be offered subcontracting opportunities may be obtained by contacting the Office of Supplier Development at (850) 487-0915.
- g. The Grantee shall not be liable for any excess costs for a failure to perform, if the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor/subrecipient at any tier, and if the cause of the default is completely beyond the control of both Grantee and the subcontractor(s)/subrecipient(s), and without the fault or negligence of either, unless the subcontracted/subawarded products or services were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for Grantee to meet the required delivery schedule.

33. Guarantee of Parent Company.

If Grantee is a subsidiary of another corporation or other business entity, Grantee asserts that its parent company will guarantee all of the obligations of Grantee for purposes of fulfilling the obligations of Agreement. In the event Grantee is sold during the period the Agreement is in effect, Grantee agrees that it will be a requirement of sale that the new parent company guarantee all of the obligations of Grantee.

34. Survival.

The respective obligations of the parties, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement, including without limitation, the obligations regarding confidentiality, proprietary interests, and public records, shall survive termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement.

35. Third Parties.

The Department shall not be deemed to assume any liability for the acts, failures to act or negligence of Grantee, its agents, servants, and employees, nor shall Grantee disclaim its own negligence to Department or any third party. This Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties. If Department consents to a subcontract/subaward, Grantee will specifically disclose that this Agreement does not create any third-party rights. Further, no third parties shall rely upon any of the rights and obligations created under this Agreement.

36. Severability.

If a court of competent jurisdiction deems any term or condition herein void or unenforceable, the other provisions are severable to that void provision, and shall remain in full force and effect.

37. Grantee's Employees, Subcontractors/Subrecipients and Agents.

All Grantee employees, subcontractors/subrecipients, or agents performing work under the Agreement shall be properly trained technicians who meet or exceed any specified training qualifications. Upon request, Grantee shall furnish a copy of technical certification or other proof of qualification. All employees, subcontractors/subrecipients, or agents performing work under Agreement must comply with all security and administrative requirements of Department and shall comply with all controlling laws and regulations relevant to the services they are providing under the Agreement.

38. Assignment.

The Grantee shall not sell, assign, or transfer any of its rights, duties, or obligations under the Agreement, or under any purchase order issued pursuant to the Agreement, without the prior written consent of Department. In the event of any assignment, Grantee remains secondarily liable for performance of the Agreement, unless Department expressly waives such secondary liability. The Department may assign the Agreement with prior written notice to Grantee of its intent to do so.

39. Compensation Report.

If this Agreement is a sole-source, public-private agreement or if the Grantee, through this agreement with the State, annually receive 50% or more of their budget from the State or from a combination of State and Federal funds, the Grantee shall provide an annual report, including the most recent IRS Form 990, detailing the total compensation for

the entities' executive leadership teams. Total compensation shall include salary, bonuses, cashed-in leave, cash equivalents, severance pay, retirement benefits, deferred compensation, real-property gifts, and any other payout. The Grantee must also inform the Department of any changes in total executive compensation between the annual reports. All compensation reports must indicate what percent of compensation comes directly from the State or Federal allocations to the Grantee.

40. Disclosure of Gifts from Foreign Sources.

If the value of the grant under this Agreement is \$100,000 or more, Grantee shall disclose to Department any current or prior interest of, any contract with, or any grant or gift received from a foreign country of concern, as defined in section 286.101, F.S., if such interest, contract, or grant or gift has a value of \$50,000 or more and such interest existed at any time or such contract or grant or gift was received or in force at any time during the previous 5 years. Such disclosure shall include the name and mailing address of the disclosing entity, the amount of the contract or grant or gift or the value of the interest disclosed, the applicable foreign country of concern and, if applicable, the date of termination of the contract or interest, the date of receipt of the grant or gift, and the name of the agent or controlled entity that is the source or interest holder. If the disclosure requirement is applicable as described above, then within 1 year before applying for any grant, Grantee must also provide a copy of such disclosure to the Department of Financial Services.

41. Food Commodities.

To the extent authorized by federal law, the Department, its grantees, contractors and subcontractors/subrecipients shall give preference to food commodities grown or produced in this state when purchasing food commodities, including farm products as defined in section 823.14, F.S., of any class, variety, or use thereof in their natural state or as processed by a farm operation or processor for the purpose of marketing such product.

42. Anti-human Trafficking.

If the Grantee is a nongovernmental entity, the Grantee must provide the Department with an affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of the Grantee under penalty of perjury attesting that the Grantee does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, F.S.

43. Iron and Steel for Public Works Projects.

If this Agreement funds a "public works project" as defined in section 255.0993, F.S., or the purchase of materials to be used in a public works project, any iron or steel permanently incorporated in the Project must be "produced in the United States," as defined in section 255.0993, F.S. This requirement does not apply if the Department determines that any of the following circumstances apply to the Project:

- (1) iron or steel products produced in the United States are not produced in sufficient quantities, reasonably available, or of satisfactory quality;
- (2) the use of iron or steel products produced in the United States will increase the total cost of the project by more than twenty percent (20%); or
- (3) complying with this requirement is inconsistent with the public interest.

Further, this requirement does not prevent the Contractor's minimal use of foreign steel and iron materials if:

- (1) such materials are incidental or ancillary to the primary product and are not separately identified in the project specifications; and
- (2) the "cost" of such materials, as defined in section 255.0993, F.S., does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (1%) of the total Project Cost under this Agreement or \$2,500, whichever is greater.

Electrical components, equipment, systems, and appurtenances, including supports, covers, shielding, and other appurtenances related to an electrical system that are necessary for operation or concealment (excepting transmission and distribution poles) are not considered to be iron or steel products and are, therefore, exempt from the requirements of this paragraph.

This provision shall be applied in a manner consistent with and may not be construed to impair the state's obligations under any international agreement.

44. Complete and Accurate information.

Grantee represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to DEP are current, complete, and accurate. This includes all statements and information in this Grant, as well as its Attachments and Exhibits.

45. Execution in Counterparts and Authority to Sign.

This Agreement, any amendments, and/or change orders related to the Agreement, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument. In accordance with the Electronic Signature Act of 1996, electronic signatures, including facsimile transmissions, may be used and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature. 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.

Attachment 1

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Special Terms and Conditions
AGREEMENT NO. WP036**

ATTACHMENT 2

These Special Terms and Conditions shall be read together with general terms outlined in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Attachment 1. Where in conflict, these more specific terms shall apply.

1. Scope of Work.

The Project funded under this Agreement is for operational funds for land management.. The Project is defined in more detail in Attachment 3, Grant Work Plan.

2. Duration.

- a. Reimbursement Period. The reimbursement period for this Agreement begins on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026.
- b. Extensions. There are extensions available for this Project.
- c. Service Periods. Additional service periods are not authorized under this Agreement.

3. Payment Provisions.

- a. Compensation. This is a cost reimbursement Agreement. The Grantee shall be compensated under this Agreement as described in Attachment 3.
- b. Invoicing. Invoicing will occur as indicated in Attachment 3.
- c. Advance Pay. Advance Pay is not authorized under this Agreement.

4. Cost Eligible for Reimbursement or Matching Requirements.

Reimbursement for costs or availability for costs to meet matching requirements shall be limited to the following budget categories, as defined in the Reference Guide for State Expenditures, as indicated:

<u>Reimbursement</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Category</u>
☐	☐	Salaries/Wages
		Overhead/Indirect/General and Administrative Costs:
☐	☐	a. Fringe Benefits, N/A.
☐	☐	b. Indirect Costs, N/A.
☒	☐	Contractual/Subaward (Subcontractors/Subrecipients)
☐	☐	Travel, in accordance with Section 112, F.S.
☐	☐	Equipment
☐	☐	Rental/Lease of Equipment
☒	☐	Miscellaneous/Other Expenses/Supplies
☐	☐	Land Acquisition

5. Equipment Purchase.

No Equipment purchases shall be funded under this Agreement.

6. Land Acquisition.

There will be no Land Acquisitions funded under this Agreement.

7. Match Requirements

There is no match required on the part of the Grantee under this Agreement.

8. Insurance Requirements

Required Coverage. At all times during the Agreement the Grantee, at its sole expense, shall maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits described below. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Grantee shall not be interpreted as limiting the Grantee's liability and obligations under the Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to issue policies in Florida, or alternatively, Grantee may provide coverage through a self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of Florida. Additional insurance requirements for this Agreement may be required elsewhere in this Agreement, however the minimum insurance requirements applicable to this Agreement are:

a. Commercial General Liability Insurance.

The Grantee shall provide adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage and hold such liability insurance at all times during the Agreement. The Department, its employees, and officers shall be named as an additional insured on any general liability policies. The minimum limits shall be \$250,000 for each occurrence and \$500,000 policy aggregate.

b. Commercial Automobile Insurance.

If the Grantee's duties include the use of a commercial vehicle, the Grantee shall maintain automobile liability, bodily injury, and property damage coverage. Insuring clauses for both bodily injury and property damage shall provide coverage on an occurrence basis. The Department, its employees, and officers shall be named as an additional insured on any automobile insurance policy. The minimum limits shall be as follows:

\$200,000/300,000	Automobile Liability for Company-Owned Vehicles, if applicable
\$200,000/300,000	Hired and Non-owned Automobile Liability Coverage

c. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage.

The Grantee shall provide workers' compensation, in accordance with Chapter 440, F.S. and employer liability coverage with minimum limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per person, and \$500,000 policy aggregate. Such policies shall cover all employees engaged in any work under the Grant.

d. Other Insurance. None.

9. Quality Assurance Requirements.

There are no special Quality Assurance requirements under this Agreement.

10. Retainage.

No retainage is required under this Agreement.

11. Subcontracting/Subawards.

The Grantee may subcontract/subaward work under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Department's Grant Manager except for certain fixed-price subcontracts/subawards pursuant to this Agreement, which require prior approval. The Grantee shall submit a copy of the executed subcontracts/subaward to the Department prior to submitting any invoices for subcontracted/subawarded work. Regardless of any subcontract/subaward, the Grantee is ultimately responsible for all work to be performed under this Agreement.

12. State-owned Land.

The work will not be performed on State-owned land.

13. Office of Policy and Budget Reporting.

There are no special Office of Policy and Budget reporting requirements for this Agreement.

14. Common Carrier.

- a. Applicable to contracts/subawards with a common carrier – firm/person/corporation that as a regular business transports people or commodities from place to place. If applicable, Contractor/Subrecipient must also fill out and return PUR 1808 before contract/subaward execution. If Contractor/Subrecipient is a common carrier pursuant to section 908.111(1)(a), Florida Statutes, the Department will terminate this Agreement immediately if Contractor/Subrecipient is found to be in violation of the law or the attestation in PUR 1808.

- b. Applicable to solicitations for a common carrier – Before contract execution, the winning Contractor(s) must fill out and return PUR 1808, and attest that it is not willfully providing any service in furtherance of transporting a person into this state knowing that the person unlawfully present in the United States according to the terms of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. ss. 1101 et seq. The Department will terminate a contract immediately if Contractor is found to be in violation of the law or the attestation in PUR 1808.

15. Financial Assistance and Payment of Invoices to Rural Communities or Rural Areas of Opportunity

This agreement does not provide federal or state financial assistance to a county or municipality that is a rural community or rural area of opportunity as those terms are defined in s. 288.0656(2).

16. Additional Terms.

The following should be added to and read in conjunction with section 9: If such requirements exist, the Grantee shall develop and implement quality assurance practices consisting of policies, procedures, specifications, standards, and documentation sufficient to produce data of quality adequate to meet Project objectives and to minimize loss of data due to out-of-control conditions or malfunctions. All sampling and analyses performed under this Agreement must conform with the requirements set forth in Chapter 62-160, Florida Administrative Code, and the Quality Assurance Requirements for Department Agreements, attached hereto and made part hereof as Exhibit D, Quality Assurance Requirements for Grants.

The following language supersedes section 12 above if there is an existing agreement between the Grantee and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. If the work is performed on state owned land, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund must be listed as additional insured to general liability insurance required by the Agreement and, if the Grantee is a non-governmental entity, indemnified by the Grantee.

ATTACHMENT 3 GRANT WORK PLAN

PROJECT TITLE: St. Johns River Water Management District Operations FY 2025-26

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project will be located districtwide.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The St. Johns River Water Management District has been provided annual appropriations from the Legislature to offset operational costs. These operational funds are to assist with the district's land management program, as well as activities associated with USGS hydrologic station monitoring.

PROJECT FUNDING: In Chapter 2025-198, Line 1518, Laws of Florida (2025), the Florida Legislature provided \$2,250,000, a non-recurring appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026, for Land Management activities. In Chapter 2025-198, Line 1522, Laws of Florida (2025), the Florida Legislature provided a non-recurring appropriation from the General Revenue Fund for FY 2025-26 for Water Quality Enhancement and Accountability, of which \$204,590 was awarded towards USGS hydrologic station monitoring. In Chapter 2021-36, Line 1633, Laws of Florida (2021), the Florida Legislature provided an appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for FY 2021-22 for Total Maximum Daily Loads, of which \$65,816 was awarded towards USGS hydrologic station monitoring.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District shall implement the operational functions of its duties expressed under Chapter 373, F.S., and in accordance with express legislative proviso, and as approved by the Governing Board. This includes allowable costs as identified in paragraph 4 of Attachment 2 relating to the following Deliverables.

Task 1: Operations and Maintenance

Task Description: All operation and maintenance of facilities, flood control and water supply structures, lands, and other works authorized by Chapter 373, Florida Statutes.

Deliverables: All documentation should be submitted electronically unless otherwise indicated. Completion of the operational activities to implement operation and maintenance responsibilities shall be provided as evidenced below:

- A fully authorized and signed Governing Board resolution identifying the funds requested for release to cover the District operations.
- A copy of the adopted or amended budget (whichever is in effect at time of request for release) for the applicable program(s) using operational funds. This must include narrative summary descriptions of the Program's activities.
- A signed statement by the Executive Director of the District, or designee, stating that the funds requested were used to implement the Program as specified in Project Budget Summary.
- Official financial records (equivalent to the state's FLAIR system) documenting expenditures for the applicable Program(s).
- A summary of accomplishments on District lands.

Performance Standard: The Department will review the deliverables identified in this Grant Work Plan to verify that they meet the specifications in the descriptions for each authorized Programs and Activities. The Department shall have 30 calendar days from receipt of a deliverable to determine satisfactory performance. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department of the deliverables, the District may proceed with the payment request submittal.

Payment Request Schedule: The Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than quarterly. Frequency schedule may be modified if requested from the Grantee and approved by the Grant Manager. The outlined Deliverable(s) must have been submitted and accepted in writing by the Department's Grant Manager prior to payment request submittal.

Expected Funding: \$2,250,000.00

End Date: June 30, 2026. All work must be completed by this date. All final documentation and invoicing should be received by August 31, 2026.

Task 2: USGS Hydrologic Station Approval and Monitoring

Task Description: The District will provide monitoring services, including discharge, index velocity, and/or stage where applicable, at USGS gauges through June 30, 2026. Monitoring services shall additionally include Area-Velocity Monitoring (AVM) services via divers at the Pellicier Creek station and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) maintenance by divers up to six times at Silver River. Prior to reimbursement, the District shall submit a list of stations to the Department for review and approval. The list shall include the monitoring parameter type for each proposed station (e.g., discharge, index velocity, stage, water elevation, or water quality) as well as county, station number, and site name. If the Grantee seeks to remove or add a station to the list, it shall submit a request to the Department to amend such list for the Department's review. The District will be eligible for reimbursement for Department-approved monitoring, which shall be conducted in accordance with best practices and documented in writing. The District shall submit the data results to the Department.

Deliverable 2a: The Grantee will submit a final Department-approved list of USGS hydrological stations.

Performance Standard: The Department's Grant Manager will review the deliverable to verify that they meet the specifications in the Grant Work Plan and this task description.

Deliverable 2b: The Grantee will submit 1) a copy of the monitoring results; 2) dated color photographs of the mowing of SAV at Silver River prior to, during, and immediately following completion; 3) results of the AVM at Pellicier Creek and; 4) a copy of best practices, which may include USGS or District internal procedures. These deliverables must be submitted 30 days prior to each payment request and may be submitted no more frequently than quarterly.

Performance Standard: The Department's Grant Manager will review the monitoring results for completion and compliance with the specifications in the Grant Work Plan and this task description. Upon review and written acceptance by the Department's Grant Manager of all deliverables under this task, the Grantee may proceed with payment request submittal.

Additional Financial Consequences: Costs for any monitoring that is not completed as outlined in the Department-approved station list will be discounted if included in the payment request.

Payment Request Schedule: Grantee may submit a payment request for cost reimbursement no more frequently than once per quarter. Frequency schedule may be modified if requested from the Grantee and approved by the Grant Manager. The outlined Deliverable(s) must have been submitted and accepted in writing by the Department's Grant Manager prior to payment request submittal.

Expected Funding: \$270,406.00

End Date: June 30, 2026. All work must be completed by this date. All final documentation and invoicing should be received by August 31, 2026.

BUDGET DETAIL BY TASK:

Task No.	Budget Category	Budget Amount
1	Contractual Services	\$1,950,000.00
	Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	\$300,000.00
	Total for Task:	\$2,250,000.00
2	Contractual Services	\$270,406.00
	Total for Task:	\$270,406.00
	Total for all Tasks:	\$2,520,406.00

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY: Cost reimbursable grant funding must not exceed the budget amounts as indicated below. Allowable budget categories are included in Paragraph 4 of Attachment 2 and must be consistent with the District's approved budget. An amendment is required to add an allowable category not listed below.

Category Totals	Grant Funding, Not to exceed, \$
Contractual (Subcontractors)	2,220,406
Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	300,000
Total:	2,520,406.00

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Public Records Requirements**

Attachment 4

1. Public Records.

- a. If the Agreement exceeds \$35,000.00, and if Grantee is acting on behalf of Department in its performance of services under the Agreement, Grantee must allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received by Grantee in conjunction with the Agreement (Public Records), unless the Public Records are exempt from section 24(a) of Article I of the Florida Constitution and section 119.07(1), F.S.
- b. The Department may unilaterally terminate the Agreement if Grantee refuses to allow public access to Public Records as required by law.

2. Additional Public Records Duties of Section 119.0701, F.S., If Applicable.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “contract” means the “Agreement.” If Grantee is a “contractor” as defined in section 119.0701(1)(a), F.S., the following provisions apply and the contractor shall:

- a. Keep and maintain Public Records required by Department to perform the service.
- b. Upon request, provide Department with a copy of requested Public Records or allow the Public Records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. A contractor who fails to provide the Public Records to Department within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, F.S.
- d. 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 term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the Public Records to Department.
- e. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to Department all Public Records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain Public Records required by Department to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all Public Records to Department upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate Public Records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from Public Records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains Public Records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining Public Records. All Public Records stored electronically must be provided to Department, upon request from Department’s custodian of Public Records, in a format specified by Department as compatible with the information technology systems of Department. These formatting requirements are satisfied by using the data formats as authorized in the contract or Microsoft Word, Outlook, Adobe, or Excel, and any software formats the contractor is authorized to access.

f. IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, F.S., TO THE CONTRACTOR’S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT’S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

Telephone: (850) 245-2118
Email: public.services@floridadep.gov
Mailing Address: Department of Environmental Protection
ATTN: Office of Ombudsman and Public Services
Public Records Request
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 49
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Special Audit Requirements
(State and Federal Financial Assistance)**

Attachment 5

The administration of resources awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection (*which may be referred to as the "Department", "DEP", "FDEP" or "Grantor", or other name in the agreement*) to the recipient (*which may be referred to as the "Recipient", "Grantee" or other name in the agreement*) may be subject to audits and/or monitoring by the Department of Environmental Protection, as described in this attachment.

MONITORING

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, and Section 215.97, F.S., as revised (see "AUDITS" below), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by DEP Department staff, limited scope audits as defined by 2 CFR 200.425, or other procedures. By entering into this Agreement, the recipient agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Department of Environmental Protection. In the event the Department of Environmental Protection determines that a limited scope audit of the recipient is appropriate, the recipient agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Department to the recipient regarding such audit. The recipient further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or Auditor General.

AUDITS

PART I: FEDERALLY FUNDED

This part is applicable if the recipient is a State or local government or a non-profit organization as defined in 2 CFR §200.330

1. A recipient that expends \$1,000,000 or more in Federal awards in its fiscal year, must have a single or program-specific audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. EXHIBIT 1 to this Attachment indicates Federal funds awarded through the Department of Environmental Protection by this Agreement. In determining the federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the recipient shall consider all sources of federal awards, including federal resources received from the Department of Environmental Protection. The determination of amounts of federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established in 2 CFR 200.502-503. An audit of the recipient conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200.514 will meet the requirements of this part.
2. For the audit requirements addressed in Part I, paragraph 1, the recipient shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 CFR 200.508-512.
3. A recipient that expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year is not required to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements. If the recipient expends less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-federal resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from recipient resources obtained from non-federal entities).
4. The recipient may access information regarding the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) via the internet at <https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>.

PART II: STATE FUNDED

This part is applicable if the recipient is a nonstate entity as defined by Section 215.97(1)(n), Florida Statutes.

1. In the event that the recipient expends a total amount of state financial assistance equal to or in excess of \$750,000 in any fiscal year of such recipient (for fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), the recipient must have a State single or project-specific audit for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 215.97, F.S.; Rule Chapter 69I-5, F.A.C., State Financial Assistance; and the current Rules of the Auditor General. EXHIBIT 1 to this form lists the state financial assistance awarded through the Department of Environmental Protection by this agreement. 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 the Department of Environmental Protection, 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.
2. In connection with the audit requirements addressed in Part II, paragraph 1; the recipient shall ensure that the audit complies with the requirements of Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes. This includes submission of a financial reporting package as defined by Section 215.97(2), Florida Statutes, and the current Rules of the Auditor General.
3. If the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year (for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and thereafter), an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, is not required. In the event that the recipient expends less than \$750,000 in state financial assistance in its fiscal year, and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, the cost of the audit must be paid from the non-state entity's resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from the recipient's resources obtained from other than State entities).
4. For information regarding the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA), a recipient should access the Florida Single Audit Act website located at <https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa> for assistance. In addition to the above websites, the following websites may be accessed for information: Legislature's Website at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>, State of Florida's website at <http://www.myflorida.com/>, Department of Financial Services' Website at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/> and the Auditor General's Website at <http://www.myflorida.com/audgen/>.

PART III: OTHER AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

(NOTE: This part would be used to specify any additional audit requirements imposed by the State awarding entity that are solely a matter of that State awarding entity's policy (i.e., the audit is not required by Federal or State laws and is not in conflict with other Federal or State audit requirements). Pursuant to Section 215.97(8), Florida Statutes, State agencies may conduct or arrange for audits of State financial assistance that are in addition to audits conducted in accordance with Section 215.97, Florida Statutes. In such an event, the State awarding agency must arrange for funding the full cost of such additional audits.)

PART IV: REPORT SUBMISSION

1. Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, and required by PART I of this form shall be submitted, when required by 2 CFR 200.512, by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) as provided in 2 CFR 200.36 and 200.512
 - A. The Federal Audit Clearinghouse designated in 2 CFR §200.501(a) (the number of copies required by 2 CFR §200.501(a) should be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse), at the following address:

By Mail:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse
Bureau of the Census
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Submissions of the Single Audit reporting package for fiscal periods ending on or after January 1, 2008, must be submitted using the Federal Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System which can be found at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>

2. Copies of financial reporting packages required by PART II of this Attachment shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to each of the following:

- A. The Department of Environmental Protection at one of the following addresses:

By Mail:

Audit Director
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Inspector General, MS 40
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Electronically:

FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us

- B. The Auditor General's Office at the following address:

Auditor General
Local Government Audits/342
Claude Pepper Building, Room 401
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1450

The Auditor General's website (<http://flauditor.gov/>) provides instructions for filing an electronic copy of a financial reporting package.

3. Copies of reports or management letters required by PART III of this Attachment shall be submitted by or on behalf of the recipient directly to the Department of Environmental Protection at one of the following addresses:

By Mail:

Audit Director
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Inspector General, MS 40
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Electronically:

FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us

4. Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with 2 CFR 200.512, section 215.97, F.S., and the current Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.
5. Recipients, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department of Environmental Protection for audits done in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements, or the current Rules of the Auditor

Attachment 5

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General, should indicate the date and time the reporting package was delivered to the recipient and any correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

PART V: RECORD RETENTION

The recipient shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of the award and this Agreement for a period of **five (5)** years from the date the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department of Environmental Protection, 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 of Environmental Protection, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General upon request for a period of **three (3)** years from the date the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the Department of Environmental Protection.

EXHIBIT – 1

FUNDS AWARDED TO THE RECIPIENT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, provide the same information shown below for each federal program and show total federal resources awarded

Federal Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following:					
Federal Program	Federal Agency	CFDA Number	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
Federal Program A				\$	
Federal Program B					

Note: Of the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one federal program, list applicable compliance requirements for each federal program in the same manner as shown below:

Federal Program	First Compliance requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)	
Federal Program A	Second Compliance requirement: i.e.: (eligibility requirement for recipients of the resources)	
	Etc.	
	Etc.	
Federal Program B	First Compliance requirement: i.e.: (what services of purposes resources must be used for)	
	Second Compliance requirement: i.e.: (eligibility requirement for recipients of the resources)	
	Etc.	
	Etc.	

Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient for matching represent more than one federal program, provide the same information shown below for each federal program and show total state resources awarded for matching.

State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following Matching Resources for Federal Programs:					
Federal Program A	Federal Agency	CFDA	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
Federal Program B	Federal Agency	CFDA	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category

Note: If the resources awarded to the recipient represent more than one state project, provide the same information shown below for each state project and show total state financial assistance awarded that is subject to section 215.97, F.S.

State Resources Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following Resources Subject to Section 215.97, F.S.:					
State Program A	State Awarding Agency	State Fiscal Year ¹	CSFA Number	CSFA Title or Funding Source Description	State Appropriation Category
WMD Land Management	Department of Environmental Protection	FY 2025-26	37.022	Water Management District – Land Acquisition and Improvement	051234
OEAT	Department of Environmental Protection	FY 2025-26	37.105	Water Quality Enhancement and Accountability	103259
TMDL	Department of Environmental Protection	FY 2021-22	37.039	Statewide Water Quality Restoration Projects	088964
State Program B	State Awarding Agency	State Fiscal Year ²	CSFA Number	CSFA Title or Funding Source Description	State Appropriation Category

Total Award	\$2,520,406.00
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Note: List applicable compliance requirement in the same manner as illustrated above for federal resources. For matching resources provided by the Department for DEP for federal programs, the requirements might be similar to the requirements for the applicable federal programs. Also, to the extent that different requirements pertain to different amount for the non-federal resources, there may be more than one grouping (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.) listed under this category.

¹ Subject to change by Change Order.

² Subject to change by Change Order.

For each program identified above, the recipient shall comply with the program requirements described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) [<https://sam.gov/content/assistance-listings>] and/or the Florida Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) [<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/searchCatalog.aspx>], and State Projects Compliance Supplement (Part Four: State Projects Compliance Supplement [<https://apps.fldfs.com/fsaa/compliance.aspx>]). The services/purposes for which the funds are to be used are included in the Agreement's Grant Work Plan. Any match required by the Recipient is clearly indicated in the Agreement.

Exhibit A

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Exhibit C
PAYMENT REQUEST SUMMARY FORM

DEP Agreement No.: WP036 Agreement Effective Dates: _____

Grantee: St. Johns River Water Management District Grantee's Grant Manager: Gerald Cahalane

Mailing Address: 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177

Payment Request No. _____ Date of Payment Request: _____

Performance Period (Start date – End date): _____

Task/Deliverable No(s). _____ Task/Deliverable Amount Requested: \$ _____

GRANT EXPENDITURES SUMMARY SECTION

CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURE <i>(As authorized)</i>	AMOUNT OF THIS REQUEST	TOTAL CUMULATIVE PAYMENT REQUESTS	MATCHING FUNDS FOR THIS REQUEST	TOTAL CUMULATIVE MATCHING FUNDS
Salaries/Wages	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Fringe Benefits	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Indirect Cost	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Contractual/Subaward (Subcontractors/Subrecipients)	\$	\$	\$N/A	\$N/A
Travel	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Equipment (Direct Purchases)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Rental/Lease of Equipment	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Miscellaneous/Other Expenses	\$	\$	\$N/A	\$N/A
Land Acquisition	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
Supplies	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$N/A	\$N/A
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$	\$	\$N/A	\$N/A
TOTAL TASK/DELIVERABLE BUDGET AMOUNT	\$		\$N/A	
Less Total Cumulative Payment Requests of:	\$		\$N/A	
TOTAL REMAINING IN TASK	\$		\$N/A	

GRANTEE CERTIFICATION

Complete Grantee's Certification of Payment Request on Page 2 to certify that the amount being requested for reimbursement above was for items that were charged to and utilized only for the above cited grant activities.

Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) - Infrastructure Projects with Federal Funding.

This provision does not apply to Agreements that are wholly funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. Also, this provision does not apply where there is a valid waiver in place. However, the provision may apply to funds expended before the waiver or after expiration of the waiver.

Recipients or Subrecipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from a program for infrastructure are required to comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), including the following provisions:

- a. All iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
- b. All manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States--this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
- c. All construction materials are manufactured in the United States--this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

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Grantee's Certification of Payment Request

I, _____, on behalf of

(Print name of Grantee's Grant Manager designated in the Agreement)

_____, do hereby certify for

(Print name of Grantee/Recipient)

DEP Agreement No. _____ and Payment Request No. _____ that:

- ☒ The disbursement amount requested is for allowable costs for the project as described in Attachment 3 of the Agreement.
- ☒ All costs included in the amount requested have been satisfactorily purchased, performed, received, and applied toward completing the project; such costs are documented by invoices or other appropriate documentation as required in the Agreement.
- ☒ The Grantee has paid such costs under the terms and provisions of contracts relating directly to the project; and the Grantee is not in default of any terms or provisions of the contracts.

Check all that apply below:

- ☐ All permits and approvals required for the construction, which is underway, have been obtained.
- ☐ Construction up to the point of this disbursement is in compliance with the construction plans and permits.
- ☐ The Grantee's Grant Manager relied on certifications from the following professionals that provided services for this project during the time period covered by this Certification of Payment Request, and such certifications are included:

Professional Service Provider (Name / License No.) Period of Service (mm/dd/yy – mm/dd/yy)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Grantee's Grant Manager Signature

Grantee's Fiscal Agent Signature

Print Name

Print Name

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PAYMENT REQUEST SUMMARY FORM

DEP AGREEMENT NO.: This is the number on your grant agreement.

AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DATES: Enter agreement execution date through end date.

GRANTEE: Enter the name of the grantee's agency.

GRANTEE'S GRANT MANAGER: This should be the person identified as grant manager in the grant Agreement.

MAILING ADDRESS: Enter the address that you want the state warrant sent.

PAYMENT REQUEST NO.: This is the number of your payment request, not the quarter number.

DATE OF PAYMENT REQUEST: This is the date you are submitting the request.

PERFORMANCE PERIOD: This is the beginning and ending date of the performance period for the task/deliverable that the request is for (this must be within the timeline shown for the task/deliverable in the Agreement).

TASK/DELIVERABLE NO.: This is the number of the task/deliverable that you are requesting payment for and/or claiming match for (must agree with the current Grant Work Plan).

TASK/DELIVERABLE AMOUNT REQUESTED: This should match the amount on the "*TOTAL TASK/DELIVERABLE BUDGET AMOUNT*" line for the "*AMOUNT OF THIS REQUEST*" column.

GRANT EXPENDITURES SUMMARY SECTION:

"AMOUNT OF THIS REQUEST" COLUMN: Enter the amount that was expended for this task during the period for which you are requesting reimbursement for this task. This must agree with the currently approved budget in the current Grant Work Plan of your grant Agreement. Do not claim expenses in a budget category that does not have an approved budget. Do not claim items that are not specifically identified in the current Grant Work Plan. Enter the column total on the "*TOTAL AMOUNT*" line. Enter the amount of the task on the "*TOTAL TASK BUDGET AMOUNT*" line. Enter the total cumulative amount of this request **and** all previous payments on the "*LESS TOTAL CUMULATIVE PAYMENT REQUESTS OF*" line. Deduct the "*LESS TOTAL CUMULATIVE PAYMENT REQUESTS OF*" from the "*TOTAL TASK BUDGET AMOUNT*" for the amount to enter on the "*TOTAL REMAINING IN TASK*" line.

"TOTAL CUMULATIVE PAYMENT REQUESTS" COLUMN: Enter the cumulative amounts that have been requested to date for reimbursement by budget category. The final request should show the total of all requests; first through the final request (this amount cannot exceed the approved budget amount for that budget category for the task you are reporting on). Enter the column total on the "*TOTALS*" line. **Do not enter anything in the shaded areas.**

"MATCHING FUNDS" COLUMN: Enter the amount to be claimed as match for the performance period for the task you are reporting on. This needs to be shown under specific budget categories according to the currently approved Grant Work Plan. Enter the total on the "*TOTAL AMOUNT*" line for this column. Enter the match budget amount on the "*TOTAL TASK BUDGET AMOUNT*" line for this column. Enter the total cumulative amount of this and any previous match claimed on the "*LESS TOTAL CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS OF*" line for this column. Deduct the "*LESS TOTAL CUMULATIVE PAYMENTS OF*" from the "*TOTAL TASK BUDGET AMOUNT*" for the amount to enter on the "*TOTAL REMAINING IN TASK*" line.

"TOTAL CUMULATIVE MATCHING FUNDS" COLUMN: Enter the cumulative amount you have claimed to date for match by budget category for the task. Put the total of all on the line titled "*TOTALS*." The final report should show the total of all claims, first claim through the final claim, etc. **Do not enter anything in the shaded areas.**

GRANTEE'S CERTIFICATION: Check all boxes that apply. Identify any licensed professional service providers that certified work or services completed during the period included in the request for payment. **Must be signed by both the Grantee's Grant Manager as identified in the grant agreement and the Grantee's Fiscal Agent.**

NOTES:

If claiming reimbursement for travel, you must include copies of receipts and a copy of the travel reimbursement form approved by the Department of Financial Services, Chief Financial Officer.

Documentation for match claims must meet the same requirements as those expenditures for reimbursement.

**COMMON CARRIER OR CONTRACTED CARRIER ATTESTATION
FORM
(PUR 1808)**

This form must be completed by a Common Carrier or contracted carrier and submitted to the Governmental Entity with which a Contract being is executed, amended, or renewed. Capitalized terms used herein have the definitions ascribed in section 908.111, F.S.

Name of Common Carrier or contracted carrier is not willfully providing and will not willfully provide any service during the Contract term in furtherance of transporting a person into this state knowing that the person is an Unauthorized Alien, except to facilitate the detention, removal, or departure of the person from this state or the United States.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated in it are true.

Printed Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

EXHIBIT H

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Effective August 16, 2023 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MEMORANDUM NO. 25

SUBJECT: CONTRACTS WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 215.72(2)(m), FLORIDA STATUTES

This memorandum establishes requirements for contracts with non-profit organizations.

FLORIDA ACCOUNTABILITY CONTRACT TRACKING SYSTEM (FACTS) REQUIREMENTS

Section (s.) 215.985, Florida Statutes (F.S), amended in 2023 requiring that each contract for which a state entity makes a payment pursuant to a contract executed, amended, or extended on or after July 1, 2023, the state entity shall post any documents submitted pursuant to s. 216.1366 F.S., which indicates the use of state funds as remuneration under the contract or a specified payment associated with the contract on the contract tracking system.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 216.1366, F.S., amended in 2023, establishes new documentation requirements for any contract for services executed, amended, or extended on or after July 1, 2023, with non-profit organizations as defined in s. 215.97 (2)(m) F.S. The contract must require the contractor to provide documentation that indicates the amount of state funds:

- Allocated to be used during the full term of the contract for remuneration to any member of the board of directors or an officer of the contractor.
- Allocated under each payment by the public agency to be used for remuneration of any member of the board of directors or an officer of the contractor. The documentation must indicate the amounts and recipients of the remuneration.

Such information must be included in the contract tracking system maintained pursuant to s. 215.985 F.S., and must be posted on the contractor's website if the contractor maintains a website.

- As used in this subsection, the term:
 - "Officer" means a chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, or any other position performing an equivalent function.
 - "Remuneration" means all compensation earned by or awarded to personnel, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency, including bonuses, accrued paid time off, severance payments, incentive payments, contributions to a retirement plan, or in-kind payments, reimbursements, or allowances for moving expenses, vehicles and other transportation, telephone services, medical services, housing, and meals.
 - "State funds" means funds paid from the General Revenue Fund or any state trust fund, funds allocated by the Federal Government and distributed by the state, or funds appropriated by the state for distribution through any grant program. The term does not include funds used for the state Medicaid program.

EXHIBIT H

The attached form will be used to document the compensation to non-profits using state funds.

This memorandum does not supersede the requirements outlined in Chief Financial Officer Memorandum No. 1.

If you have any questions, please call the Bureau of Auditing at (850) 413-5512.

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